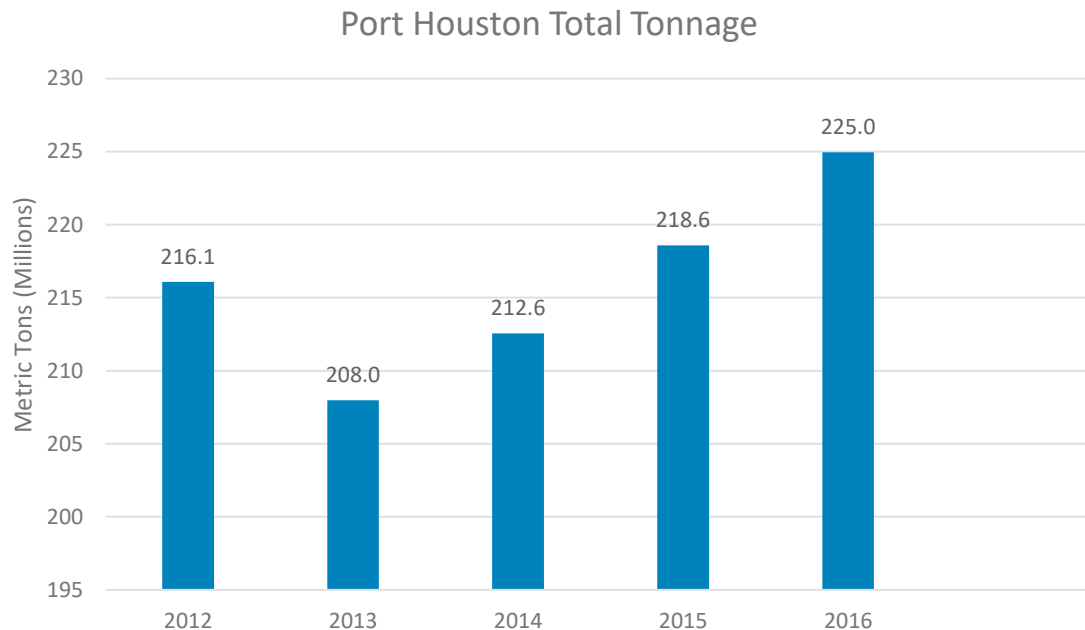


Port of Houston

The Port of Houston, one of four sea ports in the Houston region, ranked second in the country for total tonnage.



Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center; American Association of Port Authorities

- Among U.S. ports, the Port of Houston ranked second in total tonnage (domestic and foreign) for the 25th consecutive year and first in foreign tonnage (exports and imports) for the 21st consecutive year in '16, the most recent data available from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Globally, the Port of Houston ranked as the 16th largest port in the world by total tonnage.
- Container service was initiated in Houston in 1956. Today the Port of Houston is the largest Gulf Coast container port, handling 68 percent of U.S. Gulf Coast container traffic and 96 percent of Texas container traffic.
- The Port of Houston handled 29.1 million metric tons of containerized cargo and hauled in 2.5 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) in '17, setting new port records for both tonnage and containers handled in a year. The Port ranked as the sixth busiest U.S. container port in '17, based on total TEUs.
- Foreign shipments in '17 totaled 164.1 million metric tons valued at \$131.8 billion. Foreign imports were 65.1 million metric tons, valued at \$59.9 billion. Foreign exports were 98.9 million metric tons, valued at \$71.9 billion.