

The International Affairs Budget Working for Alaska

Employment

- Trade supported 79,768 jobs in Alaska in 2006, or 18.7% of total jobs, up from 8.1% in 1992.¹ Almost one-tenth (7.9%) of all manufacturing workers in Alaska depended on exports for their jobs.²
- In 2007, 11,700 people in Alaska were employed by U.S. affiliates of companies that are at least 50% foreign-owned.³



Trade

- Alaska exported \$3.5 billion in merchandise to 100 foreign markets in 2008. Alaska's largest market in 2008 was Japan (\$1.1 billion), followed by China (\$733 million), Canada (\$370 million), South Korea (\$366 million), and Germany (\$208 million).⁴
- In 2007, 333 companies exported goods from Alaska. Of these, 11% were small- and medium-sized enterprises with fewer than 500 employees.⁵
- Agricultural exports are important to Alaska's economy, totaling \$4.7 million in 2008.⁶
- Since 2005, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$40.9 million in exports from 5 companies in 5 communities in Alaska.⁷



Education

- In 2007-2008, 142 Alaska students studied abroad, an 18.3% increase over the previous academic year.⁸
- During 2008-2009, 596 international students were enrolled in Alaskan colleges and universities and contributed \$13.3 million to the Alaska economy.⁹

International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 879 Peace Corps volunteers from Alaska have served in dozens of countries overseas.¹⁰

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".

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

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