

## The International Affairs Budget Working for Rhode Island

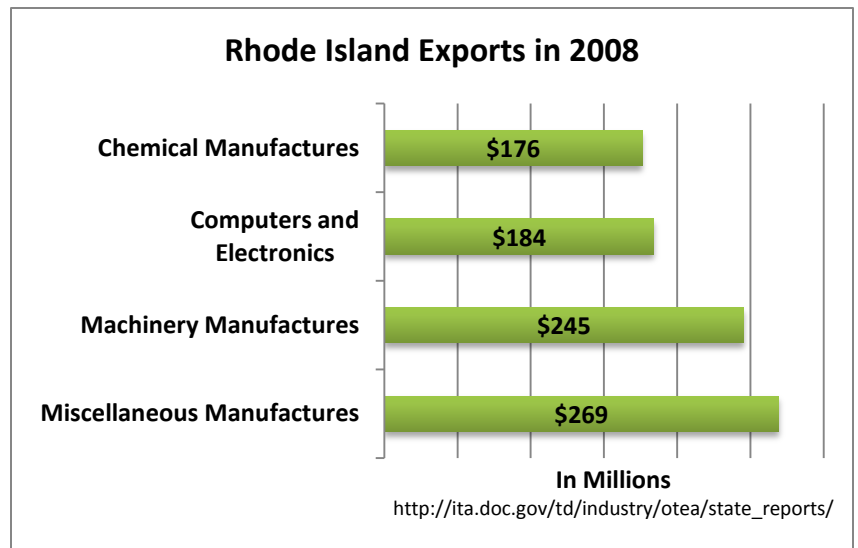
### Employment

- Trade supported 112,886 jobs in Rhode Island in 2006, or 18.7% of total jobs, up from 9.3% in 1992.<sup>1</sup> Over one-sixth (17.9%) of all manufacturing workers in Rhode Island depended on exports for their jobs.<sup>2</sup>
- In 2007, 25,500 people in Rhode Island were employed by U.S. affiliates of companies that are at least 50% foreign-owned.<sup>3</sup>



### Trade

- Rhode Island exported \$2 billion in merchandise to 154 foreign markets in 2008. Rhode Island's largest market in 2008 was Canada (\$583 million), followed by the United Kingdom (\$173 million), the Netherlands (\$126 million), Germany (\$109 million), and Mexico (\$82 million).<sup>4</sup>
- In 2007, 1,416 companies exported goods from Rhode Island. Of these, 88% were small- and medium-sized enterprises with fewer than 500 employees.<sup>5</sup>
- Agricultural exports are important to New England's economy, totaling \$711 million and supporting about 18,235 Rhode Island jobs in 2008.<sup>6</sup>
- Since 2005, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$39.8 million in exports from 25 companies in 15 communities in Rhode Island.<sup>7</sup>



### Education

- In 2007-2008, 2,493 Rhode Island students studied abroad, a 12.4% increase over the previous academic year.<sup>8</sup>
- During 2008-2009, 4,115 international students were enrolled in Rhode Island colleges and universities and contributed \$142.6 million to the Rhode Island economy.<sup>9</sup>

### International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 921 Peace Corps volunteers from Rhode Island have served in dozens of countries overseas.<sup>10</sup>
- Support from U.S. government grants and contracts to private voluntary organizations engaged in foreign assistance and development in Rhode Island totaled over \$10 million in 2007.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [http://trade.businessroundtable.org/trade\\_2006/doha/mappop.html](http://trade.businessroundtable.org/trade_2006/doha/mappop.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state\\_reports/](http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state_reports/)

<sup>3</sup> 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](http://www.bea.gov/scb/pdf/2009/11%20November/1109_foreign.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state\\_reports/](http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state_reports/)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state\\_reports/index.html](http://www.ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state_reports/index.html)

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

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

<sup>8</sup> 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>

<sup>9</sup> [http://www.nafsa.org/public\\_policy.sec/international\\_education\\_1](http://www.nafsa.org/public_policy.sec/international_education_1)

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

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.pvo.net/usaid/>