Florida is a global business hub because of its location at the commercial crossroads of the Americas, as well as its well-developed port infrastructure, and multilingual workforce. Florida’s attractive business climate helped it export $56 billion in goods in 2019, which helped support more than 2.5 million jobs in the state.

In Florida, 2,563,400 jobs were supported by trade in 2018, representing 20.6% of all jobs in the state.

In 2018, 58,760 companies exported goods from Florida of which 95% were small- and medium-sized enterprises. In 2017, 368,100 people were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Florida exported $56.0 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2019. Florida’s largest markets in 2019 were:
- Brazil ($4.5 billion)
- Canada ($4.4 billion)
- Mexico ($3.3 billion)
- Colombia ($2.3 billion)
- Chile ($2 billion)

Agricultural exports are important to Florida’s economy, totaling $3.1 billion in 2018, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $5 billion in exports from 537 companies in Florida.

Since 1971, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation - which has been modernized into the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) - has invested $2.2 billion in Florida companies for overseas investment.

Since 1992, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency has helped facilitate $525 million in exports from Florida companies, supporting an estimated 3,000 jobs in the state.

EDUCATION + VOLUNTEERISM

Since 1961, 8,548 Peace Corps volunteers from Florida have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2017-2018, 12,687 Florida students studied abroad.

During 2019, 45,957 international students were enrolled in Florida colleges and universities and contributed $1.6 billion to the Florida economy.

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