

The International Affairs Budget Working for Mississippi

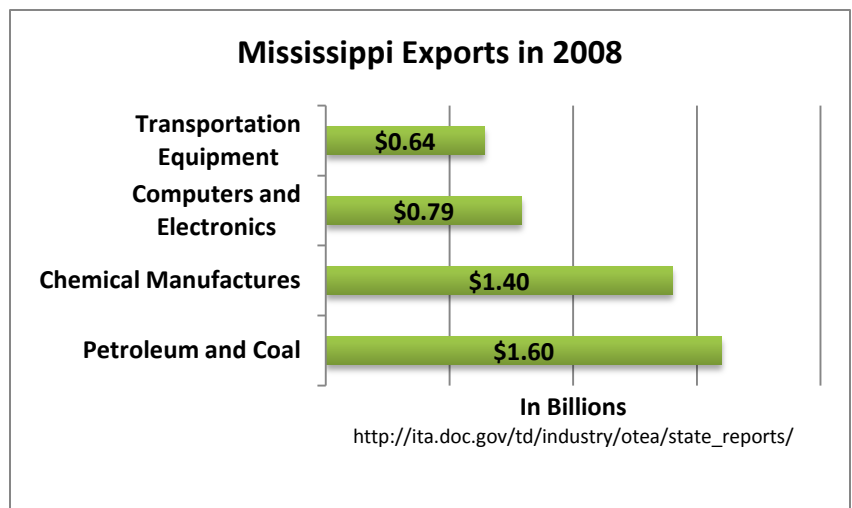
Employment

- Trade supported 236,660 jobs in Mississippi in 2006, or 17.7% of total jobs, up from 8.6% in 1992.¹ Over one-eighth (13.1%) of all manufacturing workers in Mississippi depended on exports for their jobs.²
- In 2007, 24,500 people in Mississippi were employed by U.S. affiliates of companies that are at least 50% foreign-owned.³



Trade

- Mississippi exported \$7.3 billion in merchandise to 168 foreign markets in 2008 (a 130% increase over 2004). Mississippi's largest market in 2008 was Canada (\$1.4 billion), followed by Mexico (\$1.1 billion), China (\$379 million), and Panama (\$284 million).⁴
- In 2007, 1,214 companies exported goods from Mississippi. Of these, 75% were small- and medium-sized enterprises with fewer than 500 employees.⁵
- Agricultural exports are important to Mississippi's economy, totaling \$1.6 billion and supporting about 18,532 jobs in 2008.⁶
- Since 2005, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$60.7 million in exports from 22 companies in 16 communities in Mississippi.⁷



Education

- During the 2007-2008 academic year, 941 Mississippi students studied abroad.⁸
- In 2008-2009, 2,589 international students were enrolled in Mississippi colleges and universities and contributed \$44.2 million to the Mississippi economy.⁹

International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 422 Peace Corps volunteers from Mississippi 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/

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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>