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Kentucky Ranks Top 5 in Nation for U.S. Maritime Jobs

Maritime Industry Worth More Than \$2.7 Billion Annually to Bluegrass State

PADUCAH, KY – Kentucky ranks fifth among all states in per capita domestic maritime jobs, according to a new study by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) for the Transportation Institute and released by the American Maritime Partnership (AMP), the voice of the U.S. domestic maritime industry. The state's 13,260 domestic maritime jobs pump more than \$2.7 billion annually into the Kentucky economy and maritime worker income in the state totals more than \$720 million.

“With Paducah situated at the confluence of four major American rivers, our region is proud to be the inland waterways hub of the United States,” **said Congressman Ed Whitfield (R-KY)**. “The First District is home to more than half of Kentucky’s maritime jobs, which are worth \$1.5 billion annually. Each year our state’s fleet of tugboats and barges, supported by the Jones Act, move tons of coal and other products that help boost America’s economy.”

“The study findings for the state of Kentucky are particularly telling because of the good-paying, family-wage jobs those numbers represent,” **said Tom Allegretti, AMP Chairman and American Waterways Operators President & CEO**. “*Parade Magazine* recently highlighted Kentucky towboat captain Martin Leake in its annual [What People Earn](#) survey. Captain Leake is a great example of the career path available within this industry, a path on which an individual can start out as a deckhand and quickly advance through the ranks to senior vessel-based positions. In today’s economy, that really is valuable.”

The PwC study shows that domestic maritime cargo safely and efficiently transported into Kentucky totals more than 43.8 million tons each year. The top cargos coming from Kentucky include coal, lignite, and coal coke, which make up more than 44 percent or 29.5 million tons of all cargo moved. The top states receiving cargo from Kentucky include Louisiana, Tennessee, Ohio and West Virginia, which are also the same ones that send cargo into the state.

America’s domestic shipbuilding industry also plays a key role in Kentucky’s economy by providing more than \$291 million every year in economic impact, and more than \$187 million in worker income.

Across America, the domestic maritime industry includes approximately 40,000 vessels, which support 478,440 jobs, and have an annual economic impact of \$92.5 billion according to the Transportation Institute’s

findings. Nationally, the industry also accounts for approximately \$29 billion in wages and \$10 billion in tax revenues.

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**KENTUCKY RANKS #5 IN THE NATION
FOR AMERICAN MARITIME JOBS**

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The state’s 13,260 domestic maritime jobs pump more than \$2.7 billion annually into the Kentucky economy and maritime worker income in the state totals more than \$720 million. The American domestic maritime industry includes vessel operators, marine terminals, shipyards, and workers engaged in the movement of cargo exclusively within the U.S.

- Kentucky’s 1st Congressional District ranks #7 out of all 435 districts for American maritime industry jobs with more than 7,000 jobs and over \$376 million in total worker income annually. Total economic activity from the maritime industry in the 1st District exceeds \$1.5 billion annually.
- In Paducah, Congressman Whitfield’s District sits at the center of the American maritime industry. Four major American rivers -- the Mississippi, the Ohio, the Tennessee, and the Cumberland -- come together near Paducah, making it the “inland waterways hub of the United States.”
- A recent study of *shipbuilding* by the U.S. Maritime Administration, covering both commercial and military ship construction, found over \$291 million annual shipyard economic impact in Kentucky. More than \$187 million in worker income is attributable to the shipyard industry in the state. (Shipyard jobs pay approximately 45% above the national average for private sector employment.)
- Domestic maritime cargo originating in Kentucky totals more than 67 million tons each year. The following are the top states receiving cargo from Kentucky:

Rank	State Receiving KY Cargo	Volume of Cargo Received From Kentucky
1	Kentucky (intrastate)	19 million tons
2	Louisiana	15.8 million tons
3	Tennessee	10.9 million tons
4	Ohio	6.4 million tons
5	West Virginia	5.5 million tons

- Domestic maritime cargo transported into Kentucky totals more than 43.8 million tons each year. The following are the top states sending cargo into Kentucky:

Rank	State Receiving KY Cargo	Volume of Cargo Carried Into Kentucky
1	Kentucky (intrastate)	19 million tons
2	West Virginia	5.8 million tons
3	Louisiana	5.4 million tons
4	Indiana	4.5 million tons
5	Ohio	3.1 million tons

- “Coal, lignite, and coal coke” is the single largest category of cargo originating in Kentucky, constituting 44% or 29.5 million tons of all such cargo (including intrastate cargo). “Coal, lignite and coal coke” is also the single largest category of cargo transported into Kentucky, constituting about 50% of such cargoes (including intrastate cargo).
- Nationally, the domestic maritime industry supports 478,440 jobs and a gross economic output of \$92.540 billion annually, according to PwC. The domestic maritime industry’s worker income nationally is \$28.95 billion annually with a \$9.987 billion tax impact. There are approximately 40,000 vessels in the American domestic fleet.

Sources:

Economic information about the American domestic maritime industry for this paper is taken from “Contributions of the Jones Act Shipping Industry to the U.S. Economy in 2011,” prepared by PwC for the Transportation Institute (January, 2014) (private study). Shipyard information comes from “The Economic Importance of the U.S. Shipbuilding and Repairing Industry,” prepared for the U.S. Maritime Administration (of the U.S. Department of Transportation) by PwC (May 30, 2013). Commodity shipping data comes from the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, using 2011 data.