



ALASKA Gateway to the World

"I believe that in the future, whoever holds Alaska will hold the world. I think it is the most important strategic place in the world." General Billy Mitchell, 1935, to US Congress

SHIPPING BY SEA

Shipping cost to Tokyo Bay \$/mmbtu (return trip)	Distance nautical miles
Western Australia █ 0.7	3,727
Alaska █ 0.8	2,975
Qatar █ 1.1	6,512
Mozambique █ 1.2	6,979
U.S. (Panama Route) █ 1.8	9,209
U.S. (Cape Horn Route) █ 2.2	15,762

THE ALASKA ALTERNATIVE

Panama Canal Congestion: Rising Costs & Delays for Global Shipping

- **Surging LNG Traffic** – Panama Canal LNG shipments are expected to double or triple by the late 2020s, increasing from 280 cargoes in 2017 to 500–900 by 2030.
- **Limited Daily Transit Slots** – Currently, only one LNG transit slot per day is allocated (occasionally two), but future demand requires 3–5 slots out of 12 total to prevent bottlenecks.
- **Rising Transit Fees** – LNG carriers pay \$450,000 per transit, approximately one-third of the cost for a fully loaded Neopanamax container vessel.

SHIPPING BY AIR



ALASKA'S WORLD-CLASS CARGO AIRPORT

- Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (TSAIA) is the **#1 cargo airport in the U.S. and #3 globally, making it a premier hub for air freight.**
- Alaska is located within 9 hours of 90% of the industrialized world, providing unmatched access for international shipping.

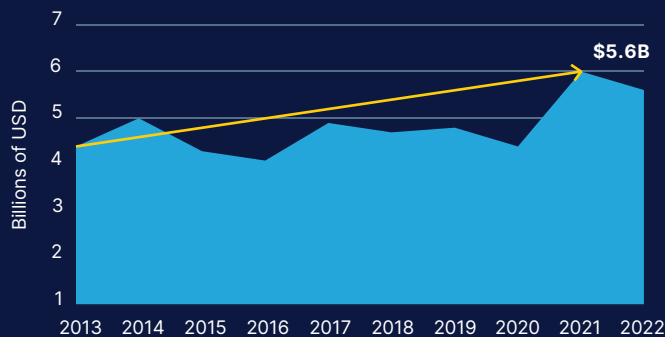


¹ Panama Canal Cost of \$0.2/mmbtu (including within 60-day roundtrip discount)
Source: Team Analysis

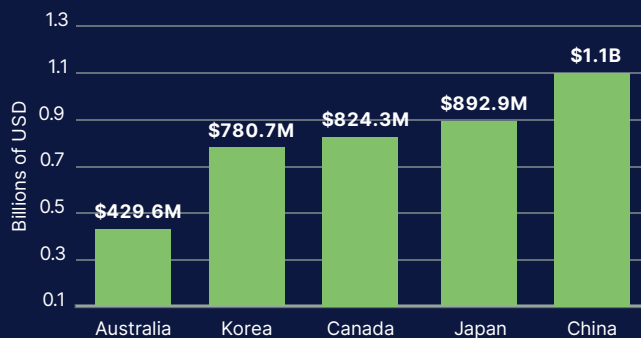
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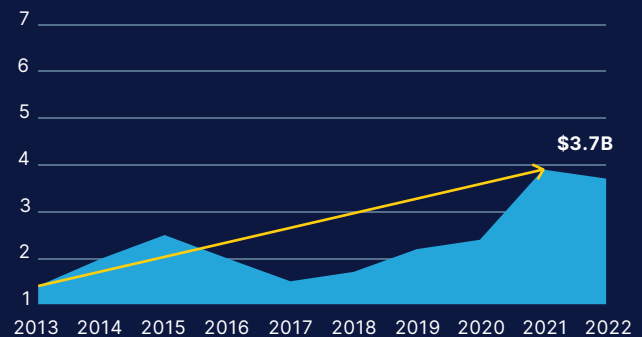


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Alaska Exports, 2013-2022

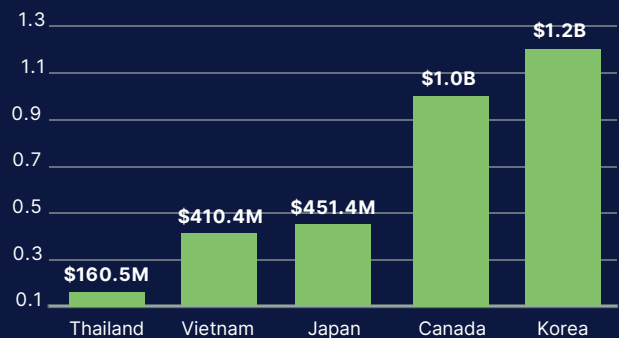


Top Alaska Export Partners – 2022

IMPORTS



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Alaska Imports, 2013-2022



Top Alaska Import Partners – 2022

✓ **EXPANDING AIR CARGO CAPACITY**

Five new cargo carriers recently joined TSAIA, with further expansion opportunities on the horizon.

✓ **GROWING DEMAND FOR SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUELS**

TSAIA consumes 2.1 million gallons of jet fuel per day, presenting opportunities for sustainable fuel investment.

✓ **TRADE & CUSTOMS ADVANTAGES**

Alaska offers Foreign Trade Zone benefits at TSAIA and the Port of Alaska, allowing for duty-free cargo transfers between planes without customs delays.

✓ **IDEAL ENVIRONMENT FOR DATA CENTERS**

A cool climate, abundant land, and freshwater resources make Alaska a prime location for energy-efficient data center operations.

Learn more about the benefits of doing business in Alaska
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