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, exporting $4.7 billion in goods, helping to support more than 128,000 jobs tied to international trade.

In Delaware, 128,300 jobs were supported by trade in 2019, representing 21.2% of all jobs in the state.

In 2020, 2,174 companies exported goods from Delaware of which 88% were small- and medium-sized enterprises. In 2019, 24,600 people were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Delaware exported $4.7 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2021, a 21% increase compared to 2020 driven by continued economic recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy. Delaware’s largest markets in 2021 were:

- Canada ($592 million)
- China ($556 million)
- South Korea ($483 million)
- Germany ($434 million)
- Mexico ($262 million)

Agricultural exports are important to Delaware’s economy, totaling $280 million.

In 2014, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $35 million in exports from 9 companies in Delaware.

Since 1971, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation - which has been modernized into the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) - has invested $778 million in Delaware companies for overseas investment.

Since 1992, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency has helped facilitate $7 million in exports from Delaware companies.

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

In 2018-2019, 1,429 Delaware students studied abroad.

During 2020, 6,342 international students were enrolled in Delaware colleges and universities and contributed $170 million to the Delaware economy.