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## Airport's Foreign Trade Zone 68 Ranks Among Nation's Top in Trade & Exports

**El Paso, Texas**—According to the Foreign Trade Zones Board's recent Annual Report to Congress, El Paso International Airport's Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) 68 ranked **third in the nation for exports**, rising from 11th in the previous report.

The ranking places El Paso ahead of other highly competitive regional zones and makes FTZ 68 the top exporter among Texas' 35 FTZs. FTZ 68 reported \$3.7 billion in exports from zone clients, reinforcing El Paso's growing role as a global trade hub. FTZ 68 also ranked 17th nationally in Merchandise Received, with \$15.4 billion in total volume moved through client operations.

"This achievement reflects the strength of El Paso's strategic location and the commitment of our FTZ team," Airport Director Tony Nevarez said. "As FTZ 68 continues to grow, we anticipate even greater volumes of exports and receipts, creating more jobs and opportunities for our region."

The economic impact of FTZ 68:

- Supports nearly 3,000 jobs in the region (771 direct and 2,159 indirect).
- Adds \$7.6 billion in value to the local economy.
- Includes these top merchandise categories: Electronics Products (63%) and Automotive Parts (22%).

"This ranking reflects what we're seeing on the ground: more companies are turning to FTZ 68 to keep goods moving and stay competitive," said David Panko, Foreign-Trade Zone 68 Manager. "El Paso's location next to Mexico gives our region a strategic advantage for nearshoring, and we're focused on helping clients grow while strengthening the local economy."

For more information about FTZ 68 which remains a cornerstone of economic development, driving growth and competitiveness for the region, visit <https://www.trade.gov/annual-report> and [FlyElPaso.com](https://www.flyelpaso.com).

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