Pennsylvania generated over $44 billion worth of goods exports in 2021. With two major city centers in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, nearly 15,000 Pennsylvania companies export goods across the globe each year. And 88% of Pennsylvania’s exporters are small- and medium-sized businesses, which helped support nearly 1.6 million jobs.

In Pennsylvania, 1,596,200 jobs were supported by trade in 2019, representing 20.3% of all jobs in the state.

In 2020, 14,889 companies exported goods from Pennsylvania of which 88% were small- and medium-sized enterprises. In 2019, 329,500 people were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Pennsylvania exported $44.7 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2021, a 20% increase compared to 2020 driven by continued economic recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy. Pennsylvania’s largest markets in 2021 were:

- Canada ($12.0 billion)
- Mexico ($4.9 billion)
- China ($3.3 billion)
- Germany ($1.9 billion)
- United Kingdom ($1.8 billion)

Agricultural exports are important to Pennsylvania’s economy, totaling $2.1 billion in 2020, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $7 billion in exports from 218 companies in Pennsylvania.

Since 1971, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation - which has been modernized into the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) - has invested $1.6 billion in Pennsylvania companies for overseas investment.

Since 1992, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency has helped facilitate $1.3 billion in exports from Pennsylvania companies.

Since 1961, 8,670 Peace Corps volunteers from Pennsylvania have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2018-2019, 21,672 Pennsylvania students studied abroad.

During 2020, 50,070 international students were enrolled in Pennsylvania colleges and universities and contributed $2 billion to the Pennsylvania economy.

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