

The International Affairs Budget Working for Alabama

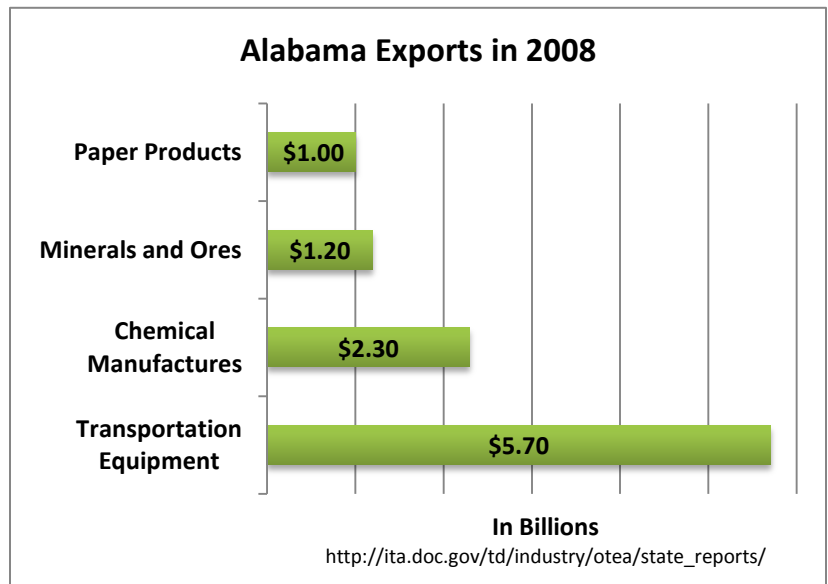
Employment

- Trade supported 428,486 jobs in Alabama in 2006, or 17.5% of total jobs, up from 9.3% in 1992.¹ One-sixth (16.9%) of all manufacturing workers in Alabama depended on exports for their jobs.²
- In 2007, 80,500 people in Alabama were employed by U.S. affiliates of companies that are at least 50% foreign-owned.³



Trade

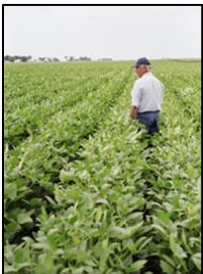
- Alabama exported \$15.9 billion in merchandise to 187 foreign markets in 2008 (a 75% increase over 2004). Alabama's largest market in 2008 was Germany (\$3.2 billion), followed by Canada (\$2.8 billion), Mexico (\$1.0 billion), China (\$817 million), and Japan (\$732 million).⁴
- In 2007, 2,632 companies exported goods from Alabama. Of these, 81% were small- and medium-sized enterprises with fewer than 500 employees.⁵
- Agricultural exports are important to Alabama's economy, totaling \$1 billion and supporting about 11,580 jobs in 2008.⁶
- Since 2005, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$339.9 million in exports from 43 companies in 17 communities in Alabama.⁷



Education

- In 2007-2008, 2,022 Alabama students studied abroad, a 21.2% increase over the previous academic year.⁸
- During 2008-2009, 6,814 international students were enrolled in Alabama colleges and universities and contributed \$128.5 million to the Alabama economy.⁹

International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 957 Peace Corps volunteers from Alabama have served in dozens of countries overseas.¹⁰
- Support from U.S. government grants and contracts to private voluntary organizations engaged in foreign assistance and development in Alabama totaled \$440,000 (USAID only) in 2007.¹¹

¹ http://trade.businessroundtable.org/trade_2006/doha/mappop.html

² http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state_reports/

³ Anderson, Thomas and William J. Zeile. "Operations of U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Companies: Preliminary Results From the 2007 Benchmark Survey". Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce. http://www.bea.gov/scb/pdf/2009/11%20November/1109_foreign.pdf

⁴ http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state_reports/

⁵ http://www.ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state_reports/index.html

⁶ <http://www.fas.usda.gov/info/factsheets/WTO/states.html>

⁷ <https://webappsprod01.exim.gov/apps/usmap/usmap.nsf>

⁸ Institute of International Education. "Open Doors 2009 Report on International Educational Exchange Institute of International Education". Table 26 STUDY ABROAD BY U.S. STATE, 2006/07 & 2007/08 <http://opendoors.iienetwork.org/?p=150840>

⁹ http://www.nafsa.org/public_policy.sec/international_education_1

¹⁰ <http://multimedia.peacecorps.gov/multimedia/pdf/stats/homestates.pdf>

¹¹ <http://www.pvo.net/usaid/>