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

# GULF COUNTY FREIGHT & LOGISTICS OVERVIEW

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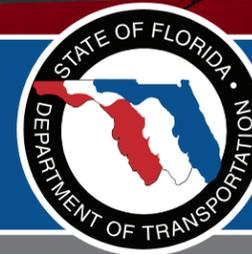
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**FDOT MISSION:**  
THE DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE A SAFE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT ENSURES THE MOBILITY OF PEOPLE AND GOODS, ENHANCES ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND PRESERVES THE QUALITY OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES.



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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# Gulf County

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COUNTY SEAT	LARGEST CITY	AREA	POPULATION	POPULATION GROWTH RATE
Port St. Joe, FL	Port St. Joe, FL	756 square miles	15, 863	8.9% (2000-2010)

Primary Economic Development Contact: <http://www.gulfchamber.org/economic-development.cfm>

- Cape San Blas has been ranked America's #1 beach.
- Business districts can be found in both of Gulf County's two largest cities, Wewahitchka and Port St. Joe. Rail as well as access to a deep water port is also available.
- The city of Port St. Joe was the location of Florida's first constitutional convention in 1838.



### Top 5 Growing Industries

INDUSTRY	NET JOB CREATION
1. Retail Trade	58
2. Accommodation and Food Services	38
3. Health Care and Social Assistance	38
4. Real Estate, Rentals, and Leasing	15
5. Wholesale Trade	11

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. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	23.8%
2. Education and Health Services	5.9%
3. Financial Activities	5.6%

Source: Enterprise Florida



### Major Private Sector Employers

EMPLOYER	BUSINESS LINE	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES
1. GAC Contractors	Construction	207
2. Bay St. Joseph Care & rehabilitation Center	Assisted Living Rehabilitation Center	150
3. Duren's Piggly Wiggly	Grocer	85
4. Fairpoint Communications	Telecommunications	58
5. Raffield Fisheries	Seafood	55

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.

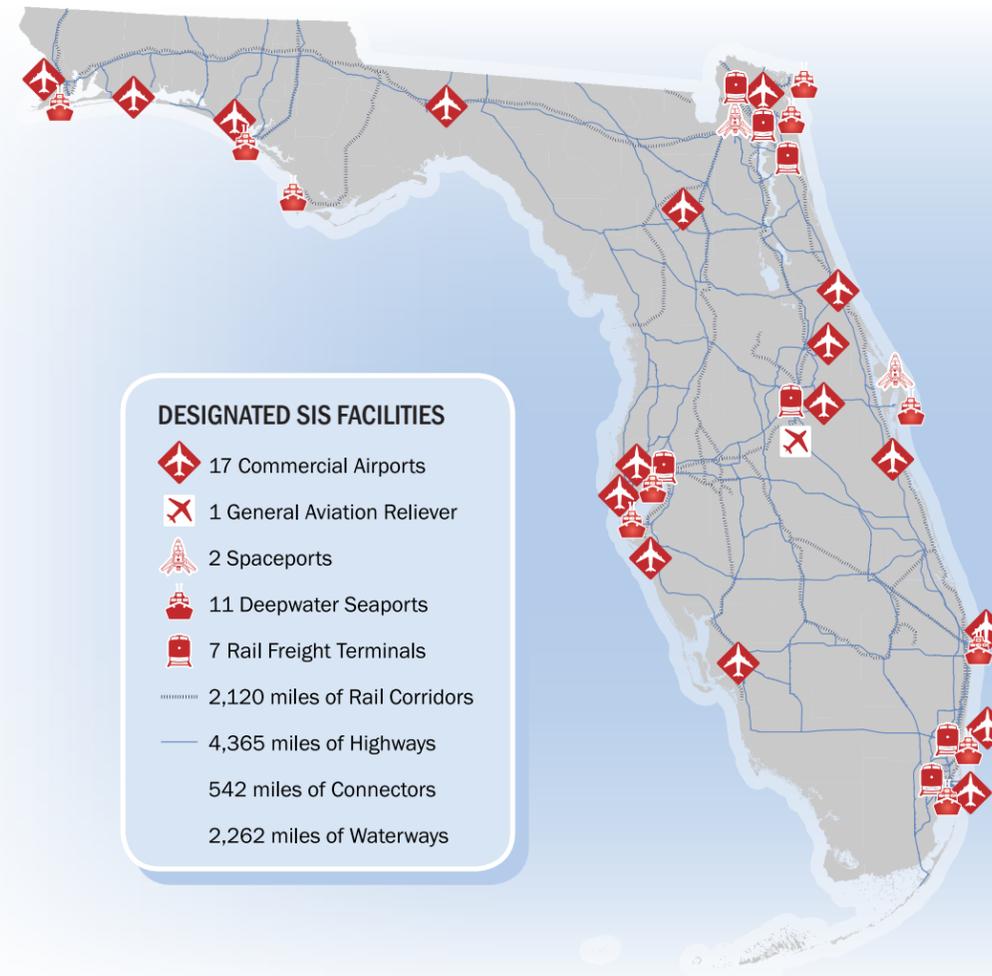
The state boasts 2 spaceports and 5 active launch facilities.

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.



# 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)

### 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

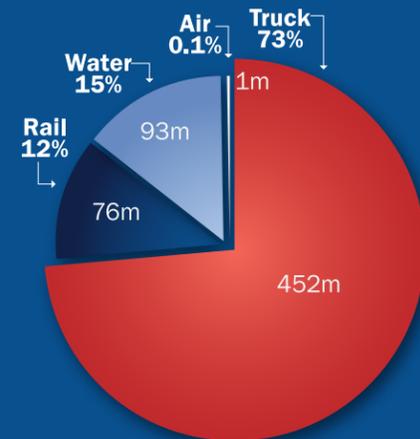
### Top International Trade Partners

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

### DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL MODAL MIX (millions of tons)



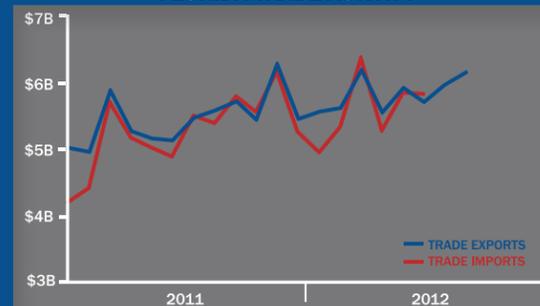
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### TOTAL FREIGHT FLOWS



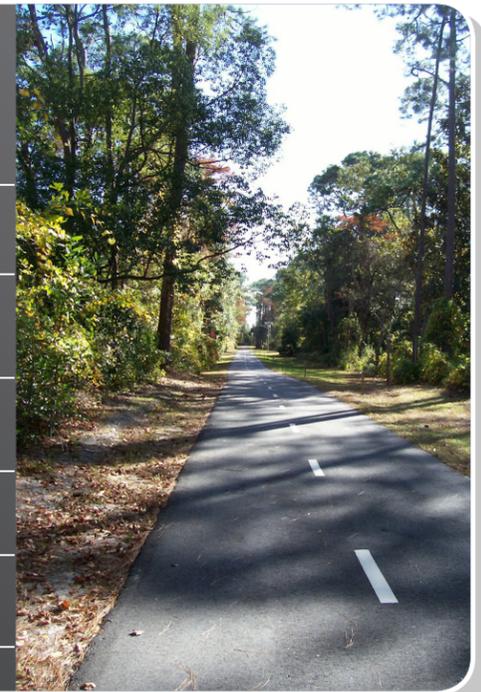
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### FLORIDA TRADE ACTIVITY



### Key Transportation and Freight Facilities

STRATEGIC INTERMODAL SYSTEM (SIS) HIGHWAYS		
SIS RAILROADS		Apalachicola Northern
SIS AIRPORTS		Northwest Florida - Beaches International Airport
SEAPORTS		Port of Port St. Joe
NON SIS STATE HIGHWAYS		US 98, SR 22, SR 30, SR 71
GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORTS		Costin Airport



### Top Imports

INBOUND FREIGHT	TRUCK TONNAGE
1. Nonmetallic Minerals	47,137
2. Bulk Movement in Boxcars	39,837
3. Clay, Concrete, Glass or Stone	11,569
4. Lumber or Wood Products	7,357
5. Petroleum or Coal Products	7,295

Source: IHS Global Inc.'s Transearch, 2011

### Top Exports

OUTBOUND FREIGHT	TRUCK TONNAGE
1. Lumber or Wood Products	372,552
2. Chemicals or Allied Products	37,841
3. Forest Products	8,886
4. Clay, Concrete, Glass or Stone	5,140
5. Machinery	4,182

Source: IHS Global Inc.'s Transearch, 2011



### Top Trading Partners

IMPORTS	TRUCK TONNAGE
Liberty County, FL	36,141
Bay County, FL	17,948
Miami-Dade County, FL	16,319
Gadsden County, FL	4,474
Leon County, FL	3,852

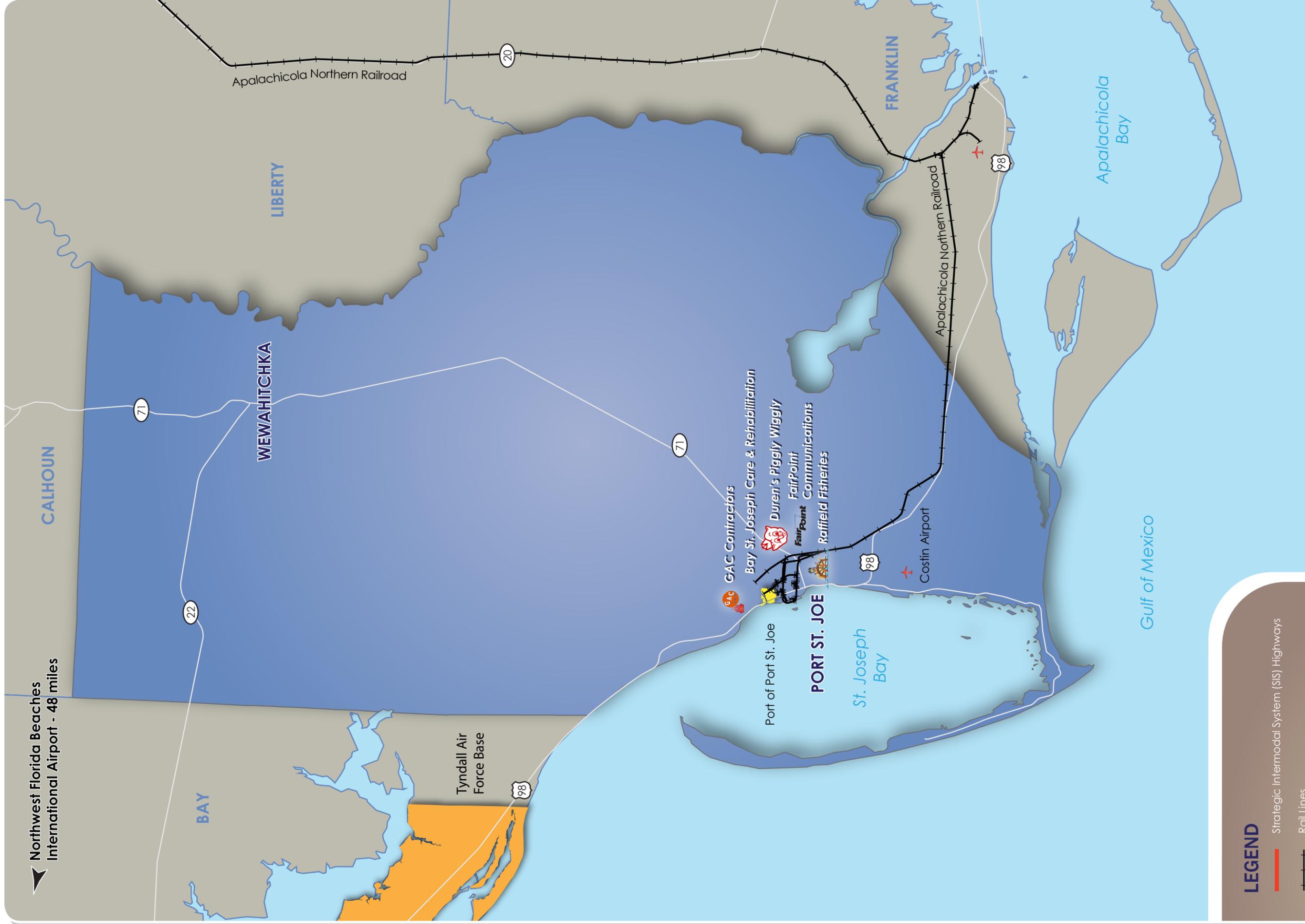
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### Top Trading Partners

EXPORTS	TRUCK TONNAGE
Early County, GA	37,474
Liberty County, FL	28,424
Grady County, GA	23,479
Gadsden County, FL	21,794
Jackson County, FL	19,454

Source: IHS Global Inc.'s Transearch, 2011

Northwest Florida Beaches  
International Airport - 48 miles



**LEGEND**

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

**Gulf County**  
FREIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE