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 $64.9 billion worth of goods in 2023, with international trade supporting more than 1.1 million well-paying Michigan jobs.

In Michigan, 1,118,900 jobs are supported by trade, representing 19.4% of all jobs in the state. In 2022, 14,265 companies exported goods from Michigan of which 89% were small- and medium-sized enterprises. In 2021, 321,900 people were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Michigan exported $64.9 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2023, a 6% increase compared to 2022. Michigan’s largest markets were:

- Canada ($27.5 billion)
- Mexico ($14.9 billion)
- China ($2.4 billion)
- Germany ($2.0 billion)
- Japan ($1.6 billion)

Agricultural exports are important to Michigan’s economy, totaling $4.3 billion in 2022, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $3 billion in exports from 161 companies in Michigan.

The Millennium Challenge Corporation has provided $3.3 million in funding to Michigan organizations since the agency’s inception in 2004.

Since 1992, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency has helped facilitate $116 million in exports from Michigan companies.

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

From 2022-2023, 33,501 international students were enrolled in Michigan colleges and universities and contributed $1.3 billion to the Michigan economy.

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