

WEST VIRGINIA

BENEFITS OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET



As energy demand increases worldwide, West Virginia's abundant natural resources are being exported across the globe. West Virginia exports are driving greater profits and new job opportunities every year. In fact, West Virginia's exports generated \$5.7 billion in 2023, and international trade supports nearly 174,000 West Virginia jobs each year.

BOOSTING WEST VIRGINIA JOBS AND EXPORTS

174K
 **JOBS**

In West Virginia, **173,800 jobs** are supported by trade, representing **19.4%** of all jobs in the state.

In 2022, **1,019 companies** exported goods from West Virginia of which **78%** were **small- and medium-sized enterprises**. In 2021, **28,400 people** were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

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SMALL BIZ

West Virginia exported **\$5.7 billion in goods** to foreign markets in 2023. West Virginia's largest markets were:

- **Canada (\$2.1 billion)**
- **China (\$540 million)**
- **Japan (\$377 million)**
- **Netherlands (\$291 million)**
- **Belgium (\$286 million)**

Agricultural exports are important to West Virginia's economy, totaling **\$182.9 million** in 2022, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the **U.S. Export-Import Bank** has financed **\$21 million in exports** from 18 companies in West Virginia.

Since 1992, the **U.S. Trade and Development Agency** has helped facilitate **\$4 million** in exports from West Virginia companies.

TOP EXPORTS IN 2023

\$1.5 In billions	Chemicals
\$1.4 In billions	Transportation Equipment
\$1.4 In billions	Minerals & Ores
\$0.4 In billions	Machinery



EDUCATION + VOLUNTEERISM

Since 1961, **718 Peace Corps volunteers** from West Virginia have served in dozens of countries overseas.

From 2022-2023, **2,494 international students** were enrolled in West Virginia colleges and universities and contributed **\$77 million** to the West Virginia economy.