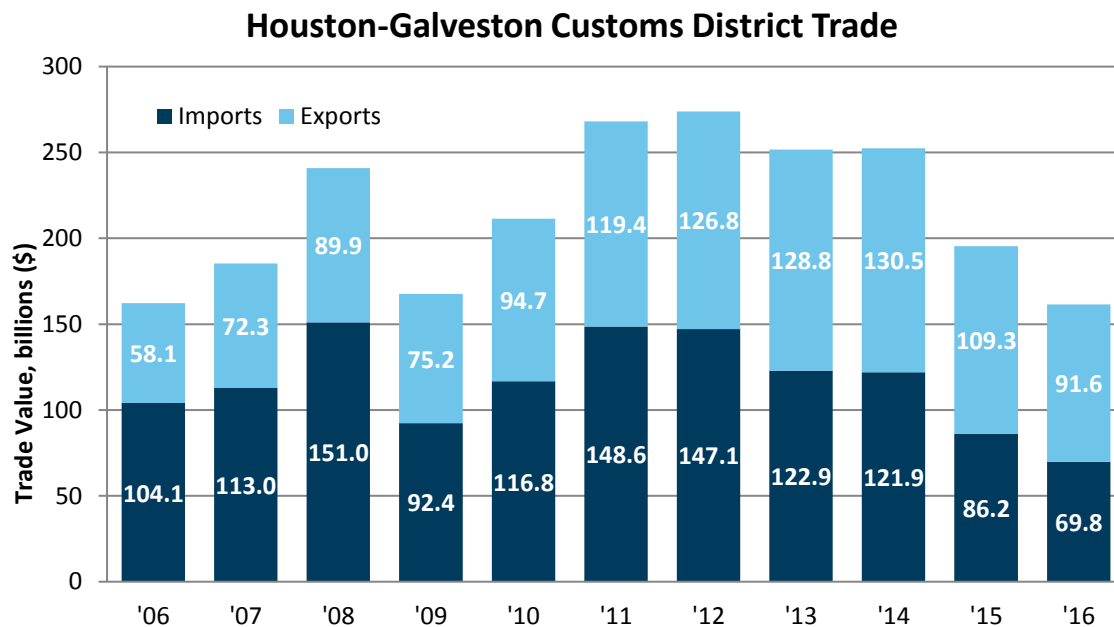


## Foreign Trade

Houston handled over \$161 billion in foreign trade in '16 and ranked as the seventh busiest U.S. customs district.



**Source: Wisser Trade**

The Houston-Galveston Customs District includes the ports of Houston, Galveston, Freeport, Texas City, Corpus Christi, Port Lavaca, Bush Intercontinental Airport and Sugar Land Regional Airport.

- Thirty-three countries logged more than \$1 billion each in trade through the customs district in '16. The 10 largest included China (\$14.7 billion), Mexico (\$14.7 billion), Brazil (\$10.2 billion), Germany (\$9.3 billion), the Netherlands (\$7.7 billion), Saudi Arabia (\$6.3 billion), Venezuela (\$5.5 billion), South Korea (\$5.1 billion), Colombia (\$5.0 billion), and Japan (\$4.6 billion).
- Imports totaled \$69.8 billion in '16. The top five imports were oil and oil products (\$21.6 billion), industrial machinery (\$9.3 billion), vehicles and parts (\$5.1 billion), articles of iron and steel (\$4.2 billion) and electrical machinery (\$3.8 billion).
- Exports totaled \$91.6 billion in '16. Leading exports included refined oil products (\$33.1 billion), organic chemicals (\$11.4 billion), industrial machinery (\$11.0 billion), plastics (\$6.5 billion) and electrical machinery (\$4.6 billion).
- The strong U.S. dollar and drop in oil and gas prices contributed to the 17.4 percent drop in the value of trade in '16. Exports are down 16.1 percent and imports dropped 19.0 percent.
- Despite the decline in overall trade, the Port of Houston ranked first in foreign tonnage among U.S. ports for the 20th consecutive year and first in import tonnage for the 25th consecutive year.