



# PORT HOUSTON<sup>SM</sup>

## **Port Houston is the advocate and a strategic leader of the nation's busiest waterway, the Houston Ship Channel.**

- Port Houston is an autonomous governmental subdivision of the state of Texas
- Authorized by Harris County voters and established in 1911
- Creates jobs and facilitates economic development
- Provides channel fire and emergency services
- Operates eight public terminals, handling a diverse mix of containers and general and bulk cargoes
- Vessels calling at Port Houston connect the region to all major trade lanes
- Created and sustains more than 3,300 acres of marsh habitat
- ISO 28000 Certified Security Management System since 2008
- First port authority in the nation to use 100% asset-backed renewable electricity
- Manages a small, minority, and woman-owned business program for supplier diversity



**698,177**

jobs generated from  
terminal activity

**41.7M tons**

of cargo handled at  
Port Houston facilities in 2020

More than

**69%**

of U.S. Gulf of Mexico  
container traffic moves  
through Port Houston

More than

**\$547M**

awarded to  
Port Houston-registered  
small businesses since 2002

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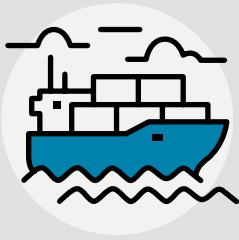
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A 52-mile-long channel, with more than 200 public and private facilities alongside it.

- The Houston Ship Channel officially opened in 1914
  - 8,000+ vessel calls annually
  - Nearly 20,000 ship movements annually
  - More than 200,000 barge transits annually
  - 200 million short tons of international cargo handled in 2020
  - Petroleum and petroleum products are the leading import and export commodities
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## Rankings:



**#1 U.S. port**  
for Waterborne Tonnage

**#1 Container port**  
on the U.S. Gulf of Mexico



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## Economic Impact:

### U.S.

**3.2M**  
jobs

**\$801.9B**  
in economic value

**\$38.1B**  
in tax revenue

### Texas

**1.35M**  
jobs

**\$339B**  
in statewide  
economic value  
(20% of Texas  
GDP)

**\$74.3B**  
in personal  
income and  
consumption  
expenditures

**\$5.6B**  
in state and  
local tax  
revenue