Florida is a major gateway for merchandise trade between North America, Latin America, the Caribbean, and other world regions. In 2013, goods valued at US$138 billion entered or exited the United States through Florida’s two U.S. Customs Districts. (U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division)

The value of merchandise flowing into and out of the United States via Florida’s two U.S. customs districts has increased by 118% over the past decade. (U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division)

Florida is home to over 60,000 exporting companies—second only to California. One out of every five, or 20%, of the nation’s companies that export are located in Florida. (U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division)

Florida ranks 7th in the nation in state-origin exports (i.e. those actually produced or with significant value-added in the state), which reached US$60.5 billion in 2013. (U.S. Census Bureau)

Florida ranks 3rd among all U.S. states in high-tech exports, reaching over US$14.7 billion in 2013. (Enterprise Florida)

Foreign-owned companies employed 238,600 Floridians in 2011, the 6th highest in the nation, and 1st in the Southeast. (Bureau of Economic Analysis)

Miami is one of the nation’s leading centers for international banking. Numerous foreign and domestic banks active in international trade and finance have offices in Florida.

Florida is the world’s telecommunications gateway to Latin America and the Caribbean: a multitude of undersea and terrestrial fiber optic cables converge in Florida, ensuring unparalleled global connectivity.

Florida sits at the nexus of transportation links in the Americas. The state’s 15 deepwater seaports, 19 commercial airports, and 50+ officially-designated multimodal connectors ensure the seamless movement of people and goods between any two points on the planet.

Florida is home to hundreds of airports, including commercial service airports and general aviation airports. Florida’s airports have numerous direct flights to all key Latin American and Caribbean destinations, most major European cities, and one-stop air services to the Asia/Pacific region.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Florida has nearly 5 million speakers of languages other than English.

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