

ARKANSAS

BENEFITS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

Arkansas exports nearly \$6 billion a year, with international trade supporting over 348,000 jobs in the state. As the headquarters for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Arkansas has seen firsthand how engagement in the global economy can drive growth and create jobs.

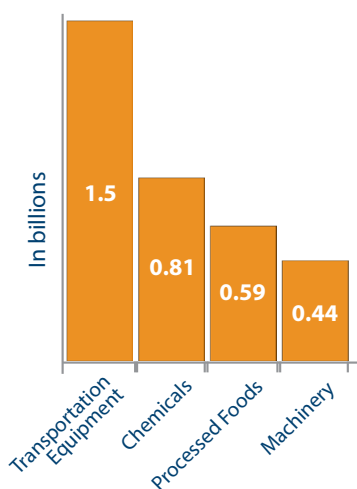
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 **JOBS**

In Arkansas, **348,400 jobs** (22%) are supported by trade, including **49,387 jobs** supported by manufactured goods exports in 2015.

80%
SMALL BIZ

In 2014, **2,365 companies** exported goods from Arkansas of which **80%** were **small- and medium-sized enterprises**. In 2014, **46,400 people** were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

TOP EXPORTS IN 2016



Arkansas exported **\$5.7 billion** in goods to foreign markets in 2016. Arkansas's largest markets in 2016 were:

- **Canada (\$1.2 billion)**
- **France (\$783 million)**
- **Mexico (\$686 million)**
- **Japan (\$281 million)**
- **China (\$274 million)**



Agricultural exports are important to Arkansas's economy, totaling **\$3.1 billion** in 2015, according to the USDA.

Since 2012, the **U.S. Export-Import Bank** has financed **\$377 million in exports** from 30 companies in Arkansas.

Since 1972, the **Overseas Private Investment Corporation** has invested **\$23 million** in Arkansas companies for overseas investment.



EDUCATION + VOLUNTEERISM

Since 1961, **981 Peace Corps volunteers** from

Arkansas have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2014-2015, **1,558 Arkansas students** studied abroad.

During 2016, **5,665 international students** were enrolled in Arkansas colleges and universities and contributed **\$149 million** to the Arkansas economy.

