

## The International Affairs Budget Working for West Virginia

### Employment

- Trade supported 162,217 jobs in West Virginia in 2006, or 18.1 % of total jobs, up from 11.2% in 1992.<sup>1</sup> About one-sixth (17%) of all manufacturing workers in West Virginia depended on exports for their jobs.<sup>2</sup>
- In 2007, 21,100 people in West Virginia were employed by U.S. affiliates of companies that are at least 50% foreign-owned.<sup>3</sup>



### Trade

- West Virginia exported \$5.6 billion in merchandise to 125 foreign markets in 2008 (a 73% increase over 2004). West Virginia's largest market in 2008 was Canada (\$1.3 billion) followed by Japan (\$497 million), Brazil (\$357 million), Belgium (\$323 million), and the Netherlands (\$302 million).<sup>4</sup>
- In 2007, 718 companies exported goods from West Virginia. Of these, 74% were small- and medium-sized enterprises with fewer than 500 employees.<sup>5</sup>
- Agricultural exports are important to West Virginia's economy, totaling \$66 million in 2008.<sup>6</sup>
- Since 2005, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed over \$114 million in exports from 10 companies in 7 communities in West Virginia.<sup>7</sup>



### Education

- In 2007-2008, 1,022 West Virginia students studied abroad, a 1.5% increase over the previous academic year.<sup>8</sup>
- During 2008-2009, 2,732 international students were enrolled in West Virginia colleges and universities and contributed over \$59 million to the West Virginia economy.<sup>9</sup>

### International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 598 Peace Corps volunteers from West Virginia 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 West Virginia totaled \$330,000 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".

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<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/>