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 more than $53 billion worth of goods and services in 2019. As a result, international trade supports more than 1.3 million good-paying Ohio jobs.

In Ohio, 1,396,900 jobs were supported by trade in 2018, representing 19.7% of all jobs in the state.

In 2018, 16,491 companies exported goods from Ohio of which 89% were small- and medium-sized enterprises. In 2017, 272,800 people were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Ohio exported $53.0 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2019. Ohio’s largest markets in 2019 were:

- Canada ($20.5 billion)
- Mexico ($6.9 billion)
- China ($3.2 billion)
- United Kingdom ($2.2 billion)
- Japan ($2.0 billion)

Agricultural exports are important to Ohio’s economy, totaling $3.7 billion in 2018, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $2 billion in exports from 207 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 $400 million in exports from Ohio companies, supporting an estimated 2,250 jobs in the state.

Since 1961, 7,720 Peace Corps volunteers from Ohio have served in dozens of countries overseas. In 2017-2018, 14,470 Ohio students studied abroad.

During 2019, 37,314 international students were enrolled in Ohio colleges and universities and contributed $1.3 billion to the Ohio economy.

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