Wisconsin is a world leader in industrial machinery and high-tech manufacturing, which helped the state export $24.8 billion worth of goods in 2021. Over 8,600 companies in the state export overseas, which helped to support more than 691,000 Wisconsin jobs.

In Wisconsin, 691,400 jobs were supported by trade in 2019, representing 18.4% of all jobs in the state.

In 2020, 8,643 companies exported goods from Wisconsin of which 86% were small- and medium-sized enterprises. In 2019, 127,900 people were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Wisconsin exported $24.8 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2020, a 21% increase compared to 2020 driven by continued economic recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy. Wisconsin’s largest markets in 2021 were:

- Canada ($7.5 billion)
- Mexico ($3.1 billion)
- China ($1.8 billion)
- Germany ($876 million)
- Brazil ($793 million)

Agricultural exports are important to Wisconsin’s economy, totaling $3.2 billion in 2020, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $1 billion in exports from 155 companies in Wisconsin.

Since 1971, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation - which has been modernized into the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) - has invested $31 million in Wisconsin companies for overseas investment.

Since 1992, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency has helped facilitate $460 million in exports from Wisconsin companies.

Since 1961, 6,422 Peace Corps volunteers from Wisconsin have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2018-2019, 8,443 Wisconsin students studied abroad.

During 2020, 12,960 international students were enrolled in Wisconsin colleges and universities and contributed $451 million to the Wisconsin economy.

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