Alabama’s international engagement fuels job growth and increases exports. Alabama companies exported over $20 billion in goods last year, which helped support more than 530,000 jobs in the state. The majority of companies that export from Alabama are small and medium sized businesses.

Alabama exported $20.8 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2019. Alabama’s largest markets in 2019 were:
- Canada ($3.9 billion)
- Germany ($3.1 billion)
- China ($2.3 billion)
- Mexico ($2.2 billion)
- Japan ($773 million)

Agricultural exports are important to Alabama’s economy, totaling $1.3 billion in 2018, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $362 million in exports from 51 companies in Alabama.

Since 1971, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation - which has been modernized into the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) - has invested $197 million in Alabama companies for overseas investment.

Since 1992, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency has helped facilitate $195 million in exports from Alabama companies, supporting an estimated 1,120 jobs in the state.

Since 1961, 1,253 Peace Corps volunteers from Alabama have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2017-2018, 3,996 Alabama students studied abroad.

During 2019, 9,326 international students were enrolled in Alabama colleges and universities and contributed $314 million to the Alabama economy.

For sources, please visit http://usglc.org/Alabama