

AMERICA AND THE WORLD: HOW RHODE ISLAND WINS

Rhode Island's manufacturing exports play a key role in economic production and job growth. Over 2,000 Rhode Island companies export a total of \$5.1 billion worth of goods and services annually, helping to support more than 140,000 good-paying Rhode Island jobs.

BOOSTING RHODE ISLAND JOBS & EXPORTS

In Rhode Island, **140,000 jobs** are supported by trade, representing **20.0%** of all jobs in the state.

In 2023, **2,020 companies** exported goods from Rhode Island of which **88%** were **small- and medium-sized enterprises**. Additionally, in 2022, **33,000 people** were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Rhode Island exports about \$5.1 billion in goods and services to overseas markets each year. Rhode Island's top export markets are:

- **Canada (\$713 million)**
- **Italy (\$412 million)**
- **Mexico (\$353 million)**
- **Ireland (\$346 million)**
- **Dominican Republic (\$307 million)**

Agricultural exports are important to Rhode Island's economy, totaling **\$41 million** annually, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the **U.S. Export-Import Bank** has financed **\$119 million in exports** from 14 companies in Rhode Island.

Since 1992, the **U.S. Trade and Development Agency** has helped facilitate **\$248 million** in exports from Rhode Island companies.

140K
JOBS 

88%
SMALL BIZ

TOP RI EXPORTS \$ In millions

Waste & Scrap	928
Chemicals	658
Miscellaneous Manufactures	262
Primary Metal Manufactures	221

\$5.1 B
EXPORTED GOODS



EDUCATION + VOLUNTEERISM

Since 1961, **1,116 Peace Corps volunteers** from Rhode Island have served in dozens of countries overseas.

From 2023-2024, **4,982 international students** were enrolled in Rhode Island colleges and universities, contributing **\$280 million** to the Rhode Island economy.

