

# Louisville Forward

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## Memorandum

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Louisville is a strategic location for Logistics Clusters due to its valuable location and infrastructure and impressive growth.

### Location and Infrastructure

Louisville was founded on the Ohio River and became a major river port, shipping resources to business across the country. Today, it sits within a day's drive of 2/3s of the nation thanks to the convergence of interstates 64, 65, and 71, and numerous railways intersecting the city. International shipping is bolstered by Louisville's inland ports and private terminals along the river banks and the presence of an international airport and the UPS Worldport, which provides around-the-clock shipping.

### Growth

Louisville is a national leader when it comes to logistics, currently employing around 40,000 people and growing, with a growth rate of 20% versus the national average of only 8%. Specialized trucking also grew by nearly 45% between 2003 and 2013. City projects, such as the Ohio River Bridges project, will further increase Louisville's value as a logistics hub.

Louisville's location, resources, and current rate of growth has made it an important hub for Logistics, and will continue to grow and thrive in today's age of logistics.