

ILLINOIS

BENEFITS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET



As the fifth largest exporting state in the U.S. -- and the largest in the Midwest -- exports are a major part of the Illinois economy. In 2022, Illinois exported \$78.2 billion worth of goods, with international trade supporting more than 1.6 million jobs in the state.

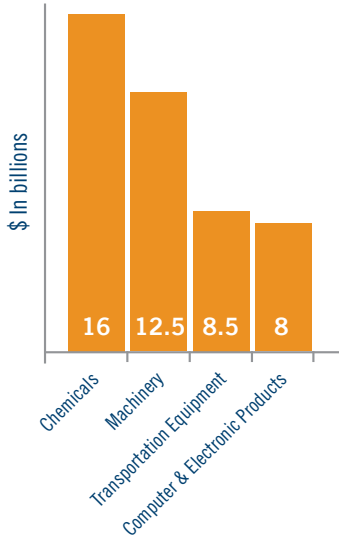
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JOBS

In Illinois, **1,632,000 jobs** were supported by trade in 2022, representing **20.50%** of all jobs in the state.

In 2022, **21,836 companies** exported goods from Illinois of which **89%** were **small- and medium-sized enterprises**. In 2021, **375,300 people** were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

89%
SMALL BIZ

TOP EXPORTS IN 2022



Illinois exported **\$78.2 billion** in goods to foreign markets in 2022, an 18% increase compared to 2021 driven by continued economic recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy. Illinois's largest markets in 2022 were:

- **Canada (\$23.8 billion)**
- **Mexico (\$11.5 billion)**
- **Australia (\$4.6 billion)**
- **Germany (\$4.3 billion)**
- **China (\$4.0 billion)**

EXPORTED GOODS
\$78.2B

Agricultural exports are important to Illinois's economy, totaling **\$21.7 billion** in 2021, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the **U.S. Export-Import Bank** has financed **\$5 billion in exports** from 234 companies in Illinois.

The **Millennium Challenge Corporation** has provided **\$23.6 million** in funding to Illinois organizations since the agency's inception in 2004.

Since 1992, the **U.S. Trade and Development Agency** has helped facilitate **\$2.5 billion** in exports from Illinois companies.



EDUCATION + VOLUNTEERISM

Since 1961, **9,274 Peace Corps volunteers**

from Illinois have served in dozens of countries overseas.

During 2022, **46,599 international students** were enrolled in Illinois colleges and universities and contributed **\$1.6 billion** to the Illinois economy.

