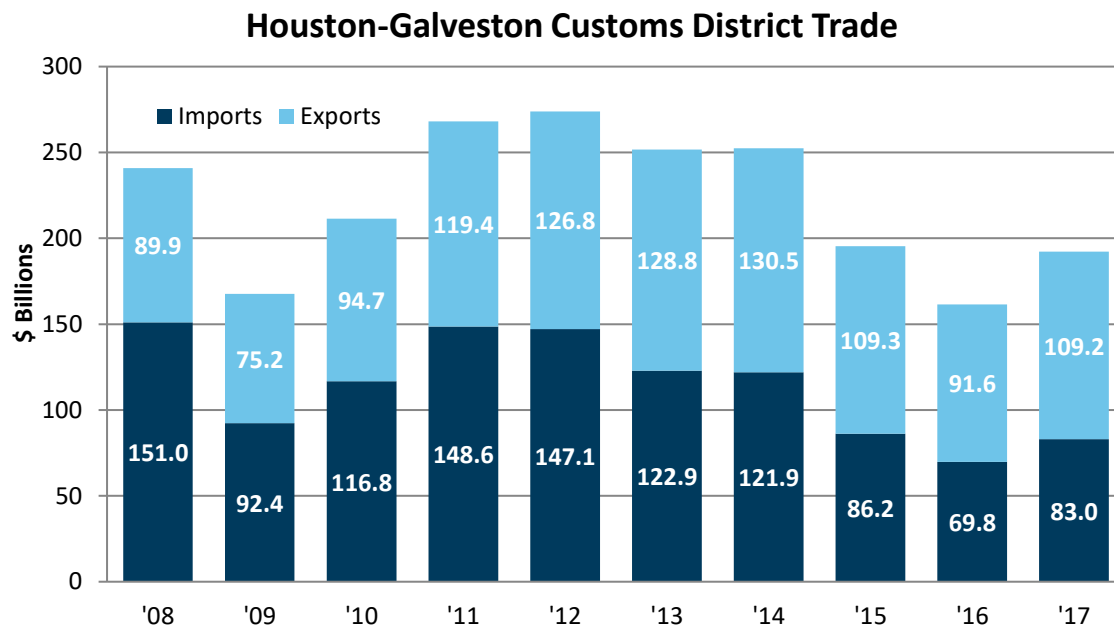


Foreign Trade

Houston handled over \$192 billion in foreign trade in '17 and ranked as the seventh busiest U.S. customs district.



Source: WISERTrade from U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division data
The Houston-Galveston Customs District includes the ports of Houston, Galveston, Freeport, Texas City, Corpus Christi, Port Lavaca, Bush Intercontinental Airport and Sugar Land Regiona

- Thirty-seven countries logged more than \$1 billion each in trade through the Houston-Galveston customs district in '17. The 10 largest included Mexico (\$20.1 billion), China (\$18.8 billion), Brazil (\$12.6 billion), Germany (\$9.6 billion), the Netherlands (\$8.6 billion), South Korea (\$6.8 billion), Japan (\$6.4), Saudi Arabia (\$5.7 billion), the United Kingdom (\$5.6) and Columbia (\$5.1 billion).
- Imports totaled \$83.0 billion in '17. The top five imports were mineral fuels, oil, and refined products (\$25.2 billion), industrial equipment and computers (\$10.5 billion), articles or iron or steel (\$6.8 billion), motor vehicles and parts (\$5.2 billion) and electrical machinery, equipment, and parts (\$4.5 billion).
- Exports totaled \$109.2 billion in '17. Leading exports included mineral fuels, oil, and refined products (\$51.2 billion), organic chemicals (\$12.8 billion), industrial equipment and computers (\$9.4 billion), plastics and plastic products (\$6.6 billion) and electrical machinery, equipment and parts (\$3.6 billion).
- Oil and gas trade increased in both volume and value, driving the 19.1 increase in the value of trade in '17. Exports are up 19.2 percent and imports climbed 18.9 percent.
- The Port of Houston continued to be ranked first in foreign tonnage among U.S. ports for the 21st consecutive year and first in import tonnage for the 26th consecutive year.