

The International Affairs Budget Working for Alabama

Agriculture

- Agricultural exports are important to Alabama's statewide economy, totaling \$572 million and supporting over 6,800 jobs in 2006. The top agricultural exports are poultry, cotton, peanuts, wheat and feed grains¹.

Education

- During 2006-2007, 6,933 foreign students were enrolled in Alabama colleges and universities and contributed almost \$118 million to the Alabama economy².

Exports

- Today, trade supports 428,486 jobs in Alabama, or 17.5 percent of total jobs, up from only 9.3 percent in 1992³.

- In 2007, Alabama exported goods globally to 187 foreign markets, generating revenues that totaled \$14.4 billion. The major exports produced by Alabama are⁴:

- Transportation Equipment (\$5.9 billion)
- Chemical Manufactures (\$2 billion)
- Machinery Manufactures (\$936 million)
- Paper Products (\$900 million).



- In 2006, 2,371 companies exported goods from Alabama. One-sixth (16.9%) of all manufacturing workers in Alabama depend on exports for their jobs⁵.
- Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was signed in 1993, Alabama's combined exports to Canada and Mexico have increased 239 percent⁶.

Export Assistance

- Since 2004, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$373.9 million in exports from 38 companies in 14 communities in Alabama⁷.

International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 940 Peace Corps volunteers from Alabama have served in dozens of countries overseas⁸.
- USAID has granted millions of dollars in funding to projects administered by two Alabama Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs), The Admiral Jeremiah Denton Foundation and Global Impact, Inc⁹.
- The Total State Organization Dollar value of support was \$844,210 from U.S. government grants and contracts, other governments, and international organizations¹⁰.

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- ¹ <http://www.fas.usda.gov/info/factsheets/WTO/states.html>
 - ² http://www.nafsa.org/public_policy.sec/international_education_1
 - ³ http://trade.businessroundtable.org/trade_2006/doha/mappop.html
 - ⁴ http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state_reports/
 - ⁵ Ibid
 - ⁶ http://www.export.gov/fta/peru/peru_statedata.asp
 - ⁷ <https://apps.exim.gov/apps/usmap/usmap.nsf>
 - ⁸ http://www.peacecorps.gov/multimedia/pdf/policies/peacecorps_cbj_2009.pdf
 - ⁹ <http://www.pvo.net/usaid/>
 - ¹⁰ Ibid