



# 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
<b>Alaska</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2,975</b>
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 4th-busiest cargo airport globally and #2 in the U.S., 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.

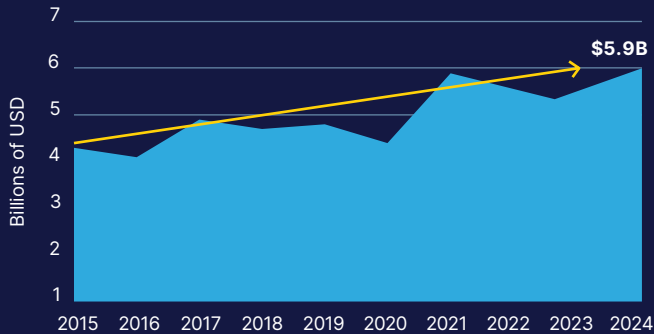


<sup>1</sup> Panama Canal Cost of \$0.2/mmbtu (including within 60-day roundtrip discount)  
Source: Team Analysis

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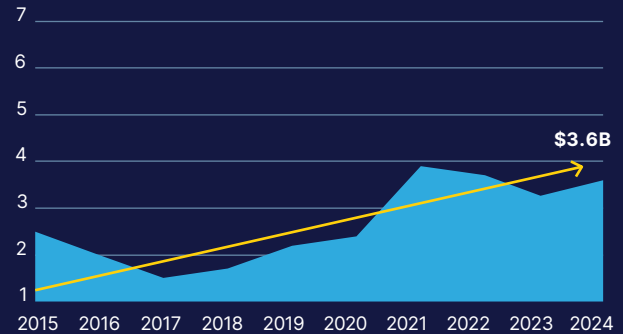
## Alaska Trade & Economy Factsheet

### EXPORTS

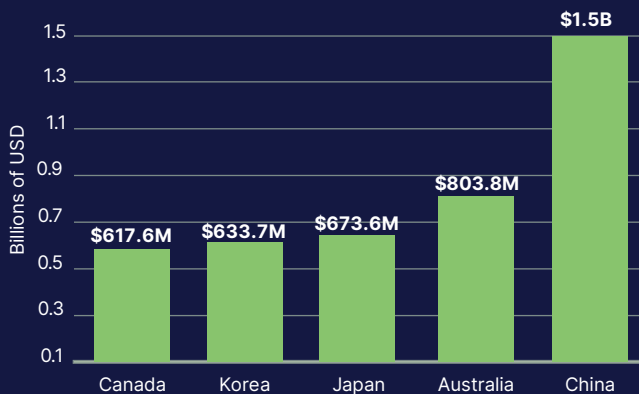


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Alaska Exports, 2015-2024

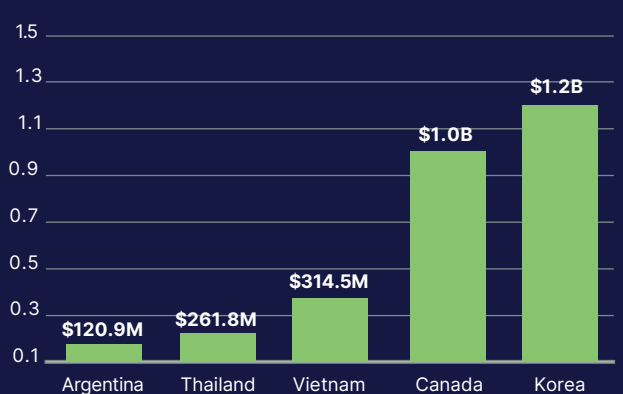
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**Top Alaska Export Partners – 2024**



**Top Alaska Import Partners – 2024**

#### ✓ 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.

