Delaware is home to some of America’s most important businesses, including DuPont, which drives the state’s chemical manufacturing industry. Exporters like this are growing Delaware’s economy, helping to support more than 110,000 jobs tied to international trade.

In Delaware, 118,100 jobs were supported by international trade in 2017, representing 20.2% of all jobs in the state.

In 2016, 1,786 companies exported goods from Delaware of which 86% were small- and medium-sized enterprises. In 2016, 25,000 people were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Delaware exported $4.7 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2018. Delaware’s largest markets in 2018 were:
- Canada ($716 million)
- United Kingdom ($404 million)
- China ($381 million)
- Belgium ($367 million)
- Saudi Arabia ($286 million)

Agricultural exports are important to Delaware’s economy, totaling $268 million in 2017, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $37 million in exports from 8 companies in Delaware.

Since 1971, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation has invested $778 million in Delaware companies for overseas investment.

Since 1961, 557 Peace Corps volunteers from Delaware have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2016-2017, 1,552 Delaware students studied abroad.

During 2018, 7,542 international students were enrolled in Delaware colleges and universities and contributed $177 million to the Delaware economy.

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