

The International Affairs Budget Working for Connecticut

Agriculture

- Agricultural exports are important to Connecticut's statewide economy, totaling \$98 million in 2006. The top agricultural export goods are wheat, tobacco leaf, vegetables, fruits and planting seeds¹.

Education

- During 2006-2007, 7,403 foreign students were enrolled in Connecticut colleges and universities and contributed almost \$218 million to the Connecticut economy².

Exports

- Today, trade supports 402,539 jobs in Connecticut, or 18.8 percent of total jobs, up from 10.6 percent in 1992³.
- In 2007, Connecticut exported goods globally to 194 foreign markets, generating revenues that totaled \$13.7 billion. The major exports produced by Connecticut are⁴:
 - Transportation Equipment (\$5.7 billion)
 - Machinery Manufactures (\$1.6 billion)
 - Chemical Manufactures (\$1.4 billion)
 - Computers and Electronics (\$1.3 billion)
- In 2006, 4,636 companies exported goods from Connecticut. Almost one-third (29.2%) of all manufacturing workers in Connecticut depend on exports for their jobs⁵.
- Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) entered into force in 1994, Connecticut's combined exports to Canada and Mexico increased 162%⁶.



Export Assistance

- Since 2004, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$904.83 million in exports from Connecticut supporting 88 companies in 47 communities⁷.

International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 2,912 Peace Corps volunteers from Connecticut have served in dozens of countries overseas⁸.
- USAID has granted millions of dollars in funding to projects administered by numerous Connecticut Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) including the Children's Hunger Relief Fund; Healthcare Charities, Inc.; and the Asia Foundation⁹.
- The Total State Organization Dollar value of support was approximately \$75 million from USAID (through freight, donated food, grants, and contracts) and \$69 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