

Top 20 Inland U.S. Ports for 2003

Trip ton-miles for an inland port is a measure that indicates the contribution that an inland port makes to the whole waterway system. The methodology used to compute trip ton-miles for an inland port is as follows: first, every commercial cargo-carrying vessel that was loaded or unloaded at the port is identified; next, the product of the tons times the total trip-miles (the distance from the vessels point of loading to its point of unloading) for all inland vessel trips from that port are summed. This measure takes into account the distances traveled on all the waterways traversed. The following table ranks the top 20 inland ports by their CY 2003 trip ton-miles and also displays the tonnage at each port. The number one port in 2003, Huntington-Tristate, had more than twice the tonnage of number 2 ranked St. Louis; however it had only 8 percent more trip ton-miles.

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Top 20 U.S. Inland Ports¹ ranked by CY 2003 Trip Ton-Miles

Rank	Port Name	Tons			Trip Ton-Miles ²		
		Average CY 98-02 (Millions)	CY 03	Percent Diff.	Average CY 98-02 (Billions)	CY 03	Percent Diff.
1	Huntington – Tristate ³	78.2	77.6	-0.7	28.3	26.7	-5.7
2	St. Louis, MO and IL	33.0	32.4	-1.6	24.6	24.2	-1.7
3	Pittsburgh, PA	53.0	41.7	-21.3	18.3	16.1	-12.3
4	Memphis, TN	17.1	18.1	5.7	7.2	8.5	17.7
5	Cincinnati, OH	13.5	11.8	-12.7	9.0	8.2	-9.4
6	St. Paul, MN	5.2	5.2	-0.5	5.2	4.8	-7.7
7	Louisville, KY	8.7	8.5	-2.9	3.6	2.9	-19.8
8	Mount Vernon, IN	3.7	3.9	4.1	3.4	2.7	-20.9
9	Tulsa, Port of Catoosa, OK	2.1	2.2	4.9	2.1	2.2	3.7
10	Guntersville, AL	2.3	2.1	-10.6	1.9	1.8	-5.8
11	Nashville, TN	4.5	4.0	-11.0	2.0	1.6	-20.1
12	Vicksburg, MS	5.2	3.7	-28.3	2.1	1.5	-29.7
13	Chattanooga, TN	2.8	2.8	1.8	1.7	1.4	-17.6
14	Greenville, MS	3.0	3.2	6.2	1.3	1.3	5.8
15	Minneapolis, MN	1.7	1.7	0.5	1.5	1.1	-23.8
16	Elvis Stahr Harbor, KY	0.6	0.8	34.8	0.5	0.6	33.6
17	Helena, AR	1.8	1.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	3.4
18	Lake Providence, LA	0.5	0.8	58.4	0.2	0.4	72.2
19	Rosedale, MS	0.6	0.7	29.6	0.3	0.3	18.9
20	Knoxville, TN	0.3	0.3	-3.2	0.3	0.3	-11.4

1. "Inland Ports" are ports that are located on rivers and do not handle deep draft ship traffic.

2. Trip Ton-Miles compiled for inland moves only.

3. Huntington-Tristate was defined in CY 2000 as mile 256.8 to mile 356.8 on the Ohio River, plus the navigable portions of the Kanawha and Big Sandy rivers. In prior years the Port of Huntington, WV, was defined from mile 303 to mile 317 on the Ohio River.

Source: Compiled by the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center.