

Trucking

Houston is the hub of a major trucking network for the United States.

DISTANCES BY INTERSTATE HIGHWAY FROM HOUSTON TO SELECTED LARGE U.S. CITIES			
Metro Area	Miles	Metro Area	Miles
Atlanta	793	Los Angeles	1,550
Baltimore	1,446	Miami	1,118
Boston	1,856	New York	1,631
Chicago	1,090	Philadelphia	1,570
Dallas	239	Phoenix	1,177
Denver	1,119	San Francisco	1,930
Detroit	1,306	Seattle	2,443
Kansas City	793	Washington, D.C.	1,412
Source: Google Maps			

- Houston's trucking industry is well-integrated with the Port of Houston, Houston Intercontinental Airport, Hobby Airport, Ellington Airport and the mainline railroads serving the city.
- Cargo arriving at the port is trucked inland.
- Planes arriving at the airports discharge their freight for trucks to deliver in the city.
- Freight discharged at the railhead is trucked elsewhere.
- The system works in reverse as well, with trucks bringing cargo to the port, the rail lines and the airport for shipment.
- According to Hoovers, Inc., more than 859 long-distance trucking firms serve the Houston area; more than metros such as Washington D.C. with 447 long-distance trucking firms, Tampa with 373, Portland with 324, Phoenix with 320, Boston with 306, San Francisco with 298, Kansas City with 292 and Baltimore with 261.