

# FLORIDA

## BENEFITS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

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.

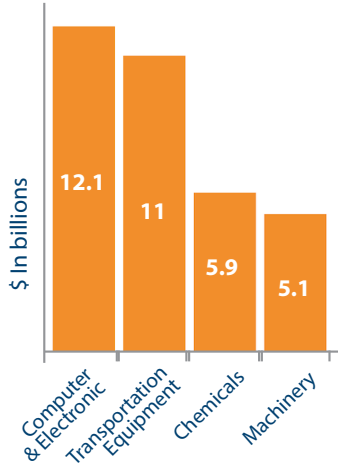
**2.6M**  
JOBS

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.

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SMALL BIZ

### TOP EXPORTS IN 2019



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.

