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 2019, these exports generated over $60 billion and helped support over 940,000 good-paying Washington jobs.

In Washington, **940,800 jobs** were supported by trade in 2018, representing **20.6%** of all jobs in the state.

In 2018, **12,631 companies** exported goods from Washington of which **90%** were small- and medium-sized enterprises. In 2017, **127,700 people** were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Washington exported **$60.1 billion** in goods to foreign markets in 2019. Washington's largest markets in 2019 were:
- China ($9.0 billion)
- Canada ($8.5 billion)
- Japan ($7.2 billion)
- South Korea ($2.5 billion)
- Mexico ($2.5 billion)

Agricultural exports are important to Washington's economy, totaling **$3.6 billion** in 2018, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the [U.S. Export-Import Bank](https://www.export.gov) has financed **$31 billion** in exports from 132 companies in Washington.

Since 1971, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation - which has been modernized into the [Development Finance Corporation (DFC)](https://www.usaid.gov/dfs) - has invested **$485 million** in Washington companies for overseas investment.

Since 1992, the [U.S. Trade and Development Agency](https://www.usaid.gov/dfs) has helped facilitate **$23 billion** in exports from Washington companies, supporting an estimated **131,700 jobs** in the state.

**EDUCATION + VOLUNTEERISM**

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

In 2017-2018, **6,902 Washington students** studied abroad.

During 2019, **27,472 international students** were enrolled in Washington colleges and universities and contributed **$956 million** to the Washington economy.

For sources, please visit [http://usglc.org/Washington](http://usglc.org/Washington)