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A message from Governor  
Scott on the future of  
Florida's Freight and Trade

# GILCHRIST COUNTY FREIGHT & LOGISTICS OVERVIEW

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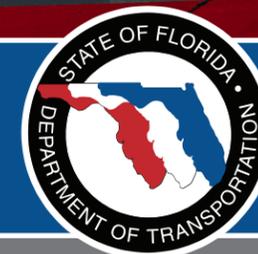
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### FDOT MISSION:

THE DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE A SAFE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT ENSURES THE MOBILITY OF PEOPLE AND GOODS, ENHANCES ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND PRESERVES THE QUALITY OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES.



In recognition of the significant role that freight mobility plays as an economic driver for the state, an Office of Freight, Logistics and Passenger Operations has been created at FDOT. This office has been tasked with meeting the requirements of legislation in Florida House Bill 599, as well as meeting national freight guidance offered in H.R. 4348, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

HB599 requires FDOT to lead the development of a plan to "enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system across and between transportation modes throughout the state." For this reason, Florida is already on schedule to meet MAP-21 guidelines and has become a leader in freight issues through its ongoing work in developing a Freight Mobility and Trade Plan. For more information, please see [www.freightmovesflorida.com](http://www.freightmovesflorida.com).



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# Gilchrist County

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COUNTY SEAT	LARGEST CITY	AREA	POPULATION	POPULATION GROWTH RATE
Trenton, FL	Trenton, FL	356 square miles	16,939	17.3% (2000-2010)

Primary Economic Development Contact: <http://www.gadsdenfla.com/>

- Gilchrist County is Florida's 67th county. It was formed on December 4, 1925 and is the smallest county in the state.
- The City of Fanning Springs is known as "Gateway to the Suwannee River" and is one of the rare Florida cities that span two counties: Levy and Gilchrist.
- Gilchrist County is named after Florida's 20th Governor, Albert Waller Gilchrist.



### Top 5 Growing Industries

INDUSTRY	NET JOB CREATION
1. Health Care and Social Assistance	46
2. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	45
3. Accommodation and Food Services	23
4. Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	22
5. Educational Services	17

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Labor Market Statistics Center. LEHD State of Florida County Reports-Quarterly Workforce Indicators 2010-2011.



### Largest Industry Sectors by Employment

INDUSTRY SECTORS	% OF WORKFORCE
1. Public Administration	15.2%
2. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	11.6%
3. Natural Resources and Mining	9.9%

Source: Enterprise Florida



### Major Private Sector Employers

EMPLOYER	BUSINESS LINE	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES
1. Ayers Health & Rehabilitation	Rehabilitation & Nursing	711
2. CCDA Waters	Water Bottling Plant	400
3. Tri-County Health Center	Nursing Home	200
4. Alliance Dairy	Dairy	125
5. North Florida Holsteins	Dairy	120

Source: Enterprise Florida

Florida infrastructure moves 762 million tons of freight traffic annually.

The state highway system sees 195,755 million annual vehicle miles of travel.

Truck travel accounted for approximately 11% of vehicle miles traveled on the SIS in 2010.

Florida has over 2,700 miles of rail lines, which move over 98 million tons of freight annually.

### Florida's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS)

- **Strategic** – Consists of statewide and regionally significant facilities and services
- **Intermodal** – Contains all forms of transportation for moving both people and goods, including linkages for smooth and efficient transfers between modes and major facilities
- **System** – Integrates individual facilities, services, forms of transportation (modes) and linkages into a single, integrated transportation network

#### The SIS was established to:

- Efficiently serve the mobility needs of Florida's citizens, businesses and visitors
- Help Florida become a worldwide economic leader, enhance economic prosperity and competitiveness, enrich quality of life and reflect responsible environmental stewardship



Florida has 784 aviation facilities, 129 public use, and 19 have commercial service.

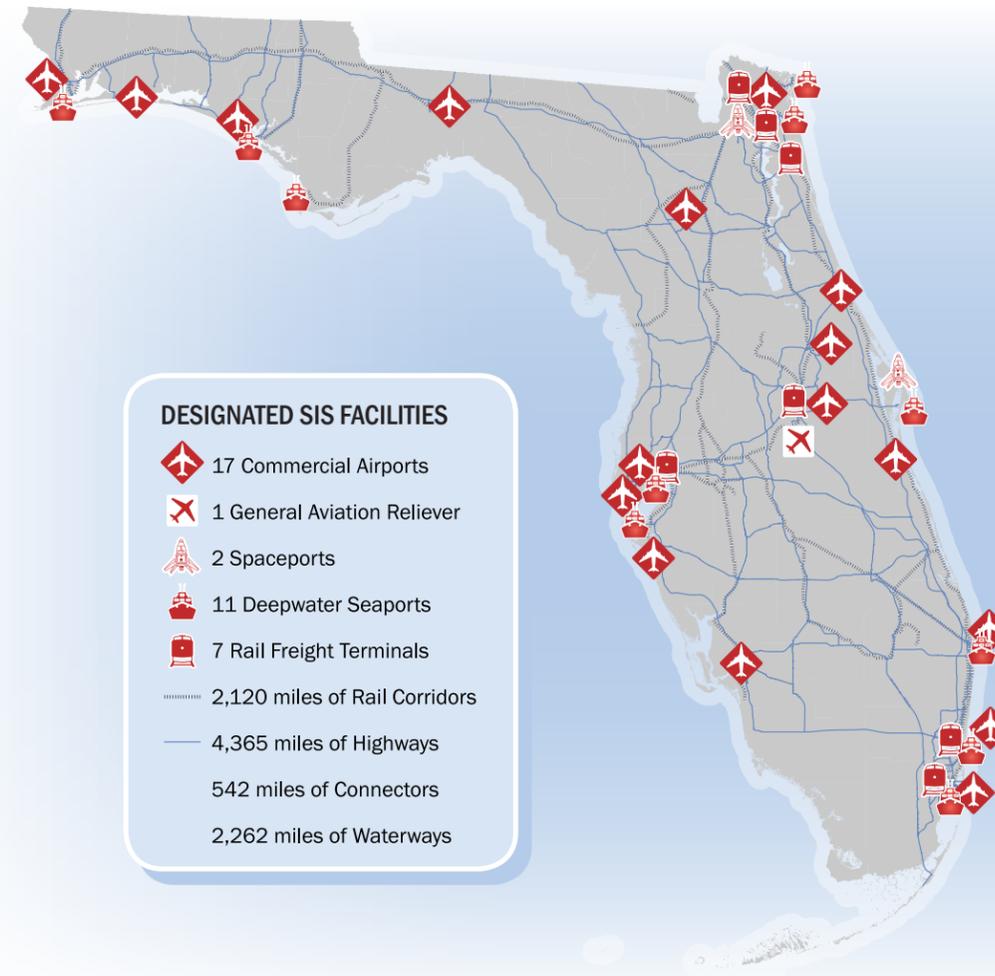
The state boasts 2 spaceports and 5 active launch facilities.

Florida's 15 deepwater seaports moved 106.4 million tons of cargo and handled 2.8 million TEU's (20 foot equivalent container unit) in 2010.

Seven of the 15 seaports in Florida carried 12.7 million passengers, 12.1 million of which sailed on multi-day cruises in 2010.

100% of SIS waterborne freight in Florida is on a coastal or international shipping route.

16 Fortune 500 companies have their headquarters in Florida.



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POPULATION	POPULATION RANK	AREA	AREA RANK	POPULATION GROWTH RATE
18.8 million	4th	53,625 sq. mi.	22nd	17.6% (2000-2010)

Chamber of Commerce website: <http://www.flchamber.org>

### Top Employment Sectors

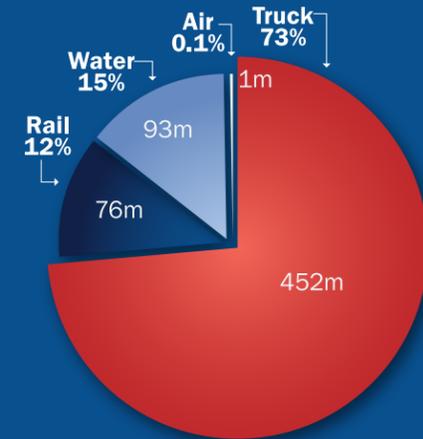
(Nonagricultural Business Groups by Industry)

1. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities
2. Education and Health Services
3. Government Services
4. Professional and Business Services
5. Healthcare and Social Assistance
6. Leisure and Hospitality

Source: Department of Economic Opportunity-Current Employment Statistics (2012)

### DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL MODAL MIX

(millions of tons)



Source: Trade & Logistics Study, Florida Chamber 2009

### Top Business Sector Initiatives for Retention and Promotion

1. Clean Energy
2. Information Technology
3. Life Sciences
4. Aviation/ Aerospace
5. Homeland Security/ Defense
6. Financial/ Professional Services

Source: Florida Chamber of Commerce

### TOTAL FREIGHT FLOWS



Source: Trade & Logistics Study, Florida Chamber 2009

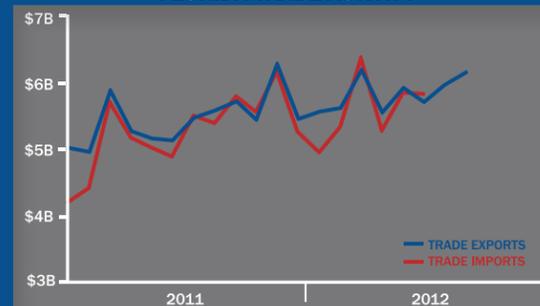
### Top International Trade Partners

The state of Florida is a major international hub accounting for approximately \$149 billion in international trade activity in 2011.

EXPORTS		IMPORTS	
1. Switzerland		1. China	
2. Brazil		2. Mexico	
3. Venezuela		3. Japan	
4. Canada		4. Canada	
5. Colombia		5. Colombia	

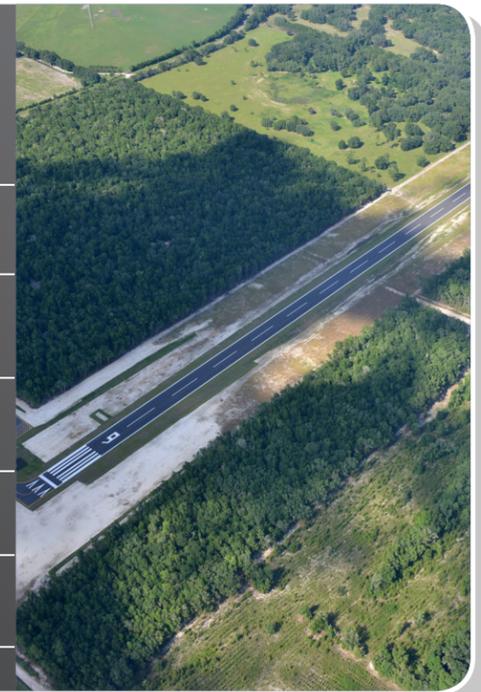
Source: Trade & Logistics Study, Florida Chamber 2009

### FLORIDA TRADE ACTIVITY



### Key Transportation and Freight Facilities

STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) HIGHWAYS		US 19, SR 26
SIS RAILROADS		Florida Northern, CSX
SIS AIRPORTS		Gainesville Regional Airport
SEAPORTS		Port of Jacksonville
NON SIS STATE HIGHWAYS		US 129, SR 49, SR 47
GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS		Oak Tree Landing Airport



### Top Imports

INBOUND FREIGHT	TRUCK TONNAGE
1. Nonmetallic Minerals	179,864
2. Bulk Movement in Boxcars	107,199
3. Petroleum or Coal Products	52,479
4. Clay, Concrete, Glass or Stone	51,746
5. Food or Kindred Products	45,796

Source: IHS Global Inc.'s Transearch, 2011

### Top Exports

OUTBOUND FREIGHT	TRUCK TONNAGE
1. Food or Kindred Products	183,431
2. Farm Products	114,283
3. Clay, Concrete, Glass or Stone	59,631
4. Forest Products	32,801
5. Chemicals or Allied Products	12,192

Source: IHS Global Inc.'s Transearch, 2011



### Top Trading Partners

IMPORTS	TRUCK TONNAGE
Duval County, FL	56,573
Hillsborough County, FL	42,587
Bay County, FL	34,592
Pinellas County, FL	33,263
Orange County, FL	32,029

Source: IHS Global Inc.'s Transearch, 2011

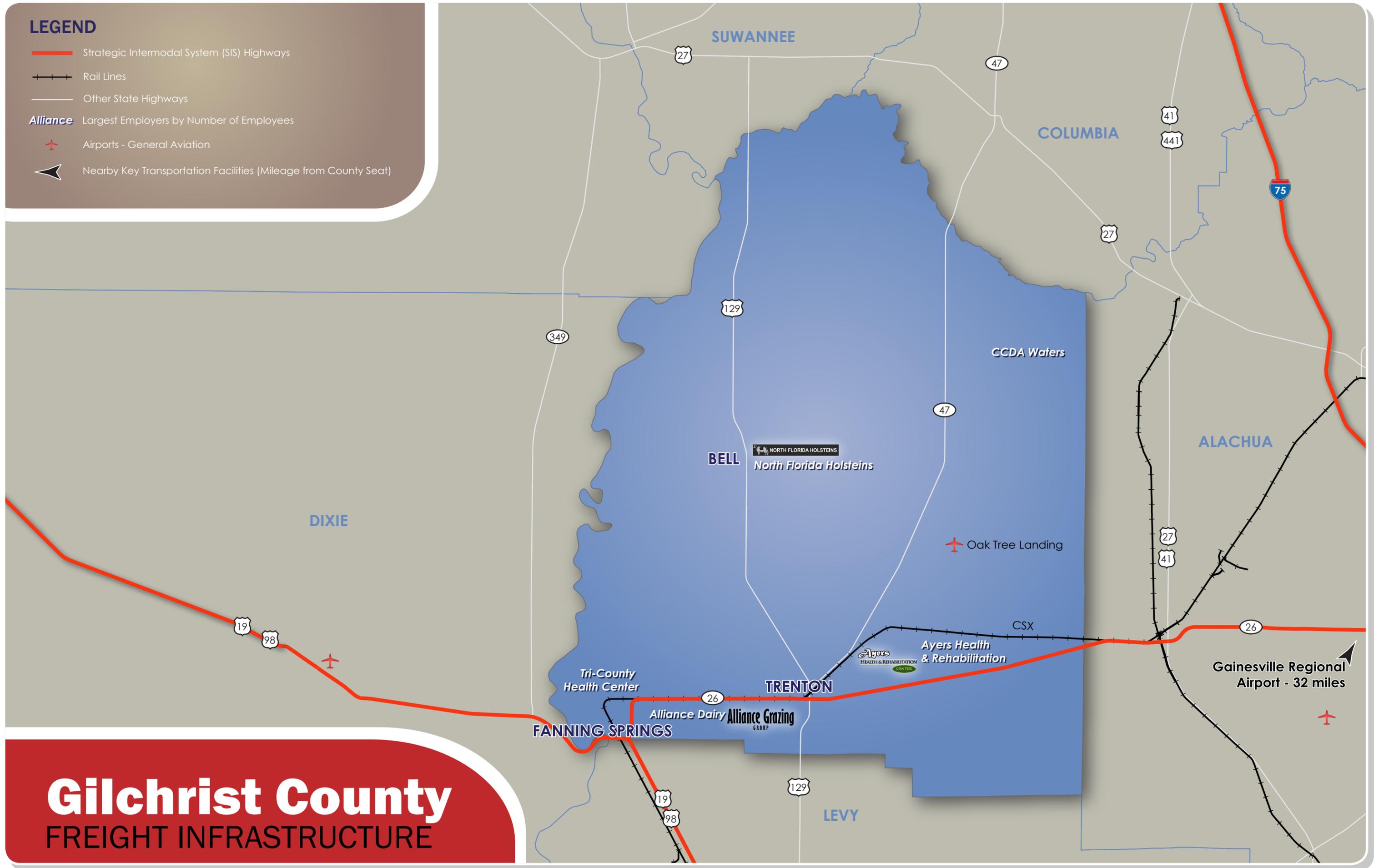
### Top Trading Partners

EXPORTS	TRUCK TONNAGE
Lafayette County, FL	21,681
Duval County, FL	11,467
Suwannee County, FL	7,251
Miami-Dade County, FL	5,501
Columbia County, FL	5,338

Source: IHS Global Inc.'s Transearch, 2011

# LEGEND

- Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Highways
- Rail Lines
- Other State Highways
- Alliance** Largest Employers by Number of Employees
- ✈ Airports - General Aviation
- Nearby Key Transportation Facilities (Mileage from County Seat)



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## FREIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE