The Waukegan Port District is located in Northeastern Illinois, it encompasses the entire city limits of Waukegan and portions of Benton Township, Lake County.

**Port District Biography**

The Waukegan Port District is located in Northeastern Illinois along Lake Michigan. The Port District owns portions of the Waukegan harbor and a full service public recreational marina, the marina is equipped with nearly 700 slips. Additionally, the Port District owns the Waukegan National Airport which is a reliever airport for Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport.

- **1955**: Waukegan Port District was created
- **1956**: Waukegan National Airport opens
Multimodal Connections

**HIGHWAY**

Several interstates, state routes, and US highways traverse the port district, these include I-94, IL 43, IL 120, IL 131, IL 137, and US 41.

**RAIL**

Two class I railroads provide service within the port district, these include, Union Pacific (UP) and Canadian Pacific (CP).

**WATER**

The port district has 6.8 miles of coastline along Lake Michigan, the lake is part of Marine Highway 90.

**AIR**

- Waukegan Regional Airport – UGN (Waukegan, IL)

**LOCKS and DAMS**

- No locks or dams

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**Port District Top Commodities:**

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**2017 Commodities by County** *(inbound, outbound, in-state):*

**LAKE COUNTY**

**117 THOUSAND TONS**

*Note Waukegan Port District does not encompass the entirety of Lake County*
List of Terminals (Public and Private)

1. National Gypsum
2. Waukegan Harbor Public Dock
Economic Impact

It is estimated that marine cargo activity being handled within the Waukegan Port District directly or indirectly supports 107 jobs within the state. These workers earn an estimated $6.9 million in wages and contribute approximately $11.6 million towards State GDP. The activity enabled comes from shippers across the state making use of facilities within the district, as well as the services supporting their goods movement. The table to the right breaks out the impact by the type of activity occurring.

Port-Owned Property Economic Impact

Independent of the port district economic analysis, the economic impacts of on-port tenants are presented below. These impacts are centered around the employment of businesses on port property: ranging from restaurants, golf courses, and youth organizations, to manufacturers and barge operators. These impacts represent the activities of marine, and non-marine businesses to show the diversity of port activity.

### Capital Needs

The Waukegan Port District does not own or operate any terminal facilities. If the Port District were to construct a terminal a major investment would be required. Depending on the type of terminal, the cost of construction could range from a couple million dollars to tens of millions of dollars. Capital needs at this time are reengineering of the commercial dock for future high water use and safer docking for large vessels.
Waukegan Airport

The Waukegan National Airport is owned and operated by the Waukegan Port district and is a reliever airport for O’Hare International Airport, located 35 miles North of Chicago. The airport covers 520 acres and has 54 hangars which total nearly 600 thousand square feet of space, 16 office buildings which total 87,000 square feet, and a terminal building which is 15 thousand square feet. The airport has two paved runways one which is 6,000 square feet long and another which is 3,750 feet long. The airport has 188 based aircraft and annually supports 50,500 aircraft operations.