WASHINGTON

BENEFITS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

Washington’s businesses are some of the most recognizable in the world, from Boeing to Microsoft to Starbucks. In addition, timber and agricultural exports - as well as one of the most trafficked ports on the west coast in Seattle - help Washington exports reach every corner of the globe. In 2023, these exports generated $61.2 billion and helped support over 931,000 well-paying Washington jobs.

BOOSTING WASHINGTON JOBS AND EXPORTS

Washington exported $61.2 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2023. Washington’s largest markets were:

- China ($11.0 billion)
- Canada ($9.6 billion)
- Japan ($4.3 billion)
- Mexico ($3.5 billion)
- South Korea ($3.1 billion)

Agricultural exports are important to Washington’s economy, totaling $4.1 billion in 2022, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $40 billion in exports from 147 companies in Washington.

The Millennium Challenge Corporation has provided $1.7 million in funding to Washington organizations since the agency’s inception in 2004.

EDUCATION + VOLUNTEERISM

Since 1961, 9,968 Peace Corps volunteers from Washington have served in dozens of countries overseas.

From 2022-2023, 23,100 international students were enrolled in Washington colleges and universities and contributed $830 million to the Washington economy.

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