

Freight and Economic Vitality

Federal Highway Administration Map-21/ FAST Act

To improve national freight network, strengthen rural communities access to national and international trade markets, support regional economic development.

Sarasota/Manatee 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Improve accessibility and multimodal connectivity by promoting proximity to jobs and efficient movement of freight and goods.

Sea



- **Port Manatee**
- Imports natural gas, fruits/vegetables, granite, petroleum products, and salt.
- Exports fertilizer, petroleum projects, juice NCF, linerboard, and scrap material.

Truck



- **I-75**
- I-75 has truck volumes ranging from 9% south of Laurel Road in Sarasota County to 15% north of the I-275 interchange in Manatee County.
- Other freight corridors include US 301, University Parkway, I-275, and US 41

Rail



- **CSX Railway**
- Travels south from Hillsborough County into Manatee County, traveling parallel to the west of US 41 and I-75 and running adjacent to Port Manatee.
- **Seminole-Gulf Railway**
- Short line railway from SR 70 to just north of SR 72.

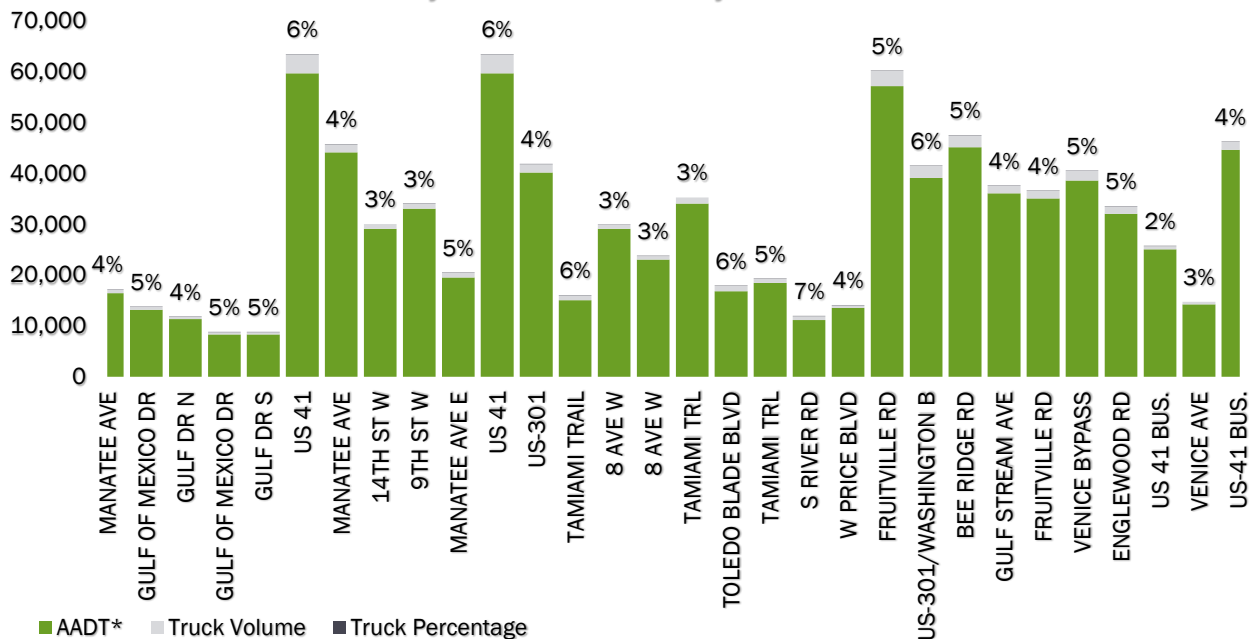
Air



- **Sarasota-Bradenton Airport**
- One of the main facilities tourists use to reach the area for seasonal residency and vacation.
- In 2015, Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport had over 1.2 million passengers pass through the airport which is nearly 2% more than in 2014.

Piney Point Road, west of US 41, is the entrance to Port Manatee and has the highest percentage of truck traffic at 27%.

% of Daily Truck Volumes by Jurisdiction



*AADT = annual average daily traffic

Source: Florida Department of Transportation Online Traffic Data

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From 2010 to 2040, the regional population is projected to increase by **41%**



2015 FDOT AADT and Truck Volumes for Regional Bridges

The barrier islands are the region's number one tourist destination and freight generator. Bridges are the only link for tourists, workers, and freight to reach the barrier islands from the mainland.

Barrier Island Bridges Freight Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)

Facility	Location	AADT*	Truck Volumes	Truck Percentage
SR 789	Ringling Causeway	35,000	1,319	4%
SR 72	Stickney Point Road Bridge	25,000	770	3%
SR 64	Manatee Avenue Bridge	16,400	707	4%
SR 684	Cortez Road Bridge	15,700	620	4%
SR 758	Siesta Drive Bridge	16,200	588	4%

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Top regional private sector employers

Publix

3,316 employees

PGT Industries

1,924 employees

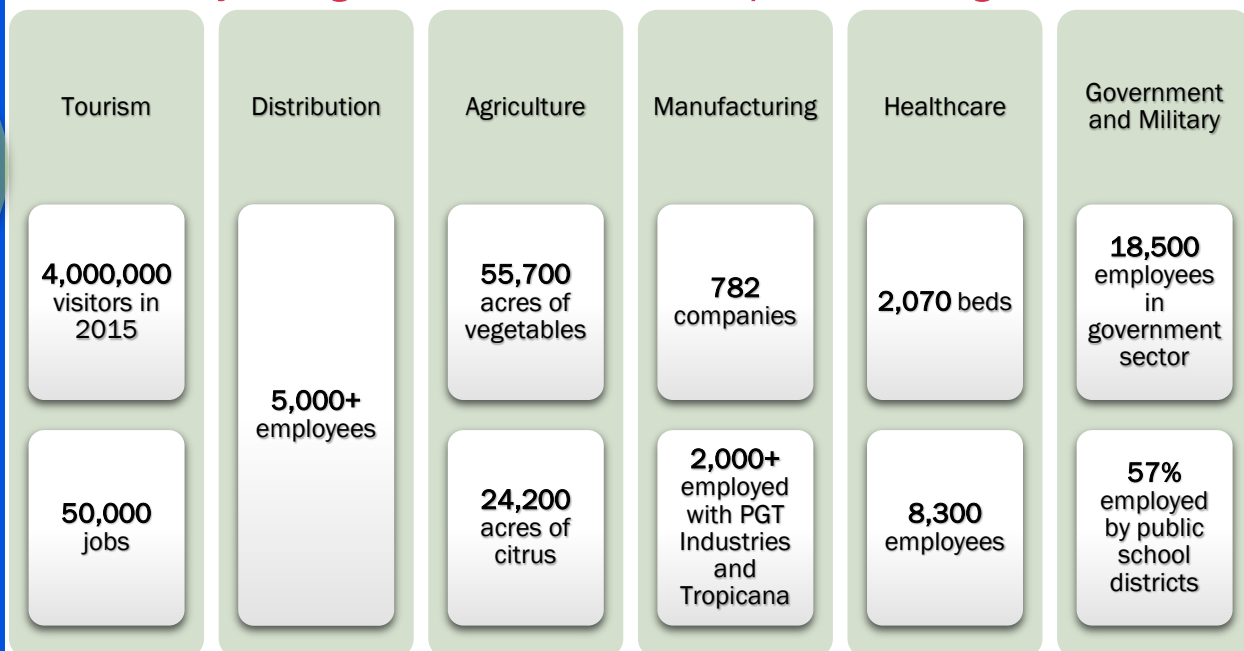
Beall's Inc.

1,694 employees

Tropicana, Inc.

1,000 employees

Major Freight Generators in Sarasota/ Manatee Region



Source: 2040 LRTP Freight and Goods Movement

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