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Port Panama City Sets Cargo Record in Fiscal Year 2026

Panama City, Fla.— October 26, 2026 — Port Panama City handled a record 2,240,068 tons of cargo in fiscal year 2026, a 4.4% increase over the previous year and a 12.6% increase over fiscal year 2024. The fiscal year ran from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

“This record year reflects the hard work of our team, our tenants, our labor partners and the carriers who trust Port Panama City with their cargo,” said Bob Majka, Executive Director of the Panama City Port Authority. “Growth in copper, steel, cement and wood pellets shows the strength of the industries we serve, and we are proud of what it means for jobs and the economy of Bay County and Northwest Florida.”

Fiscal year 2026 highlights

- **Copper imports** rose 9% to 511,014 tons.
- **Wood pellet exports** grew 3.5% to 801,253 tons.
- **Bagged cement imports** increased 60% to 221,280 tons.
- **Steel**, including imported plate and domestic plate and pipe, climbed 30.5% to 205,741 tons.
- **Barge calls** increased from 77 to 110.

The Port handled 1,076,380 tons of imports, 1,018,737 tons of exports and 144,951 tons of domestic cargo. General cargo increased 5.8% to 1,313,347 tons, while bulk cargo grew 2.4% to 926,721 tons. The Port’s team served 349 vessel calls during the fiscal year, including 206 ships, 110 barges and 33 other vessels.

Fiscal year 2026 marks the second consecutive year of cargo growth at Port Panama City, with total tonnage increasing by more than 250,000 tons since fiscal year 2024. Cargo moving through the Port supports businesses and jobs throughout Bay County and Northwest Florida.

To support continued growth, Port Panama City is investing in infrastructure and facility improvements that expand capacity, enhance cargo handling efficiency and strengthen its ability to serve customers. These investments will help accommodate future cargo demand and support economic development throughout Northwest Florida.

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The Panama City Port Authority is a dynamic regional port that handles over two million tons of cargo annually. The Port Authority provides full terminal and handling services for a diverse mix of containerized, breakbulk, and bulk cargoes. The Port also supports two on-port heavy manufacturing companies and supports several large manufacturers in the region with vital port services. The Port continues to experience growth through continually investing in modern seaport infrastructure, promoting trade with countries around the globe, and aggressively supporting industrial development.