

# The Economic Impacts of Marine Cargo at the Ports of Tacoma & Seattle

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The ports of Seattle and Tacoma partnered to fund a joint economic impact study of the two seaports. Together, the two ports form a gateway that fosters economic growth for the Pacific Northwest and the U.S. They form the third-largest gateway in North America, based on the number of containers (twenty-foot equivalent units) that come through the seaports. The economic reach of the two ports provide significant jobs and revenue to the state.

**36.1 m**  
short tons of cargo moved  
through the two ports  
(2013)

**3rd**  
largest by total TEUs  
when combined, among  
North America ports  
(2013)

**\$77 b**  
imported & exported  
through the two ports  
(2013)

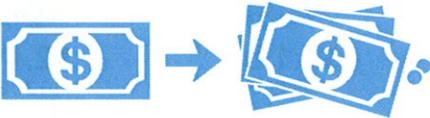
**4th**  
largest port by export  
value when combined  
(2013)

## THE PORTS' ECONOMIC IMPACTS

### Revenues and Incomes



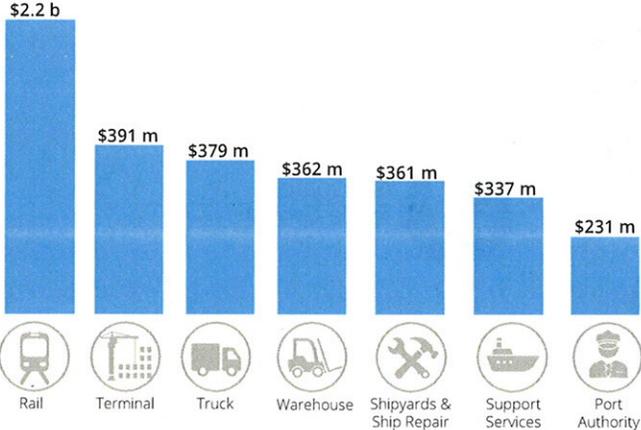
Ports' related economic activity is affiliated with **\$138.1 billion** in total economic activity in the state, which is 1/3 of Washington's GDP.  
(2013)



**Every dollar of income** to Port-related direct jobs correlates to an additional **\$2.70** in personal income in the Seattle and Tacoma area.  
(2013)

### Business Revenues by Major Category

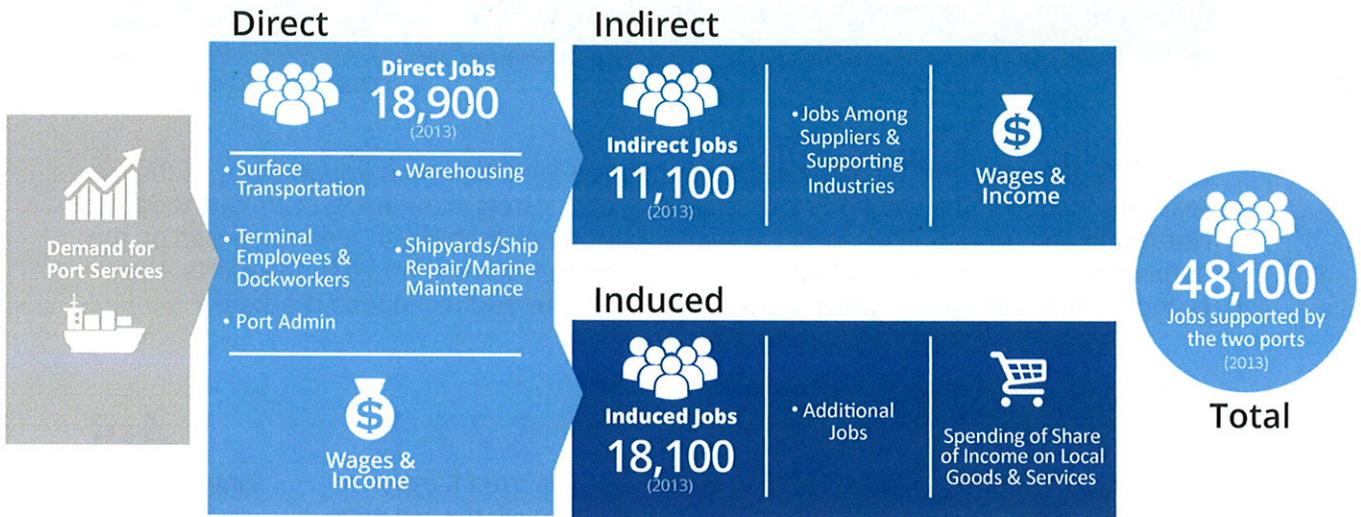
\$4.3 b in 2013



### Regional Fiscal Impacts

#### Maritime Cargo Activity





SPENDING

Port of Tacoma & Seattle Generate...



EXTERNAL CHALLENGES

The Industry Is Shifting

