



Illinois in the International Marketplace

Trade and Investment Statistics

Exports are a Significant Portion of Illinois' Economy^A

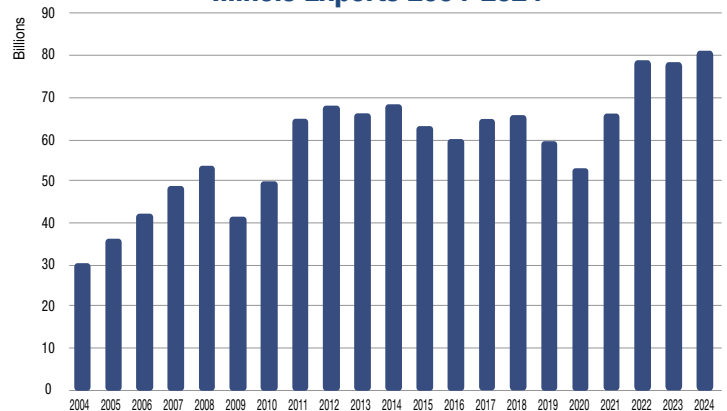
- Preliminary Illinois exports totaled over \$80.82 billion in 2024, a 2.5% increase from 2023, and a 35.2% increase from 2019. The preliminary agricultural adjusted figure for 2024 is \$81.97 billion, a 0.9% increase from 2023 and a 32.2% increase from 2019.
- Illinois is the largest exporting state in the Midwest and the 4th largest in the nation, using agricultural adjusted figures provided by Census Bureau/USDA cash receipts.^C
- Export activities support over 800K jobs in Illinois.^B

Rank	Illinois' Top 10 Export Industries (86.1% of Total)	2024 Annual Exports (Billions)	Change Since 2023	Change Since 2019
1	Chemicals	\$15.68	2.7%	62.1%
2	Machinery, Except Electrical	\$12.50	-4.5%	14.2%
3	Computer And Electronic Products	\$9.88	2.7%	27.1%
4	Transportation Equipment	\$8.35	6.0%	23.7%
5	Agricultural Products	\$5.10	15.7%	152.2%
6	Food And Kindred Products	\$5.10	6.5%	34.3%
7	Fabricated Metal Products, Nesoi	\$4.02	-3.4%	18.0%
8	Electrical Equipment, Appliances, And Component	\$3.75	6.0%	6.7%
9	Miscellaneous Manufactured Commodities	\$2.59	7.8%	60.7%
10	Petroleum And Coal Products	\$2.58	42.1%	13.8%
Total All Industries		\$80.82 Billion	2.5%	35.2%

Illinois' Export Growth Comes from Around the Globe

- 14 of Illinois' partner countries' markets are worth over a billion dollars in export value.
- Netherlands was the largest single contributor to growth, with a \$1.05 billion, or 43.1% increase over 2023.
- Other notable growth markets include Malaysia \$337.7 million (68.0%), Australia \$326.9 million (7.5%), Singapore \$307.8 million (22.1%) and China \$254.5 million (5.8%) increase over 2023.
- 12 of the top 20 Illinois export partner countries have seen gains since 2023.
- 19 of the top 20 Illinois export partner countries have seen gains since 2019.

Illinois Exports 2004-2024



Illinois Exports a Diverse Range of Products

- 15 Illinois export industries are valued at over \$1 billion dollars in total exports in 2024.
- Petroleum And Coal Products was the largest single contributor to growth, with a \$763.4 million, or 42.1% increase over 2023.
- Other notable growth industries include Agricultural Products \$693.9 million (15.7%), Waste And Scrap \$549.3 million (47.3%), Transportation Equipment \$469.8 million (6.0%), Chemicals \$409.3 million (2.7%) and Computer And Electronic Products \$263.8 million (2.7%) increase from 2023.
- 13 out of top 20 export industries increased since 2023.
- 18 out of top 20 export industries increased since 2019.

Rank	Illinois' Top 10 Partner Countries (74.0% of total)	2024 Annual Exports (Billions)	Change Since 2023	Change Since 2019
1	Canada	\$19.83	-4.4%	26.4%
2	Mexico	\$13.00	0.6%	39.7%
3	Australia	\$4.71	7.5%	35.8%
4	China	\$4.67	5.8%	60.1%
5	Germany	\$4.42	-1.7%	33.5%
6	Netherlands	\$3.47	43.1%	189.2%
7	Brazil	\$2.75	2.2%	46.3%
8	United Kingdom	\$2.67	-0.8%	63.4%
9	Japan	\$2.58	-0.5%	31.1%
10	Singapore	\$1.70	22.1%	44.0%
Total All Partner Countries		\$80.82 Billion	2.5%	35.2%

A: Export Data Source – World Institute for Strategic Economic Research (WISERTrade) via Census Bureau February 2025, preliminary.

B: Export Employment Source – DCEO-REMI analysis using data from: Dun and Bradstreet, Census Bureau, NAR, The Trade Partnership via the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and Moody's Analytics data. This statistic will be updated in spring 2025.

C: Export statistics are based on Origin of Movement methodology by the Census Bureau which collects information from the Customs and Border Protection from bills of lading. Has a known and important shortcoming especially regarding agriculture consolidation and consolidation in general at coastal ports. Logistics companies and commodity trading firms may be the exporter of record even though the products came from a different state/producer.

D: Foreign Direct Investment Data Source – Dunn and Bradstreet March 2025 (preliminary)

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Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Illinois

- Over 2,682 firms that employ more than 552,695 people in Illinois.^{D*}
- Illinois is ranked #2 among all states and Chicago #1 among all metropolitan areas in locations for new and expanded corporate facilities. (Site Selection Magazine, 2024)
- Chicago is the commercial capital of the U.S., with two of the top international exchanges. (Chicago Board of Trade and Chicago Board Options Exchange)
- Chicago is the #1 container hub in the western hemisphere. Cargo moving between Asia, Europe, and the Americas often passes through Chicago, making it a crucial transfer hub.
- Chicago O'Hare International Airport is among the world's busiest airports, served by all major international carriers and the only "dual hub" airport system in North America. Forty-eight countries and 134 airlines operate flights to or from O'Hare, which handled more than 776,000 flights in 2024.^{E,F}
- Foreign trade zones, located at eight sites across the state, offer low-cost production and warehousing facilities for import- and export-bound products.

Top 15 Countries with FDI in Illinois by Employment^{D*}

Rank	Country	# Employees	# Locations	# Entities
1	UK (England, Scotland, Wales, N. Ireland)	96,290	1,631	302
2	Germany	70,905	1,332	281
3	Canada	57,265	1,502	279
4	Japan	56,743	1,639	453
5	France	47,469	930	126
6	Netherlands	34,930	345	89
7	Switzerland	34,116	562	117
8	Ireland	28,787	514	46
9	Luxembourg	24,178	379	64
10	Sweden	17,668	251	78
11	Australia	8,751	150	50
12	India	8,036	148	96
13	New Zealand	6,479	69	13
14	Denmark	5,981	127	35
15	China	4,925	191	85
Total FDI		552,695	11,232	2,682

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Top 15 Foreign Firms in Illinois by Employment^{D*}

Rank	Global Ultimate Business Name	Global Ultimate Country	Number of Employees
1	Compass Group PLC	UK (England, Scotland, Wales, N. Ireland)	23,310
2	Fareva	Luxembourg	13,000
3	Randstad N.V.	Netherlands	10,815
4	Banque de Montréal	Canada	10,125
5	Continental AG	Germany	9,641
6	BP PLC	UK (England, Scotland, Wales, N. Ireland)	8,758
7	Otto Krahn (GmbH & Co.) KG	Germany	8,301
8	Swiss Steel Holding AG	Switzerland	7,148
9	Compagnie des Chemins de Fer Nationaux du Canada	Canada	6,988
10	Aon PLC	Ireland	6,800
11	Agence des participations de l'État	France	6,431
12	Schneider Electric SE	France	6,190
13	Shire Limited	Ireland	5,975
14	Packaging Holdings Ltd.	New Zealand	5,967
15	Nestlé S.A.	Switzerland	5,899
Total FDI		All Countries	552,695

Top 15 Illinois Firms with Overseas Employment^{D**}

Rank	Global Ultimate Business Name	Number of Employees
1	McDonald's Corporation	157,508
2	United Airlines Holdings, Inc.	105,255
3	Jones Lang Lasalle Incorporated	91,422
4	Mondelez International, Inc.	77,219
5	Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.	53,430
6	Abbott Laboratories	35,889
7	Baxter International Inc.	32,737
8	Illinois Tool Works Inc.	28,142
9	GE Healthcare Technologies Inc.	20,680
10	Northern Trust Corporation	19,515
11	AbbVie Inc.	15,580
12	Archer-Daniels-Midland Company	12,458
13	Baker & McKenzie LLP	10,995
14	Kellanova	10,680
15	Dover Corporation	10,027
Total Illinois FDI Employment Abroad		950,813
Total Illinois Locations Abroad		20,386
Total Number of Illinois Firms Abroad		1,260