



INTERNATIONAL
TRADE
ADMINISTRATION

2015 Exports from U.S. Metropolitan Areas

The Metropolitan Export Series is a product funded and developed by the International Trade Administration using data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Merchandise export data are available for U.S. metropolitan areas beginning in 2005. 2015 data was released in September 2016.

Exports from metropolitan areas increased **42%** from 2009 to 2015

In 2015, exports increased from **119** metropolitan areas

Percentage growth in exports exceeded 50% for multiple areas in 2015:

- Norwich-New London; CT (87%)
- Florence-Muscle Shoals; AL (74%)
- Kankakee-Bradley; IL (74%)
- Daphne-Fairhope-Foley; AL (66%)
- Arecibo; PR (59%)
- Mayaguez; PR (55%)

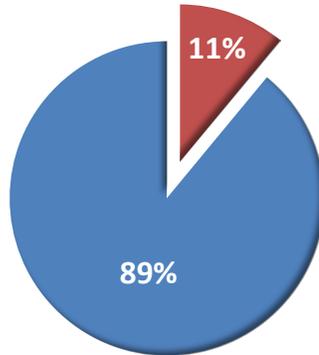
In 2015, more than half (54%) of metropolitan areas exported more than \$500 million in goods

Of these areas, **156** exported more than \$1 billion in goods in 2015

\$1.3 Trillion
63

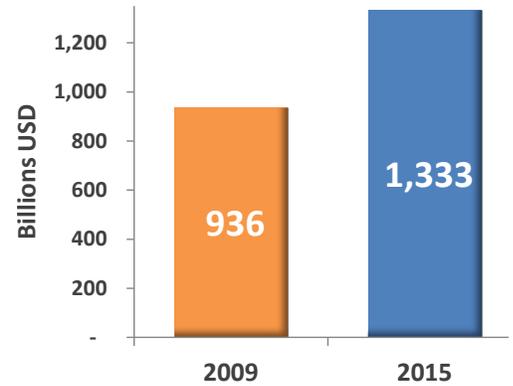
Merchandise exports from metropolitan areas in 2015
Metropolitan areas that reported record-high exports in 2015

Metropolitan vs. Rural Exports



■ Non-Metro (Rural) Areas ■ Metro Areas

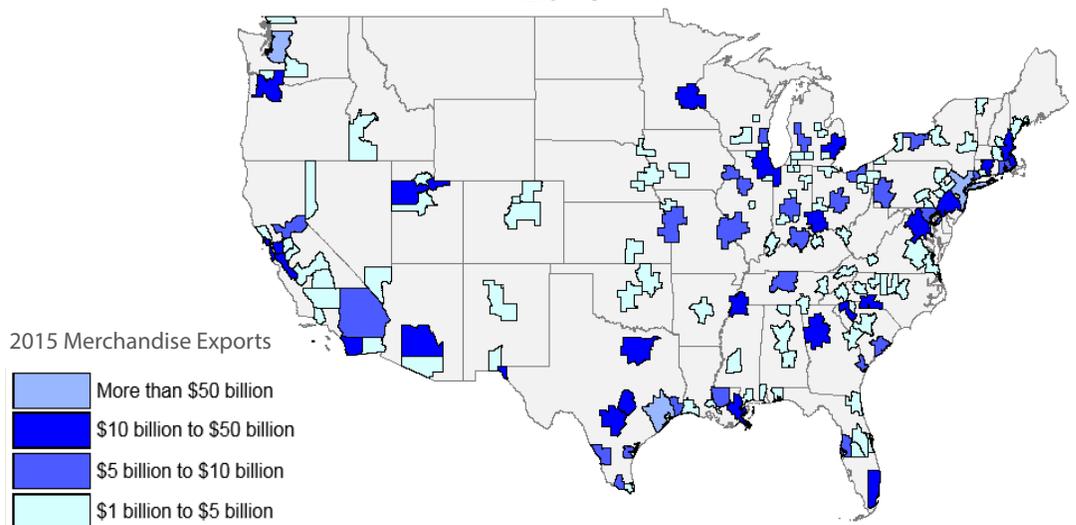
Increase in Metropolitan Exports



Top 10 Metropolitan Areas by Export Growth (2014-2015)

Metropolitan Area	Export Growth (\$ Billions)	Metropolitan Area	Export Growth (\$ Billions)
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue; WA	\$5.3	Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia; NC-SC	\$1.1
El Paso; TX	\$4.5	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale; AZ	\$1.1
Salt Lake City; UT	\$2.0	Sacramento--Roseville--Arden-Arcade; CA	\$1.0
Cincinnati-Middletown; OH-KY-IN	\$1.8	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria; DC-VA-MD-WV	\$0.8
Laredo; TX	\$1.5	Memphis; TN-MS-AR	\$0.8

Metropolitan Areas Exporting More than \$1 Billion in Goods in 2015



*Due to disclosure concerns, 2015 export figures are unavailable for Tuscaloosa



2015 Exports from U.S. Metropolitan Areas

Other top metropolitan areas for major export sectors in 2015:

- Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX for Machinery and for Petroleum and Coal Products
- New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA for Miscellaneous Manufactures
- New Orleans-Metairie, LA for Agricultural Products

Top 3 U.S. Export Sectors in 2015	Top Metropolitan Exporters in Sector	2015 Exports (\$ Billions)	Percent of Sector Exports
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	\$53	27%
	Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	\$25	13%
	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	\$14	7%
COMPUTER & ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	\$14	9%
	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	\$13	8%
	El Paso, TX	\$13	8%
CHEMICALS	Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	\$26	19%
	New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	\$16	12%
	San Juan-Carolina-Caguas, PR	\$16	12%

Trade relationships often reflect geographic, economic and/or cultural ties

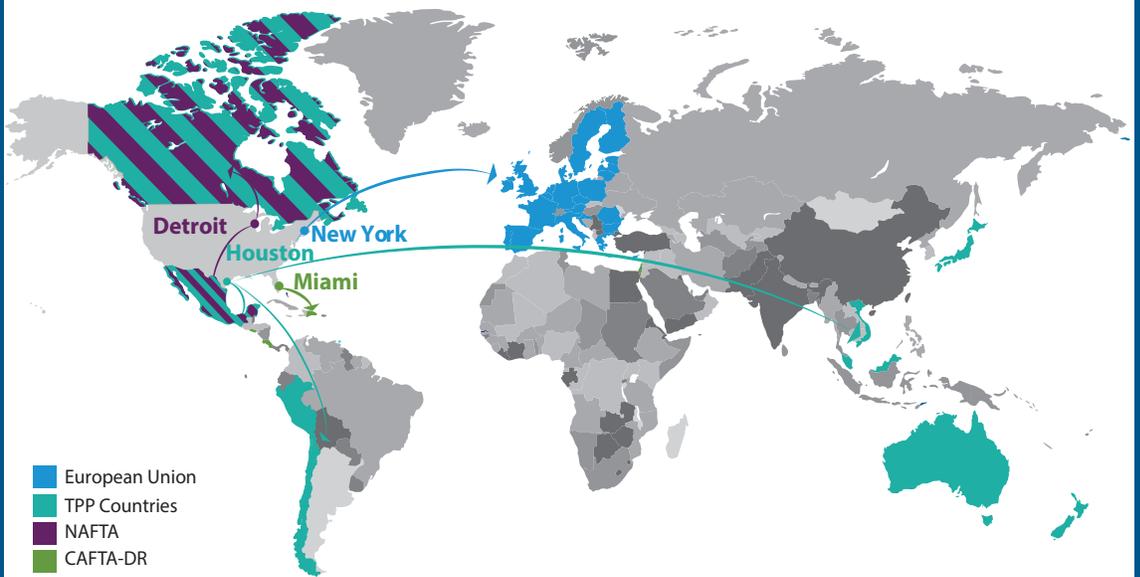
NAFTA partners Canada and Mexico are top destinations for metropolitan exports

- Top exporter to Canada: Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI
- Top exporter to Mexico: El Paso, TX

In 2015, **47%** of metropolitan areas shipped more than 50% of their exports to Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) countries

Trade Spotlight: Exports to Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Partners

Top U.S. Metropolitan Exporters to Select FTA Areas



Top 10 Exporters to FTA Countries	2015 Exports (\$ Billions)
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	\$45
Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI	\$34
New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA	\$28
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA	\$27
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	\$27
El Paso, TX	\$23
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	\$17
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL	\$14
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	\$12

Source Notes

Prepared by the Office of Trade and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. To view the complete data series and methodology, visit www.trade.gov/metrodata.