

The International Affairs Budget Working for Colorado

Agriculture

- Agricultural exports are important to Colorado's statewide economy, totaling \$852 million and supporting over 10,000 jobs in 2006. The top five agricultural export goods are live animals and meat, wheat and products, hides and skins, feed and grains, and vegetable and preparations¹.



Education

- During 2006-2007, 5,315 foreign students were enrolled in Colorado colleges and universities and contributed almost \$130 million to the Colorado economy².

Exports

- In 2006, international trade supported 553,115 jobs in Colorado, or 18.5 percent of total jobs, up from 11 percent in 1992³.
- In 2007, Colorado exported goods globally to 197 foreign markets, generating revenues that totaled \$7.4 billion. The major exports produced by Colorado are⁴:
 - Computers and Electronics (\$3.1 billion)
 - Processed Foods (\$832 million)
 - Machinery Manufactures (\$682 million)
 - Chemical Manufactures (\$645 million)
- In 2006, 4,133 companies exported goods from Colorado. Just under one-fifth (18.6%) of all manufacturing workers in Colorado depend on exports for their jobs⁵.
- Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) entered into force in 1994, Colorado's combined exports to Canada and Mexico increased 270 percent⁶.

Export Assistance

- Since 2004, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$398.27 million in exports from Colorado supporting 64 companies in 25 communities⁷.

International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, over 6,067 Peace Corps volunteers from Colorado have served in dozens of countries overseas⁸.
- USAID has granted millions of dollars in funding to projects administered by numerous Colorado Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) including International Development Enterprises and Water for People⁹.
- The Total State Organization Dollar value of support was approximately \$3.3 million from USAID (through freight, donated food, grants, and contracts) and \$9.7 million from U.S. government grants and contracts, other governments, and international organizations¹⁰.

- 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/usaaid/>
- ¹⁰ Ibid