

The International Affairs Budget Working for Montana

Agriculture

- Agricultural exports are important to Montana's statewide economy, totaling \$590 million and supporting 7,000 jobs in 2006. The top agricultural export goods are wheat, feeds and fodders, vegetables, feed grains, and seeds¹.



Education

- During 2006-2007, 958 foreign students were enrolled in Montana colleges and universities and contributed \$20 million to the Montana economy².

Exports

- Today, trade supports 108,935 jobs in Montana, or 18.2 percent of total jobs, up from only 11.3 percent in 1992³.
- In 2007, Montana exported goods globally to 121 foreign markets, generating revenues that totaled \$1.1 billion. The major exports produced by Montana are⁴:
 - Chemical Manufactures (\$261 million)
 - Machinery Manufactures (\$172 million)
 - Transportation Equipment (\$122 million)
 - Primary Metal Manufactures (\$97 million)
- In 2006, 691 companies exported goods from Montana. Over one-tenth (10.1%) of all manufacturing workers in Montana depend on exports for their jobs⁵.
- Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was signed in 1993, Montana's combined exports to Canada and Mexico increased 176 percent⁶.

Export Assistance

- Since 2004, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$30.42 million in exports from 8 companies in 5 communities in Montana⁷.

International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 1,182 Peace Corps volunteers from Montana have served in dozens of countries overseas⁸.

- 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