North Dakota’s manufacturing expertise and agricultural commodities are in increasing demand throughout the world. Canada, Mexico, Germany, and Australia are all major destinations for North Dakota’s farm equipment, manufactured goods, and oil and gas exports. Overall, North Dakota’s international trade supports more than 120,000 jobs in the state.

In North Dakota, **120,300 jobs** were supported by trade in 2018, representing **20.7%** of all jobs in the state.

In 2018, **1,736 companies** exported goods from North Dakota of which **85%** were small- and medium-sized enterprises. In 2017, **12,800 people** were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

North Dakota exported **$6.7 billion** in goods to foreign markets in 2019. North Dakota’s largest markets in 2019 were:
- Canada ($5.9 billion)
- Mexico ($288 million)
- Australia ($82 million)
- Germany ($58 million)
- Brazil ($52 million)

Agricultural exports are important to North Dakota’s economy, totaling **$4.2 billion** in 2018, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the **U.S. Export-Import Bank** has financed **$40 million** in exports from 19 companies in North Dakota.

Since 1961, **592 Peace Corps volunteers** from North Dakota have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2017-2018, **595 North Dakota students** studied abroad.

During 2019, **2,114 international students** were enrolled in North Dakota colleges and universities and contributed **$53 million** to the North Dakota economy.

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