Last year, Arkansas exported $6.2 billion in goods, with international trade supporting more than 330,000 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.

In Arkansas, **335,200 jobs** were supported by trade in 2018, representing **20.2%** of all jobs in the state.

In 2018, **2,306 companies** exported goods from Arkansas of which **77%** were **small- and medium-sized enterprises**. In 2017, **46,400 people** were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Arkansas exported **$6.2 billion** in goods to foreign markets in 2019. Arkansas’s largest markets in 2019 were:

- Canada ($1.5 billion)
- Mexico ($745 million)
- France ($711 million)
- Japan ($372 million)
- China ($191 million)

Agricultural exports are important to Arkansas’s economy, totaling **$3.0 billion** in 2018, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the **U.S. Export-Import Bank** has financed **$260 million** in exports from 30 companies in Arkansas.

Since 1971, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation - which has been modernized into the **Development Finance Corporation (DFC)** - has invested **$23 million** in Arkansas companies for overseas investment.

**EDUCATION + VOLUNTEERISM**

Since 1961, **1,026 Peace Corps volunteers** from Arkansas have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2017-2018, **1,711 Arkansas students** studied abroad.

During 2019, **6,817 international students** were enrolled in Arkansas colleges and universities and contributed **$156 million** to the Arkansas economy.

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