



Texas: Exports, Jobs, and Foreign Investment

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Exports Support Jobs for Texas's Workers

Export-supported jobs linked to manufacturing account for an estimated 6.5 percent of Texas's total private-sector employment. Over one-quarter (27.6 percent) of all manufacturing workers in Texas depend on exports for their jobs (2009 data latest available).

Exports Sustain Thousands of Texas Businesses

A total of 25,656 companies exported from Texas locations in 2009. Of those, 23,792 (93 percent) were small and medium-sized enterprises with fewer than 500 employees.

Small and medium-sized firms generated over one-third (34 percent) of Texas's total exports of merchandise in 2009.

Foreign Investment Creates Jobs in Texas

In 2009, foreign-controlled companies employed 409,500 Texas workers. Major sources of foreign investment in Texas in 2009 included the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and the Netherlands.

Foreign investment in Texas was responsible for 4.7 percent of the state's total private-industry employment in 2009.

Texas Depends on World Markets

Texas's export shipments of merchandise in 2011 totaled \$249. billion.

The state's largest market was Mexico. Texas posted merchandise exports of \$86.6 billion to Mexico in 2011, 34.7 percent of the state's total merchandise exports. Mexico was

followed by Canada (\$22 billion), China (\$10.9 billion), Brazil (\$10 billion), and Netherlands (\$9 billion).

The state's largest merchandise export category is petroleum and coal products, which accounted for \$51.3 billion of Texas's total merchandise exports in 2011. Other top merchandise exports are chemicals (\$46.6 billion), computers and electronic products (\$42 billion), machinery (\$27.6 billion), and transportation equipment (\$21.6 billion).

Texas's Metropolitan Exports

In 2011, the following metropolitan areas in Texas recorded merchandise exports: Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown (\$104.5 billion), Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington (\$26.6 billion), El Paso (\$11.6 billion), San Antonio-New Braunfels (\$10.5 billion), Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos (\$8.6 billion), Brownsville-Harlingen (\$6.0 billion), Corpus Christi (\$5.6 billion), Beaumont-Port Arthur (\$5.5 billion), Laredo (\$5.4 billion), McAllen-Edinburg-Mission (\$4.7 billion), Victoria (\$993 million), Lubbock (\$967 million), Sherman-Denison (\$515 million), Longview (\$510 million), Waco (\$349 million), Tyler (\$250 million), Amarillo (\$229 million), Odessa (\$204 million), Wichita Falls (\$201 million), San Angelo (\$193 million), Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood (\$124 million), Midland (\$81.1 million), College Station-Bryan (\$71.0 million), and Abilene (\$41.2 million). Texarkana (including some parts of Arkansas) exported \$104 million.

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