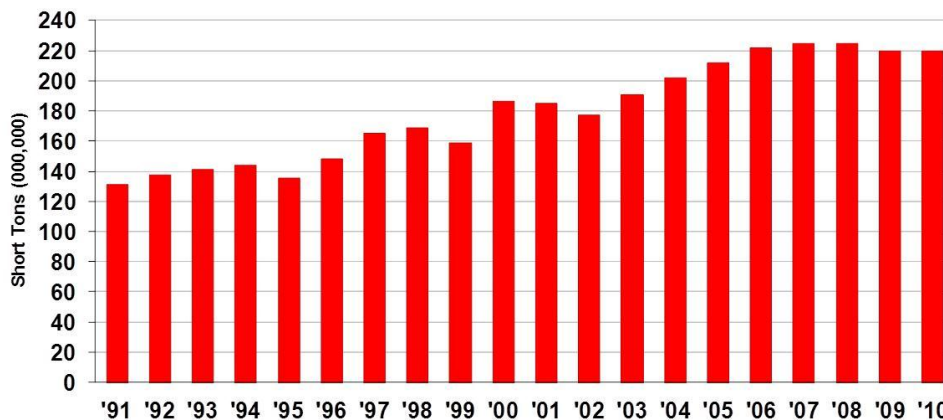


Port of Houston *(1 of 4 sea ports in Houston MSA)*

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Port of Houston Total Tonnage

1991-2010



Sources: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1991-2006; Port of Houston Authority, 2007-2010

- In 2011, the Port of Houston ranked first in the United States in volume of foreign tonnage; second in total tonnage.
- In 2010, nearly 7,900 ships called at the Port of Houston, moving 220 million tons of cargo.
- The Port of Houston is the largest container port in the Gulf Coast, handling 67% of Gulf Coast container traffic in 2010 and ranked 8th largest U.S. container port by total TEUs in 2010.
- Total value of foreign trade through the Port in '11 was estimated at \$169.0 billion, up 29 percent from 2010. Leading trading partners by value in 2011 were Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela, Netherlands, and Russia. These five accounted for 31.4 percent of the 2011 total value of foreign shipments.
- The top five commodities traded (by value) — petroleum and petroleum products, industrial machinery, organic chemicals, articles of iron or steel, and plastics— represent 75.3 percent of the value of foreign shipments through the Port in 2011.
- The Port of Houston is a 25-mile (40-kilometer) complex of diversified public and private facilities just a few hours' sailing time from the Gulf of Mexico.
- Three major railroads and 150 trucking lines connect the Port to the balance of the continental United States, Canada and Mexico.
- An environmental and security leader, the Port of Houston was the first U.S. Port to achieve both ISO14001 and ISO28000.