

COLORADO

BENEFITS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

Colorado's central location within the U.S., its supportive business climate and highly trained workforce, and the broad array of local products make exports an ideal path to economic growth. Colorado businesses currently export over \$8 billion worth of goods annually. Overall, Colorado's international engagement supports more than 650,000 jobs in the state.

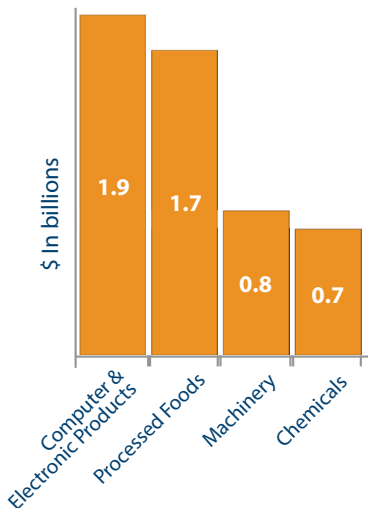
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 **JOBS**

In Colorado, **659,300 jobs** (18.1%) are supported by trade, including **40,421 jobs** supported by manufactured goods exports in 2016.

88%
SMALL BIZ

In 2015, **5,747 companies** exported goods from Colorado of which **88%** were **small- and medium-sized enterprises**. In 2015, **103,200 people** were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

TOP EXPORTS IN 2017



Colorado exported **\$8.1 billion** in goods to foreign markets in 2017. Colorado's largest markets in 2017 were:

- **Canada (\$1.3 billion)**
- **Mexico (\$1.3 billion)**
- **China (\$586 million)**
- **Japan (\$445 million)**
- **Malaysia (\$417 million)**



Agricultural exports are important to Colorado's economy, totaling **\$1.6 billion** in 2016, according to the USDA.

Since 2013, the **U.S. Export-Import Bank** has financed **\$169 million in exports** from 68 companies in Colorado.

Since 1971, the **Overseas Private Investment Corporation** has invested **\$1.7 billion** in Colorado companies for overseas investment.



EDUCATION + VOLUNTEERISM

Since 1961, **7,389 Peace Corps volunteers** from

Colorado have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2015-2016, **5,524 Colorado students** studied abroad.

During 2017, **11,527 international students** were enrolled in Colorado colleges and universities and contributed **\$429 million** to the Colorado economy.

