

# MISSOURI BENEFITS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

Missouri's machinery, chemicals, and food industries all benefit from international engagement. In 2017, Missouri exported \$14 billion worth of goods to foreign markets, benefiting more than 6,000 Missouri companies – of which 85% are small and medium sized businesses. Overall, international trade supports 707,000 jobs in the state.

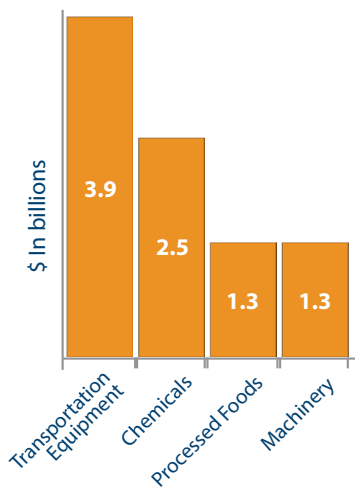
**707K**  
**JOBS**

In Missouri, **706,800 jobs** (19%) are supported by trade, including **84,868 jobs** supported by manufactured goods exports in 2016.

**85%**  
**SMALL BIZ**

In 2015, **6,008 companies** exported goods from Missouri of which **85%** were **small- and medium-sized enterprises**. In 2015, **110,000 people** were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

## TOP EXPORTS IN 2017



Missouri exported **\$14.2 billion** in goods to foreign markets in 2017. Missouri's largest markets in 2017 were:

- **Canada** (\$5.1 billion)
- **Mexico** (\$2.5 billion)
- **China** (\$926 million)
- **Belgium** (\$578 million)
- **Japan** (\$554 million)



**Agricultural exports** are important to Missouri's economy, totaling **\$3.6 billion** in 2016, according to the USDA.

Since 2013, the **U.S. Export-Import Bank** has financed **\$929 million** in exports from 77 companies in Missouri.

Since 1971, the **Overseas Private Investment Corporation** has invested **\$362 million** in Missouri companies for overseas investment.



## EDUCATION + VOLUNTEERISM

Since 1961, **3,471 Peace Corps volunteers** from

Missouri have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2015-2016, **5,844 Missouri students** studied abroad.

During 2017, **23,261 international students** were enrolled in Missouri colleges and universities and contributed **\$706 million** to the Missouri economy.