

## The International Affairs Budget Working for Illinois

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### Agriculture

- Illinois was the fourth largest U.S. exporter of agricultural goods, totaling \$3.8 billion and supporting almost 45,000 jobs in 2006. The top agricultural export goods are feed grains, soybeans, live animals, wheat and feeds and fodders<sup>1</sup>.

### Education

- During 2006-2007, 25,594 foreign students were enrolled in Illinois colleges and universities and contributed almost \$662 million to the Illinois economy<sup>2</sup>.

### Exports

- In 2006, international trade supported 1.3 million jobs in Illinois, or 18.4 percent of total jobs, up from 10.7 percent in 1992<sup>3</sup>.
- In 2007, Illinois was the fifth largest exporter of U.S. goods sending them globally to 216 foreign markets and generating revenues that totaled \$48.9 billion. The major exports produced by Illinois are<sup>4</sup>:
  - Machinery Manufactures (\$12.7 billion)
  - Transportation Equipment (\$7.5 billion)
  - Chemical Manufactures (\$6.2 billion)
  - Computers and Electronics (\$5.8 billion)
- In 2006, 14,502 companies exported goods from Illinois. About one-fifth (20.1%) of all manufacturing workers in Illinois depend on exports for their jobs<sup>5</sup>.
- Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) entered into force in 1994, Illinois's combined exports to Canada and Mexico increased 148 percent<sup>6</sup>.



### Export Assistance

- Since 2004, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$1.96 billion in exports from Illinois supporting 264 companies in 109 communities<sup>7</sup>.

### International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, over 7,287 Peace Corps volunteers from Illinois have served in dozens of countries overseas<sup>8</sup>.
- USAID has granted millions of dollars in funding to projects administered by numerous Illinois Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) including The Lions Club International and the Field Museum of Natural History<sup>9</sup>.
- The Total State Organization Dollar value of support was approximately \$27.8 million from USAID (through freight, donated food, grants, and contracts) and \$136.5 million from U.S. government grants and contracts, other governments, and international organizations<sup>10</sup>.

- <sup>1</sup> <http://www.fas.usda.gov/info/factsheets/WTO/states.html>
- <sup>2</sup> [http://www.nafsa.org/public\\_policy.sec/international\\_education\\_1](http://www.nafsa.org/public_policy.sec/international_education_1)
- <sup>3</sup> [http://trade.businessroundtable.org/trade\\_2006/doha/mappop.html](http://trade.businessroundtable.org/trade_2006/doha/mappop.html)
- <sup>4</sup> [http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state\\_reports/](http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state_reports/)
- <sup>5</sup> Ibid
- <sup>6</sup> [http://www.export.gov/fta/peru/peru\\_statedata.asp](http://www.export.gov/fta/peru/peru_statedata.asp)
- <sup>7</sup> <https://apps.exim.gov/apps/usmap/usmap.nsf>
- <sup>8</sup> [http://www.peacecorps.gov/multimedia/pdf/policies/peacecorps\\_cbj\\_2009.pdf](http://www.peacecorps.gov/multimedia/pdf/policies/peacecorps_cbj_2009.pdf)
- <sup>9</sup> <http://www.pvo.net/usaaid/>
- <sup>10</sup> Ibid