

# TEXAS: Benefits of the International Affairs Budget



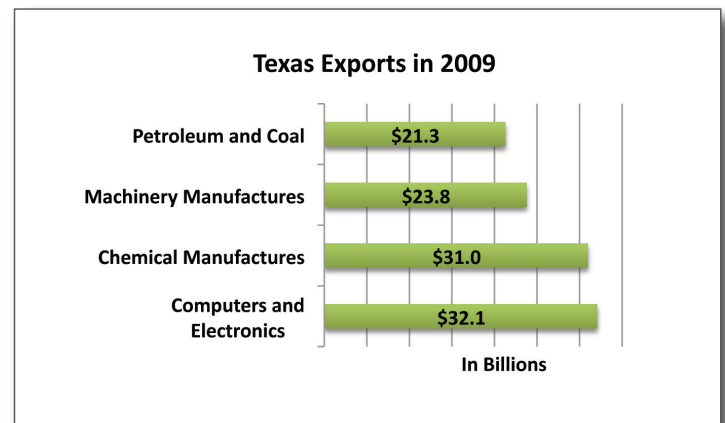
With two of the premier and most heavily trafficked business hubs in the world in Dallas Ft Worth and the port of Houston, Texas has the ability to reach any part of the global economy. However, all of Texas benefits from exports, with an astounding eight metropolitan areas exporting over a billion dollars a year in goods and services.

## Job Creation

- Trade supported **3 million jobs** in Texas in 2008, or **20.5 %** of total jobs, up from **10.9%** in 1992.
- More than **one-fourth (26.3%)** of all manufacturing workers in Texas depended on exports for their jobs.
- In 2008, **439,400 people** in Texas were employed by U.S. affiliates of companies that are at least 50% foreign-owned.

## Exports and Growth

- Texas exported **\$163 billion** in merchandise to more than **20,000 foreign markets** in 2009 (an increase of \$33.7 billion over 2005). Texas's largest market in 2009 was Mexico (\$56 billion), followed by Canada (\$13.8 billion), China (\$8.9 billion), the Netherlands (\$6.1 billion), and South Korea (\$5.3 billion).
- In 2008, **26,265 companies** exported goods from Texas. Of these, **92% were small- and medium-sized enterprises** with fewer than 500 employees.
- Agricultural exports are important to Texas's economy, totaling **\$6 billion** and supporting about **69,498 jobs** in 2008.
- Since 2007, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed **\$9.67 billion** in exports from 833 companies in 118 communities in Texas.



## Education and Research

- In 2008–2009, **10,934 Texas students** studied abroad, a **5.5% increase** over the previous academic year.
- During 2009–2010, **58,934 international students** were enrolled in Texas colleges and universities and contributed **\$1.25 billion** to the Texas economy.

## Global Engagement

- Since 1961, **6,224 Peace Corps volunteers** from Texas have served in dozens of countries overseas.
- Support from U.S. government grants and contracts to private voluntary organizations engaged in foreign assistance and development in Texas totaled over **\$6.2 million** in 2008.



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