

## Foreign Trade

More than \$234.0 billion in foreign trade passed the Houston-Galveston Customs District in '18, making it the seventh busiest in the U.S.

**Houston-Galveston Customs District Trade**



\* 12-months ending May '19

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 Regional Airport

- Forty-three countries logged more than \$1 billion each in trade through the Houston-Galveston Customs District in '18. Houston's top 10 trading partners are Mexico (\$24.9 billion), China (\$19.9 billion), Brazil (\$12.7 billion), South Korea (\$10.4 billion), the Netherlands (\$10.0 billion), Germany (\$9.7 billion), Japan (\$9.7 billion), United Kingdom (\$7.4 billion), India (\$7.2) and Italy (\$6.8 billion).
- Imports totaled \$92.6 billion in '18. The top five imports were mineral fuels, oil, and refined products (\$28.3 billion), industrial equipment and computers (\$11.8 billion), articles of iron or steel (\$7.8 billion), motor vehicles and parts (\$6.0 billion), and organic chemicals (\$4.6 billion).
- Exports totaled \$141.4 billion in '18. Leading exports included mineral fuels, oil, and refined products (\$77.3 billion), organic chemicals (\$15.8 billion), industrial equipment and computers (\$10.1 billion), plastics and plastic products (\$8.1 billion), and motor vehicles and parts (\$4.7 billion).
- Oil and gas trade increased in both volume and value, driving the 21.9 increase in the overall value from '17 to '18. Exports climbed 29.7 percent and imports 11.6 percent.
- In the 12 months ending May '19, \$236.6 billion in goods and commodities passed through the district, up 14.5 percent over comparable period ending May '18. Imports are up 8.4 percent, while exports have climbed 18.7 percent during the same period.