

# NORTH DAKOTA: Benefits of the International Affairs Budget



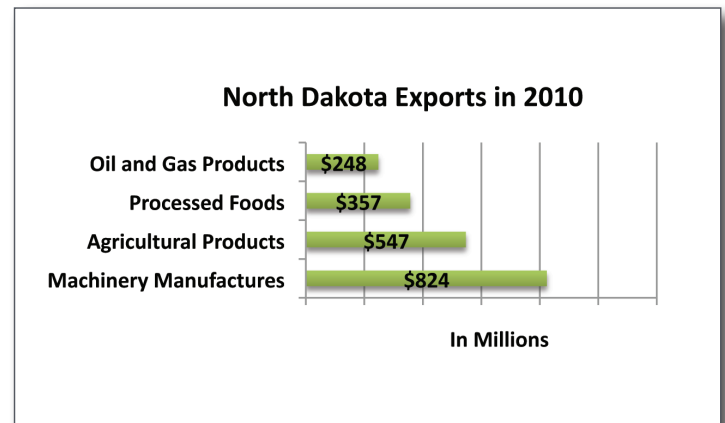
North Dakota's manufacturing expertise and agricultural commodities are in increasing demand throughout the world. Canada, Western Europe, and increasingly Central Asia are all major destinations for North Dakota's farm and manufacturing machinery expertise, and developing nations like Algeria, Nigeria, Nicaragua, India, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Turkey are increasingly important purchasers of products made in North Dakota. Overall, exports support a fifth of all North Dakota manufacturing jobs.

## Job Creation

- Trade supported **99,000 jobs** in North Dakota in 2008, or **20.0%** of total jobs, up from **11.5%** in 1992.
- **One-fifth (20.2%)** of all manufacturing workers in North Dakota depended on exports for their jobs.
- In 2008, **10,100 people** in North Dakota were employed by U.S. affiliates of companies that are at least 50% foreign-owned.

## Exports and Growth

- North Dakota exported **\$2.5 billion** in merchandise to foreign markets in 2010. North Dakota's largest market in 2010 was Canada (\$1.6 billion), followed by Mexico (\$166 million), Australia (\$68 million), Belgium (\$54 million), and Germany (\$37 million).
- In 2008, **961 companies** exported goods from North Dakota. Of these, **85% were small- and medium-sized enterprises** with fewer than 500 employees.
- Agricultural exports are important to North Dakota's economy, totaling more than **\$3.9 billion** and supporting about **45,173 jobs** each year.
- Since 2007, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed over **\$55.8 million** in exports from 11 companies in 6 communities in North Dakota.



## Education and Research

- In 2008–2009, **248 North Dakota students** studied abroad.
- During 2009–2010, **2,884 international students** were enrolled in North Dakota colleges and universities and contributed **\$57.4 million** to the North Dakota economy.

## Global Engagement

- Since 1961, **521 Peace Corps volunteers** from North Dakota have served in dozens of countries overseas.



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