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 $55 billion worth of goods in 2019, with international trade supporting more than 1.1 million good-paying Michigan jobs.

In Michigan, **1,105,400 jobs** were supported by trade in 2018, representing **19.3%** of all jobs in the state.

In 2018, **15,015 companies** exported goods from Michigan of which **89%** were small- and medium-sized enterprises. In 2017, **270,300 people** were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Michigan exported **$55.3 billion** in goods to foreign markets in 2019. Michigan’s largest markets in 2019 were:

- Canada ($22.7 billion)
- Mexico ($11.2 billion)
- China ($3.2 billion)
- Germany ($2 billion)
- Japan ($1.4 billion)

Agricultural exports are important to Michigan’s economy, totaling **$2.8 billion** in 2018, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the **U.S. Export-Import Bank** has financed **$3 billion** in exports from 143 companies in Michigan.

Since 1971, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation - which has been modernized into the **Development Finance Corporation (DFC)** - has invested **$1.7 billion** in Michigan companies for overseas investment.

Since 1992, the **U.S. Trade and Development Agency** has helped facilitate **$116 million** in exports from Michigan companies, supporting an estimated **670** jobs in the state.

**EDUCATION + VOLUNTEERISM**

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

In 2017-2018, **11,219 Michigan students** studied abroad.

During 2019, **33,236 international students** were enrolled in Michigan colleges and universities and contributed **$1.2 billion** to the Michigan economy.