Kansas's transportation, manufacturing, and food products are in increasing demand throughout the world. In 2019, the state exported over $11 billion worth of goods, with international trade supporting more than 390,000 jobs in across the state.

In Kansas, 395,500 jobs were supported by trade in 2018, representing 20.4% of all jobs in the state.

In 2018, 3,341 companies exported goods from Kansas of which 83% were small- and medium-sized enterprises. In 2017, 60,800 people were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Kansas exported $11.6 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2019. Kansas’s largest markets in 2019 were:
- Mexico ($2.2 billion)
- Canada ($1.9 billion)
- Japan ($1 billion)
- China ($553 million)
- Germany ($508 million)

Agricultural exports are important to Kansas’s economy, totaling $4.9 billion in 2018, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $901 million in exports from 48 companies in Kansas.

Since 1971, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation - which has been modernized into the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) - has invested $303 million in Kansas companies for overseas investment.

Since 1992, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency has helped facilitate $940 million in exports from Kansas companies, supporting an estimated 5,400 jobs in the state.

EDUCATION + VOLUNTEERISM

Since 1961, 1,857 Peace Corps volunteers from Kansas have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2017-2018, 2,866 Kansas students studied abroad.

During 2019, 9,339 international students were enrolled in Kansas colleges and universities and contributed $271 million to the Kansas economy.