Alabama’s international engagement fuels job growth and increases exports. Alabama companies exported $20.9 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.

In Alabama, **530,100 jobs** were supported by trade in 2019, representing **19.4%** of all jobs in the state. In 2020, **4,105 companies** exported goods from Alabama of which **80%** were small- and medium-sized enterprises. In 2019, **120,100 people** were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Alabama exported **$20.9 billion** in goods to foreign markets in 2021, a 22% increase compared to 2020 driven by continued economic recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy. Alabama’s largest markets in 2021 were:

- Germany ($3.7 billion)
- Canada ($3.4 billion)
- China ($3.1 billion)
- Mexico ($2.5 billion)
- South Korea ($922 million)

Agricultural exports are important to Alabama’s economy, totaling **$1.4 billion** in 2020, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the **U.S. Export-Import Bank** has financed **$402 million** in exports from 52 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 **$237 million** in exports from Alabama companies.

**EDUCATION + VOLUNTEERISM**

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

In 2018-2019, **3,920 Alabama students** studied abroad.

During 2020, **9,376 international students** were enrolled in Alabama colleges and universities and contributed **$326 million** to the Alabama economy.

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