

The International Affairs Budget Working for Minnesota

Agriculture

- Minnesota was America's seventh leading exporter of agricultural products, totaling \$2.9 billion and supporting over 35,300 jobs in 2006. The top agricultural export goods are soybeans, feed grains, live animals, wheat and vegetables¹.



Education

- During 2006-2007, 9,048 foreign students were enrolled in Minnesota colleges and universities and contributed over \$186 million to the Minnesota economy².

Exports

- Today, trade supports 626,025 jobs in Minnesota, or 18.3 percent of total jobs, up from 10.8 percent in 1992³.
- In 2007, Minnesota exported goods globally to 204 foreign markets, generating revenues that totaled \$18 billion. The major exports produced by Minnesota are⁴:
 - Computer and Electronics (\$4 billion)
 - Machinery Manufactures (\$2.6 billion)
 - Transportation Equipment (\$2.2 billion)
 - Miscellaneous Manufactures (\$2.1 billion)
- In 2006, 5,755 companies exported goods from Minnesota. Over one-sixth (18.1%) of all manufacturing workers in Minnesota depend on exports for their jobs⁵.
- Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was signed in 1993, Minnesota's combined exports to Canada and Mexico increased 127 percent⁶.

Export Assistance

- Since 2004, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$740.37 million in exports from 125 companies in 47 communities in Minnesota⁷.

International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 5,720 Peace Corps volunteers from Minnesota have served in dozens of countries overseas⁸.
- USAID has granted millions of dollars in funding to projects administered by 17 Minnesota Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) including Mercy-USA for Aid and Development and Christian Mission Aid⁹.
- The Total State Organization Dollar value of support was approximately \$9.9 million from USAID (through freight, donated food, grants, and contracts) and \$23 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