

The International Affairs Budget Working for Maryland

Agriculture

- Agricultural exports are important to Maryland's statewide economy, totaling \$313 million and supporting over 3,700 jobs in 2006. The top agricultural export goods are poultry, feed grains, soybeans, and wheat¹.

Education

- During 2006-2007, 13,562 foreign students were enrolled in Maryland colleges and universities and contributed \$364 million to the Maryland economy².

Exports

- Today, trade supports 639,166 jobs in Maryland, or 20 percent of total jobs, up from only 11 percent in 1992³.
- In 2007, Maryland exported goods globally to 205 foreign markets, generating revenues that totaled \$8.9 billion. The major exports produced by Maryland are⁴:
 - Transportation Equipment (\$2 billion)
 - Chemical Manufactures (\$1.5 billion)
 - Computer and Electronics (\$1.4 billion)
 - Machinery Manufactures (\$827 million)
- In 2006, 3,688 companies exported goods from Maryland. Nearly one-ninth (11.3%) of all manufacturing workers in Maryland depend on exports for their jobs⁵.
- Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was signed in 1993, Maryland's combined exports to Canada and Mexico increased 49 percent⁶.



Export Assistance

- Since 2004, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$1.0 billion in exports from 55 companies in 24 communities in Maryland⁷.

International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 5,090 Peace Corps volunteers from Maryland have served in dozens of countries overseas⁸.
- USAID has granted millions of dollars in funding to projects administered by 23 Maryland Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) including Catholic Relief Services and the International Youth Foundation⁹.
- The Total State Organization Dollar value of support was approximately \$379 million from USAID (through freight, donated food, grants, and contracts) and \$196 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/usaid/>
- ¹⁰ Ibid