

# ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ALABAMA'S INLAND WATERWAYS



IN 2021, ALABAMA'S INLAND PORTS, INLAND WATERWAYS, AND INLAND WATERWAYS-DEPENDENT INDUSTRIES SUPPORTED

Nearly **134,000 jobs**

**\$8.4 billion** in personal income

**\$15.9 billion** in Gross State Product

**\$35.4 billion** in total output

...Giving rise to **\$1.7 billion** in state & local tax revenue

Alabama has nearly

**1,270 MILES**

of navigable inland waterways, ranking it

**6<sup>th</sup>** in the nation

## ALABAMA'S INLAND WATERWAY ASSETS AT A GLANCE

 Warrior-Tombigbee, Tennessee, Tennessee-Tombigbee, Coosa Alabama, and Apalachicola Chattahoochee-Flint Rivers, and the Gulf Coast Intracoastal Waterway

 **19** public ports

## INLAND WATERWAYS SUPPORT ALABAMA'S KEY INDUSTRIES

Industry Sub-Category	Percent of Goods Shipped by Water (Tons)	Direct Alabama Jobs
Primary Metal Manufacturing	↻ 11.2% of inbound / ↻ 10.6% of outbound	12,847
Machinery Manufacturing	↻ 7.2% of inbound / ↻ 5.3% of outbound	8,149
Waste Mgmt & Remediation Ser	↻ 10.6% of inbound	5,169
Utilities	↻ 12.7% of inbound	9,195
Fabricated Metal Product Mfg	↻ 7.7% of inbound	22,069

## TOP INLAND WATERWAYS COMMODITIES BY WEIGHT (comprising 55% of total tonnage)

 **7.6 million tons**

Primary Metal Products

 **4.4 million tons**

Coal, Lignite, and Coal Coke

 **3.2 million tons**

Chemicals (excluding fertilizers)

## TOP INLAND WATERWAYS COMMODITIES BY VALUE (comprising 61% of total value)

 **\$1.8 billion**

Fuel Oils

 **\$894 million**

Base Metals, such as copper, lead, aluminum, and zinc

 **\$569 million**

Basic Chemicals used in Consumer Products, including appliances, toys, & cosmetics

In 2021, **27.8M** tons of freight valued at

**\$5.3 BILLION**

moved on Alabama's inland waterways, which is equivalent to over **695,000 TRUCKS**

Avoided trucks translates into **reduced congestion, emissions, and crashes**, and contributes to the state of good repair of highway infrastructure

**42%** of Alabama's **MARINE FREIGHT TONNAGE** moves on inland waterways

