Problem Statement

Freight and goods movement is a major contributor to Delaware’s economy and a user of Delaware’s roads, railroads, and waterways. This ongoing study seeks to raise awareness of the extent of freight and goods movement activity in Delaware, including the origins and destinations of this activity and the economic impacts of the industries directly and indirectly supported by this trade.

Data Sources

- Freight Analysis Framework 4, Bureau of Transportation Statistics and Federal Highway Administration
- IMPLAN Input-Output Software

Delaware’s Freight Commodities and Modes

Top Freight Commodities by Value

- Pharmaceuticals
- Basic Chemicals
- Plastics and Rubber
- Electronics
- Manufactured Goods
- Mixed Freight
- Machinery
- Textiles

Top Freight Commodities by Weight

- Animal feed
- Waste/scrap
- Nominal minerals
- Cereal grains
- Coal-n.e.c.
- Mixed freight
- Wood products
- Crude petroleum
- gravel

Value Added by Freight Sector by County

- Pipeline
- Truck
- Water
- Rail
- Air

Value Added

Value added is a measure of a firm or sector’s contribution to a regional economy, or gross domestic product (GDP). The total value added by the Freight Transportation Industry accounts for 0.67% of Delaware’s GDP. Source: IMPLAN Input-Output Software