

Why is Freight Important to Tennessee?

Port of Cates Landing

As the nation's newest multimodal inland port, the Port of Cates Landing is on one of the most strategic points along the Mississippi River and operates as Foreign Trade Zone #283 with authority to grant sub-zones to industries within 100 miles of the port.



I-81 Corridor

Beginning just east of Knoxville, I-81 is an important interstate for freight and passenger movement from Tennessee to the Canadian border in New York State.



"Put the Right Freight on the Right Mode at the Right Time!"

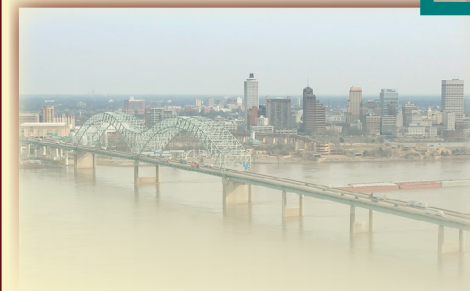
Middle Tennessee

As the fastest growing metropolitan area in the state, Nashville and Middle Tennessee are intersected by three interstates (I-40, I-24, and I-65), major freight thoroughfares traveling east-west and north to Chicago and Detroit.



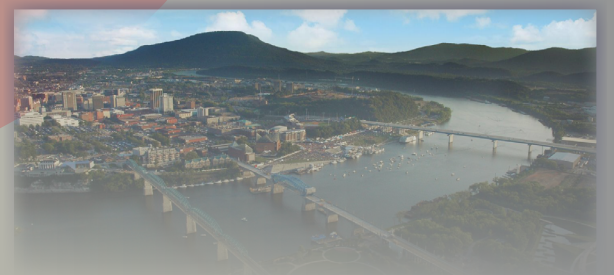
Tennessee-Tombigbee

About 2 million tons of commerce are now exported each year on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway (Tenn-Tom). There are also over 17 ports and terminals along the waterway with rail and truck access.



Memphis is home to the largest cargo airport in North America, the 5th largest inland port, and more intermodal rail terminals than any other city but Chicago.

Memphis



Known as Freight Alley, Chattanooga is intersected by three interstate highways (I-24, I-75, and I-59), is in close proximity to the Appalachian Regional Port with a capacity to handle 50,000 containers per year, and is estimated to have over 33 million tons pass through their metropolitan area by 2035.

Freight Alley

Freight Network in Tennessee

- 1,201 interstate miles, 5,592 lane miles
- 6 out of 7 Class 1 railroads, 2,133 miles
- 23 short line railroads, 915 miles
- 92 intermodal facilities
- 887 miles of navigable waterways

Major Freight Companies in Tennessee



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Economic Impact

- 218,839 jobs at 13,397 establishments in transportation and logistics cluster (largest in US), \$16.6 billion in earnings
- \$287,741,180,700 in total exported goods (2012 dollars)
- Under Haslam administration 1,260 companies moved to TN and over 1,000 had either logistics or supply chain connections



Top Commodities by Tonnage

- Gravel: 46,016,041 tons
- Non-metallic minerals: 26,353,433 tons
- Gasoline: 20,074,959 tons

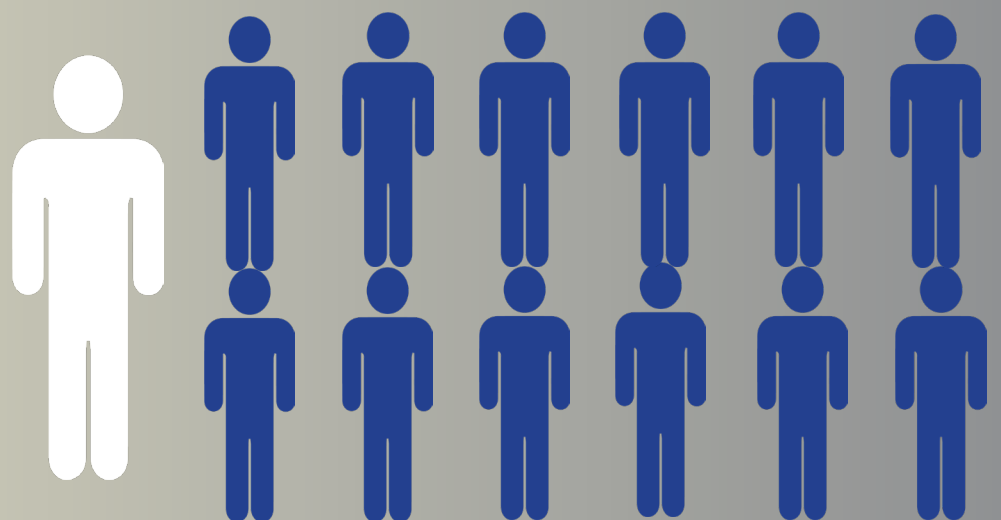
Top Commodities by Value

- Electronics: \$89 billion
- Motorized vehicles: \$67.6 billion
- Pharmaceuticals: \$61.5 billion



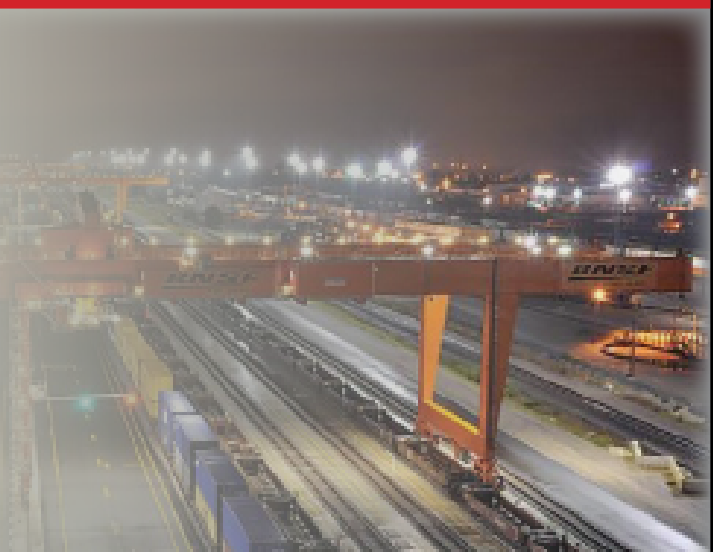
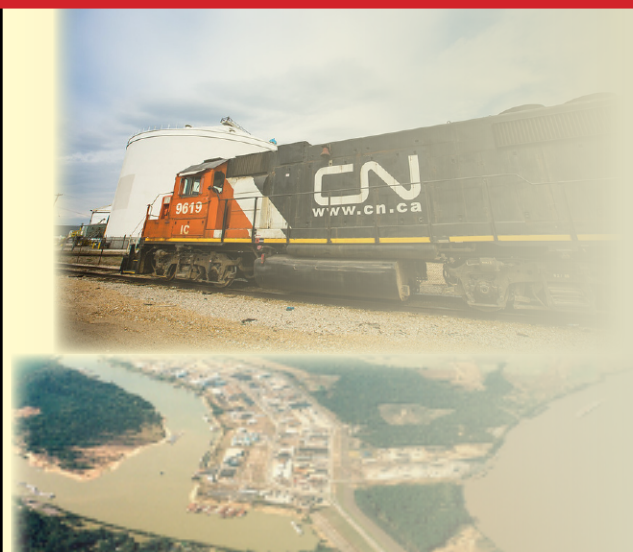
Trucking in Tennessee

- 10,190 trucking Companies
- 1 in 13 jobs in TN are in trucking industry, (3rd in US for trucking jobs)
- 90.5% of Tennessee communities depend exclusively on trucks to move their goods
- Trucking industry pays 38% of taxes owed by motorists despite representing 11% of total VMT



Intermodal Opportunities

- 92 facilities available in Tennessee
- Container on barge is currently operating out of the Port of Memphis
- TDOT recently awarded \$10.3 million in Rail Competitive Grants to provide intermodal opportunities and encourage economic development. Several of these projects had a rail, waterway, and highway component
- \$10.3 million was also awarded in Rail Rehabilitation Grants to improve current operations servicing industries in the state



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