

TENNESSEE

BENEFITS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

Tennessee exports a huge range of goods, from manufactured goods like automobiles and electronics to chemicals and its world-famous whiskey. In 2017, Tennessee exported a total of \$33 billion worth of these goods, helping to support over 720,000 jobs in the state. Over 80 percent of Tennessee companies that export their products are also small or medium sized businesses.

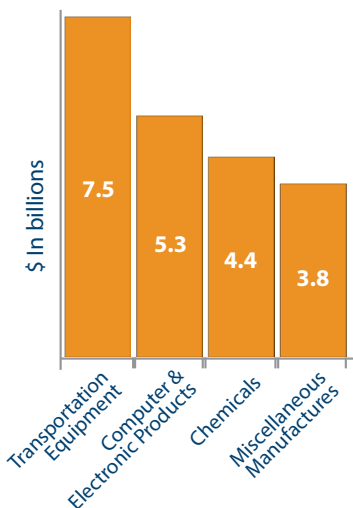
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 **JOBS**

In Tennessee, **728,800 jobs** (18.5%) are supported by trade, including **146,976 jobs** supported by manufactured goods exports in 2016.

82%
SMALL BIZ

In 2015, **7,161 companies** exported goods from Tennessee of which **82%** were **small- and medium-sized enterprises**. In 2015, **163,500 people** were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

TOP EXPORTS IN 2017



Tennessee exported **\$33.2 billion** in goods to foreign markets in 2017. Tennessee's largest markets in 2017 were:

- **Canada (\$8.9 billion)**
- **Mexico (\$4.6 billion)**
- **China (\$2.4 billion)**
- **Japan (\$1.9 billion)**
- **Belgium (\$1.3 billion)**



Agricultural exports are important to Tennessee's economy, totaling **\$1.4 billion** in 2016, according to the USDA.

Since 2013, the **U.S. Export-Import Bank** has financed **\$1 billion in exports** from 69 companies in Tennessee.

Since 1971, the **Overseas Private Investment Corporation** has invested **\$124 million** in Tennessee companies for overseas investment.



EDUCATION + VOLUNTEERISM

Since 1961, **1,891 Peace Corps volunteers** from

Tennessee have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2015-2016, **6,129 Tennessee students** studied abroad.

During 2017, **9,957 international students** were enrolled in Tennessee colleges and universities and contributed **\$333 million** to the Tennessee economy.

