Missouri’s machinery, chemicals, and food industries all benefit from international engagement. In 2021, Missouri exported $15.5 billion worth of goods to foreign markets, benefiting nearly 6,000 Missouri companies -- of which 85% are small- and medium-sized businesses. Overall, international trade supports nearly 756,000 jobs in the state.

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- Canada ($5.2 billion)
- Mexico ($3.3 billion)
- China ($698 million)
- Germany ($679 million)
- Japan ($479 million)

Agricultural exports are important to Missouri’s economy, totaling $4.5 billion in 2020, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $1 billion in exports from 82 companies in Missouri.

Since 1971, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation - which has been modernized into the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) - has invested $362 million in Missouri companies for overseas investment.

Since 1992, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency has helped facilitate $230 million in exports from Missouri companies.

Since 1961, 3,593 Peace Corps volunteers from Missouri have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2018-2019, 5,959 Missouri students studied abroad.

During 2020, 20,140 international students were enrolled in Missouri colleges and universities and contributed $601 million to the Missouri economy.

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