

# Why is **Memphis**, “America’s Distribution Center”?

- #1** busiest cargo airport in the world
- #3** in Class I railroad service in the U.S.
- #1** in percent of logistics workforce
- #4** U.S. inland port
- #3** trucking corridor in the U.S.

## Memphis Logistics Growth, 1995-2004

**30,663** Logistics jobs

**62,551,203** square feet of new warehouse space

**\$2,952,050,770** in new logistics investment

**111** relocated logistics companies

**197** expansions of existing logistics companies

## #1 in percent of logistics workforce

### LABOR

Memphis has the highest share of warehouse and transportation workforce among the top 100 cities according

to the Living Cities Interactive Databooks from The Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy of The Brookings Institution based on information from Census 2000. Memphis has 11.4% of its workforce employed as workers in transportation, warehousing, and utilities – the highest share among the top 100 cities in the U.S. The Memphis warehouse and transportation sector ranks 6th nationally in total size. When the wholesale trade sector is added in, the percentage of the overall labor force goes to 17% and the number of logistics workers totaled 100,000 for the Memphis metro area in 2004.

