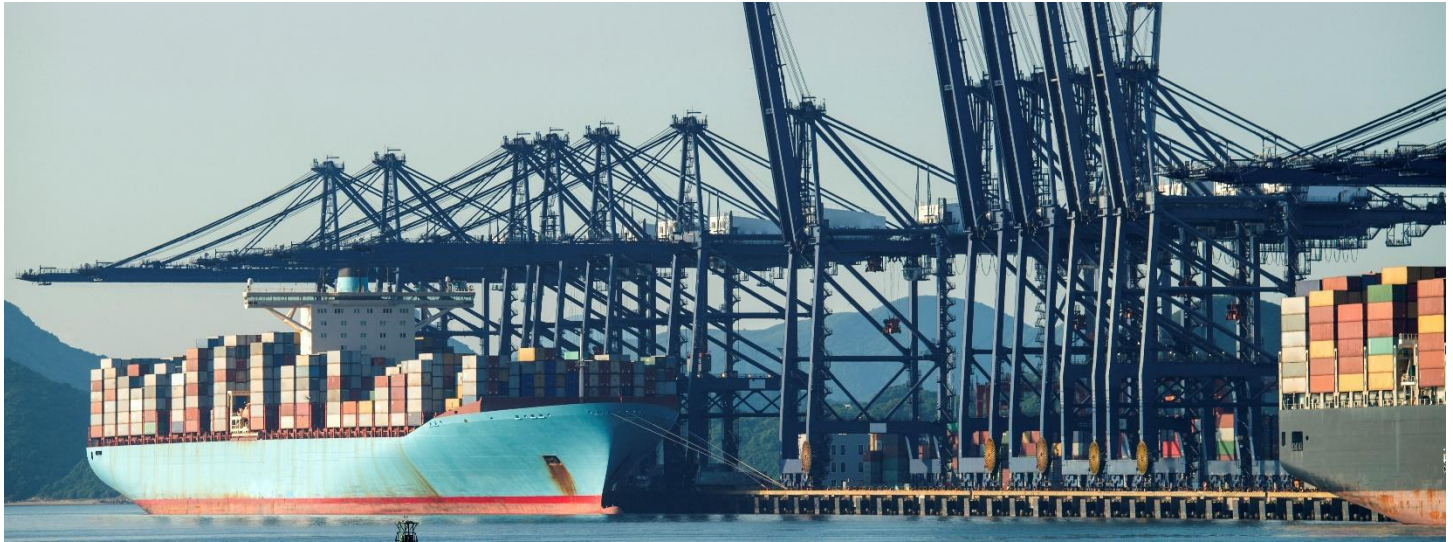


## Gateway to Global Success: Unleashing Opportunities for International Transportation and Logistics in Los Angeles County, CA



Los Angeles County, California, is a strategic hub at the heart of Southern California's thriving trade and supply chain corridor. The twin ports of Los Angeles (L.A.) and Long Beach form the largest port complex in the Western Hemisphere.<sup>1</sup> In 2023, these ports handled approximately 17 million cargo containers, showcasing their significance in global trade.<sup>2</sup> The Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach manage over 40% of all inbound containers for the entire United States.<sup>3</sup> Modernization efforts, including robotics and innovative container movement systems, ensure efficiency and sustainability.<sup>4</sup>

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) ranks as the eighth-busiest airport globally, serving 75 million passengers in 2023.<sup>5</sup> In 2022, LAX processed over two million tons of air cargo valued at nearly \$153.13 billion, ranking eighth in the world and fifth in the U.S. in air cargo tonnage.<sup>6</sup> Forty-three international carriers and all major air freight lines serve LAX, making it a key global hub.<sup>7</sup> A \$15-billion capital improvement project is underway, enhancing all nine passenger terminals and constructing new facilities at LAX.<sup>8</sup>

Moreover, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific railroads ensure seamless movement to and from the ports. A sophisticated logistics economy has flourished around the ports, supported by high-capacity rail networks. These companies utilize the Alameda Corridor, a 20-mile-long rail cargo expressway linking the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to the transcontinental rail network, ensuring efficient cargo transportation.<sup>9</sup> In addition to L.A.'s ports, railways, and

<sup>1</sup> <https://laedc.org/industry-cluster-development/trade-logistics/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://polb.com/business/port-statistics/#yearly-teus>  
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<https://www.portoflosangeles.org/business/statistics/facts-and-figures>

<sup>3</sup> <https://laedc.org/industry-cluster-development/trade-logistics/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://laedc.org/industry-cluster-development/trade-logistics/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.lawa.org/lax-cargo/lax-cargo-news>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.lawa.org/lax-cargo>

<sup>7</sup> <https://laedc.org/industry-cluster-development/trade-logistics/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.lawa.org/news-releases/2023/news-release-039>

<sup>9</sup> <https://laedc.org/industry-cluster-development/trade-logistics/>

air travel, Los Angeles County has a robust freeway and highway system that facilitates the transport of goods, offering efficient origination for cross-country delivery.

Over 160,000 workers in L.A. County contribute to the international trade sector. The L.A. Customs District boasts \$416 billion in annual two-way trade, reflecting the county's economic significance.<sup>10</sup>

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