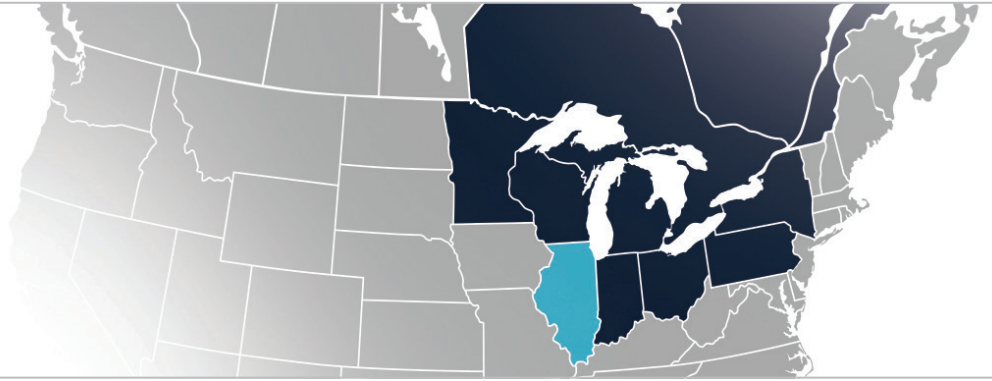




# Illinois



## Illinois Relies on Great Lakes-Seaway Shipping

The state of Illinois borders 63 miles of Lake Michigan. This shoreline is dominated by Chicago – the largest city in the Great Lakes Seaway region. More than 16 million tons of inbound and outbound cargoes are handled at the state’s deep-draft ports and terminals.

Great Lakes-Seaway shipping is critical to the dynamic economy of northeastern Illinois. For example, a variety of local manufacturers depend on waterborne transportation for

delivery of semi-finished steel products such as coil, wire and slab imported from Europe, South America and Asia. Low-sulfur coal mined in Montana and Wyoming is railed to Chicago where vessels load it for delivery to electric utilities for power generation. Bulk cement and gypsum is brought by ship to Waukegan for use in the manufacture of construction materials. State, county and municipal transportation agencies rely on lake ships to deliver large quantities of salt for winter road deicing.

Jobs	Personal Income	Business Revenue	Local Purchases	Total Taxes Paid
7,177	\$594 million	\$439 million	\$153 million	\$166 million

Invested in Illinois port, terminal and waterway infrastructure
\$57 million

Port	Annual Tonnage	Major Cargoes Handled
Chicago*	16,120,000	Steel, liquid bulk, grain, stone, cement, salt
Waukegan	77,000	Gypsum, cement

\*includes facilities along the Chicago River, Calumet river, and Lake Calumet  
(Source: *Waterborne Commerce of the United States, Part III, USACE, CY 2013*)

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