

# LAX Los Angeles International Airport AIR CARGO

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*Los Angeles World Airports*

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## Overview

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is the primary international cargo airport serving Southern California – the world's 16th largest economy. Nearly \$87 billion of the \$387 billion trade in international trade for metropolitan Los Angeles flows through LAX.

Many of the largest industrial companies headquartered in the state are located in the greater Los Angeles area, which is a leading high-technology center for the nation in the entertainment, electronics, biomedical, computer, and aerospace industries.

## LAX

Approximately 1,000 flights carrying cargo come in to and leave LAX each day.

### Cargo Facilities

Twenty-seven on airport warehouses provide 2.9 million sq.ft. of warehouse and support space. All but one of these facilities offer airside-to-landside access. Four additional off-airport warehouses providing 120,000 sq.ft. serve LAX.

### Tom Bradley International Terminal

New to LAX is the \$1.5 billion modernization and expansion of the Tom Bradley International Terminal. The new international terminal adds 18 gates, nine of which can accommodate larger aircraft such as the Airbus A-380 and 150,000 square feet of premium space. The expansion anticipates greater levels of international commerce and tourism.

## Statistics

LAX ranks 14th in the world and fifth in the United States in air cargo tonnage processed. In 2012, LAX processed more than 1.96 million tons of cargo valued at nearly \$87 billion.

China remains Los Angeles' largest trading partner with two-way trade in 2012 valued at \$21.3 billion, followed by Japan at \$8.2 billion, Hong Kong at \$3 billion, Thailand at \$2.3 billion and South Korea at \$2.3 billion.

LAX is the sixth busiest commercial passenger airport in the world and third busiest in the U.S., offering 680 daily flights to 96 domestic cities and 930 weekly nonstop flights to 59 cities in 30 countries on 63 commercial air carriers. In 2012, LAX served almost 63.7 million passengers.

More than half of the air cargo arrives and departs in the holds of passenger aircraft, allowing airlines serving LAX to offer some of the lowest airfares available to travelers.

## LAX as a Major Distribution Center

The convenience and efficiency of LAX as a major distribution center for cargo is supported by the ready availability of vital allied services, especially for Pacific Rim traders:

- More than 800 freight forwarders and 360 customs house brokers (<http://apps.cbp.gov/brokers/index.asp?portCode=2704>) are located in the Los Angeles area to



help expedite air cargo. LAX is a member of the Los Angeles Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association, Inc. (<http://www.lacbffa.org>).

- Excellent surface connections for secondary shipment of goods including:
  - o Two major seaports serve Los Angeles and Southern California.
  - o Railroads providing transportation through the U.S., Canada and Mexico.
  - o Several interstates and highways for transportation by truck.
- U.S. banks with international operations and foreign banking institutions have offices in Los Angeles.
- Foreign consulates and trade offices representing more than 70 nations, as well as more than 55 bi-national chambers of commerce and associations.

### Diverse Markets, Diverse Cargo

The products processed through LAX are as varied as the number of airlines and nations served. Shippers will find the most broadly based selection of airlines of any U.S. airport. Every major international air carrier serving the Asia-Pacific Region calls at Los Angeles, while North American, European and Latin American air carriers also fully serve LAX.

Japan is LAX's largest partner with respect to exports. In 2012, export trade with Japan was valued at \$4.7 billion, followed by China at \$4.1 billion, Hong Kong at \$3.1 billion, South Korea at \$2.3 billion, and Australia at \$2 billion. The top export commodities through LAX were civilian aircraft, engines, and parts; unmounted diamonds; computer chips; cellular, landline phones, and equipment; and medical instruments.

China is LAX's largest partner with respect to imports. In 2012, import trade with China was valued at \$17.2 billion, followed by Japan at \$3.4 billion, Thailand at \$2.3 billion; Taiwan at \$2.1 billion; and India at \$2 billion. The top import commodities through LAX were computers; cellular, landline phones, and equipment; unmounted diamonds; computer chips, and imports of returned exports.

### Extensive Air Cargo Network

The ever-growing number of air carriers and the expansion of their worldwide service area have created an extensive air-cargo-handling network at LAX. The airport has more than 2.1 million square feet of space on 194 acres developed for cargo. An additional four million square feet of space are developed for cargo use in the immediate vicinity of LAX.

Facilities convenient for shippers, forwarders and airlines alike -- are available in the 57 acre Imperial Cargo Complex, the site of extensive development by domestic and international carriers to accommodate 747-400 freighters. Major tenants currently

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include Delta, Hawaiian, Lufthansa, Air France, Cargolux, KLM, China Airlines, Yangtze River Express, China Southern, Air China, Aero Union, Air Canada, Kalitta Air and Swissport Cargo Services (a provider to several air carriers). A U.S. Customs & Border Protection cargo port is located at LAX to serve the growing trade businesses.

Improvements and enhancements by tenants and Los Angeles World Airports have been made at the 98-acre Century Cargo Complex, LAX's first air-cargo area. The newest facilities exist at United's cargo facility and in Cargo A, home to Asiana Airlines, Virgin Atlantic and Virgin Australia. American Airlines' facility recently underwent a multi-million dollar renovation and Alaska, Southwest and US Airways are located there as well.

Dedicated proprietary facilities located elsewhere on the airfield include Fed Ex's major regional cargo center, Korean Airlines and Singapore Airlines.

## LAX CARGO FACILITATION

### Animal Transport

LAX leases a facility to Jetpets, a company that assists its customers in transporting equine, pets/small animals and livestock. Jetpets also performs USDA import/export quarantine for horses and livestock.

### Refrigeration

In addition to other refrigeration facilities, Mercury Air Cargo, a cargo processor for many airlines, also maintains and operates a 16,000-square-foot refrigeration facility and perishable center, the largest of its kind among all U.S. West Coast airports.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

If you are interested in further information about cargo facilities available for lease, please contact Ramon Olivares, Director of Leasing & Development at [leasedev@lawa.org](mailto:leasedev@lawa.org).

Year	Air Mail Tons	Air Freight Tons	Total Air Cargo
2012	96,779	1,866,432	1,953,211