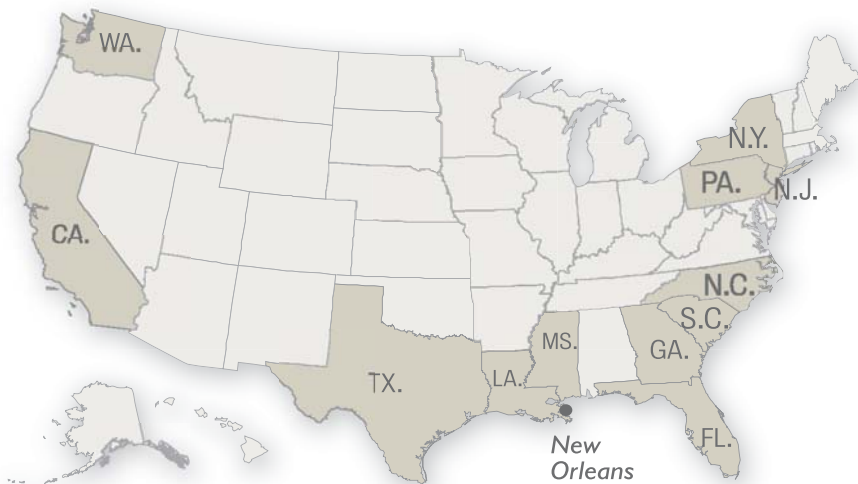


Drywall shipments from China

Since 2006, more than 550 million pounds of drywall were imported from China into the United States, enough to make tens of thousands of houses. Sixty percent of Chinese drywall came into Florida, through seven ports, including Port Manatee.

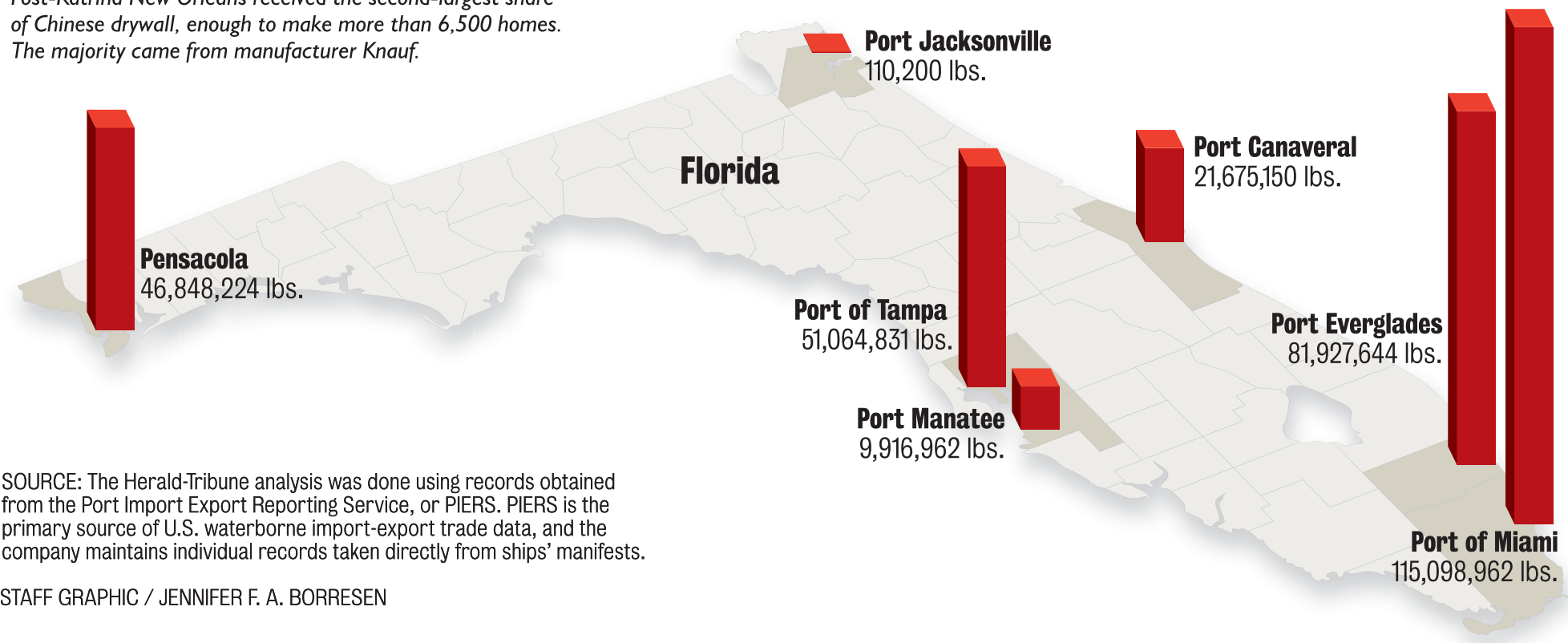
States importing at least 1 million pounds of drywall from China since Jan. 1, 2006.



Drywall experts say a standard 12-foot by 4-foot drywall board weighs about 90 pounds on average. A typical 2,000-square-foot home uses about 100 such boards. By that estimation, enough Chinese drywall entered the U.S. since 2006 to potentially make more than 61,000 homes, and more than 36,000 in Florida alone.

	Number of pounds	Est. number drywall boards	Est. number of homes
FL	326,641,973 lbs.	3,630,000	36,000
LA	60,153,501 lbs.	668,000	7,000
CA	51,934,137 lbs.	577,000	6,000
MS	27,261,276 lbs.	303,000	3,000
TX	19,908,997 lbs.	221,000	2,000
SC	18,797,475 lbs.	209,000	2,000
NC	18,050,760 lbs.	201,000	2,000
NY	15,864,470 lbs.	176,000	1,800
GA	6,050,370 lbs.	67,000	670
WA	2,437,491 lbs.	27,000	270
PA	2,173,144 lbs.	24,000	240
NJ	1,520,760 lbs.	17,000	170

Post-Katrina New Orleans received the second-largest share of Chinese drywall, enough to make more than 6,500 homes. The majority came from manufacturer Knauf.



SOURCE: The Herald-Tribune analysis was done using records obtained from the Port Import Export Reporting Service, or PIERS. PIERS is the primary source of U.S. waterborne import-export trade data, and the company maintains individual records taken directly from ships' manifests.

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