Ohio is reaching out across the world to grow its economy, but its heartland location is what makes it such an attractive place to do business. With its world-class rail line and airport infrastructure, Ohio exported over $50 billion worth of goods and services in 2021. As a result, international trade supports more than 1.4 million good-paying Ohio jobs.

In Ohio, 1,401,200 jobs were supported by trade in 2019, representing 19.6% of all jobs in the state.

In 2020, 15,534 companies exported goods from Ohio of which 88% were small- and medium-sized enterprises. In 2019, 310,700 people were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Ohio exported $50.4 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2021, a 12% increase compared to 2020 driven by continued economic recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy. Ohio’s largest markets in 2021 were:

- Canada ($18.0 billion)
- Mexico ($6.3 billion)
- China ($3.8 billion)
- Brazil ($1.9 billion)
- Japan ($1.6 billion)

Agricultural exports are important to Ohio’s economy, totaling $4.1 billion in 2020, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $5 billion in exports from 216 companies in Ohio.

Since 1971, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation - which has been modernized into the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) - has invested $1.4 billion in Ohio companies for overseas investment.

Since 1992, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency has helped facilitate $263 million in exports from Ohio companies.

Since 1961, 7,720 Peace Corps volunteers from Ohio have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2018-2019, 14,157 Ohio students studied abroad.

During 2020, 35,508 international students were enrolled in Ohio colleges and universities and contributed $1.2 billion to the Ohio economy.

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