



Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX

- In 2011, the Houston metropolitan area was the 2nd largest export market in the United States, with merchandise shipments totaling \$104.5 billion. This is up \$23.9 billion (29.6 percent) from the \$80.6 billion in merchandise exported in 2010.
- The Houston metropolitan area accounted for 52.3 percent of Texas' merchandise exports in 2011.
- For the top 50 U.S. merchandise export destinations, Houston ranks among the major metropolitan area exporters to Mexico (\$16.7 billion), Brazil (\$7.1 billion), the Netherlands (\$4.4 billion), Singapore (\$4.4 billion), and Colombia (\$2.9 billion).
- Houston ranks among the major metropolitan area exporters of Petroleum and Coal Products (\$35.2 billion), Chemicals (\$30.3 billion), Machinery, Except Electrical (\$14.0 billion), Oil and Gas Extraction (\$5.0 billion), and Fabricated Metal Products (\$3.3 billion).
- In 2011, Houston benefited from existing trade agreements, exporting \$27.6 billion to the NAFTA region and \$4.6 billion to the CAFTA-DR region.
- 26.4 percent of Houston's merchandise exports go to NAFTA countries.

TOP SECTORS			TOP COUNTRIES		
Sector	Value	Share	Country	Value	Share
Petroleum and Coal Products	\$35.2 billion	33.7%	Mexico	\$16.7 billion	16.0%
Chemicals	\$30.3 billion	29.0%	Canada	\$10.9 billion	10.4%
Machinery, Except Electrical	\$14.0 billion	13.4%	Brazil	\$7.1 billion	6.8%
Computer and Electronic Products	\$5.9 billion	5.6%	China	\$5.3 billion	5.1%
Oil and Gas Extraction	\$5.0 billion	4.8%	Netherlands	\$4.4 billion	4.3%

Note: The order in which sectors and countries are displayed does not necessarily reflect the true rank ordering of the top countries. The suppressed data may, in fact, be rightfully anywhere in the ranking.

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