Michigan’s preeminence in manufacturing and industrial research & development make it the ideal home for export-based industries, and its strategic location offers easy access to Asian, European, and North and South American markets. Overall, Michigan exported over $57 billion worth of goods in 2018, with international trade supporting more than 1.1 million good-paying Michigan jobs.

In Michigan, 1,114,900 jobs were supported by international trade in 2017, representing 19.7% of all jobs in the state.

In 2016, 14,446 companies exported goods from Michigan of which 89% were small- and medium-sized enterprises. In 2016, 250,300 people were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Michigan exported $57.9 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2018. Michigan’s largest markets in 2018 were:

- Canada ($23.8 billion)
- Mexico ($12.3 billion)
- China ($3.6 billion)
- Germany ($2 billion)
- Japan ($1.4 billion)

Agricultural exports are important to Michigan’s economy, totaling $2.7 billion in 2017, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $3 billion in exports from 133 companies in Michigan.

Since 1971, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation has invested $1.7 billion in Michigan companies for overseas investment.

Since 1992, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency has helped facilitate $117 million in exports from Michigan companies, supporting hundreds of jobs in the state.

Since 1961, 7,743 Peace Corps volunteers from Michigan have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2016-2017, 11,533 Michigan students studied abroad.

During 2018, 34,049 international students were enrolled in Michigan colleges and universities and contributed $1.2 billion to the Michigan economy.

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