

# ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ILLINOIS' INLAND WATERWAYS



IN 2018, ILLINOIS' PORTS, INLAND WATERWAYS,  
AND INLAND WATERWAYS-DEPENDENT INDUSTRIES SUPPORTED

Nearly **236,000 jobs**

**\$15.5 billion** in personal income

**\$37.6 billion** in Gross State Product

**\$132.6 billion** in total output

...Giving rise to  
**\$2.1 billion**  
in state & local  
tax revenue

Illinois has  
**1,100  
MILES**  
of navigable inland  
waterways, ranking it  
**8th** in the  
nation

## INLAND WATERWAYS SUPPORT ILLINOIS' KEY INDUSTRIES

Industry Sub-Category	Percent of Goods Shipped by Water (Tons)	Direct Illinois Jobs
Chemical manufacturing	⊕ <b>6.6%</b> of outbound	27,560
Plastics & rubber products mfg.	⊕ <b>6.0%</b> of inbound	26,150
Crop production	⊕ <b>5.8%</b> of outbound	1,900*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg.	⊕ <b>5.7%</b> of outbound	8,870
Mining (except oil & gas)	⊕ <b>4.7%</b> of outbound	3,590

\*Total for Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting sector (NAICS 1)

## ILLINOIS' INLAND WATERWAY ASSETS AT A GLANCE

 Mississippi, Ohio, and  
Illinois Rivers and  
Great Lakes System

 **17** public  
ports


## TOP INLAND WATERWAYS COMMODITIES BY WEIGHT (comprising 70% of total tonnage)


 **Food & food products**, such as fruits, vegetables, oils, & seeds  
**36.4 million tons**

 **Coal, lignite, and coal coke**  
**13.6 million tons**

 **Petroleum products**  
**8.3 million tons**

## TOP INLAND WATERWAYS COMMODITIES BY VALUE (comprising 53% of total value)

 **Agricultural products**, such as fruits, vegetables, oils, & seeds  
**\$2.7 billion**

 **Basic chemicals used in consumer products**, including appliances, toys, and cosmetics  
**\$2.5 billion**

 **Cereal grains**, including wheat, corn, barley, & oats  
**\$1.8 billion**

In 2018,  
**83.0M** tons of freight  
valued at  
**\$13.2 BILLION**  
moved on Illinois' inland waterways, which is equivalent to nearly  
**2.1 MILLION TRUCKS**

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