

NEW ORLEANS TRADE VIA PANAMA CANAL

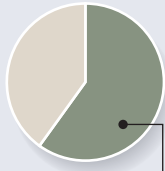
The Panama Canal serves as a funnel for a major portion of the cargo that moves in and out of Louisiana. Most exports are bulk cargo, such as grains from America's heartland, handled by the Port of South Louisiana in LaPlace. Most imports are in the form of general cargo, which includes products shipped in containers and break-bulk items such as steel. The Port of New Orleans is the state's primary handler of general cargo.

THE BIG PICTURE

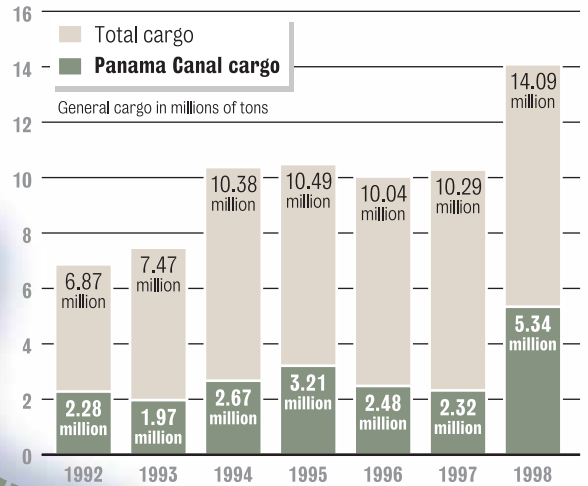
A large portion of the goods flowing in and out of the Port of New Orleans goes through the Panama Canal:

LEAVING LOUISIANA

60 percent of the 63.4 million tons of bulk cargo exported from the Port of South Louisiana was shipped through the Panama Canal last year



Panama Canal-shipped exports: **38 million tons**



NEW ORLEANS BOUND

Largest general cargo exporters to the Port of New Orleans through the canal in 1998:

Rank	Country	Cargo volume (tons)
1.	Japan	2.6 million
2.	Indonesia	629,326
3.	S. Korea	585,468
4.	Chile	225,980
5.	China	223,777
6.	Peru	219,244
7.	Thailand	204,792
8.	Malaysia	125,248
9.	Australia	118,384
10.	Taiwan	85,742

