• 38 deep-water ports
• In the center of the Great Lakes, the largest reservoir of fresh water in the world (94,710 square miles; 245,289 km²)
• All ports have access to the Great Lakes shipping system—and to the Atlantic via the St. Lawrence Seaway
• Connection to the Gulf of Mexico and the Mississippi River via U.S. Coast Guard-approved Mississippi Barge Route
• U.S. Customs offices serve all Michigan ports from Detroit, Port Huron, Saginaw and Sault Ste. Marie
• Excellent intermodal facilities and service
• 87 recreational boating harbors