South Carolina’s exports reach across the globe, totalling $37.3 billion worth of goods in 2023. Top export markets include China, Germany, Canada, and Belgium, with South Carolina’s manufacturing prowess in vehicles and machinery driving these exports. Its coastal location and ports help to fuel export growth and international business opportunities. More than 580,000 jobs in South Carolina are also supported by international trade, with new jobs created every day.

South Carolina exported $37.3 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2023, an 18% increase compared to 2022. South Carolina’s largest markets were:

- Germany ($4.7 billion)
- Canada ($4.5 billion)
- China ($3.9 billion)
- Mexico ($3.0 billion)
- Belgium ($2.0 billion)

Agricultural exports are important to South Carolina’s economy, totaling $1.2 billion in 2022, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $8 billion in exports from 66 companies in South Carolina.

The Millennium Challenge Corporation has provided $74,400 in funding to South Carolina organizations since the agency’s inception in 2004.

Since 1992, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency has helped facilitate $63 million in exports from South Carolina companies.

Since 1961, 1,739 Peace Corps volunteers from South Carolina have served in dozens of countries overseas.

From 2022-2023, 6,173 international students were enrolled in South Carolina colleges and universities and contributed $182 million to the South Carolina economy.

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