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# Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI Merchandise Exports in 2015

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In 2015, Chicago was the  
**5th**  
largest exporter in the U.S.

## Chicago Exports in 2015

- Goods exports from the Chicago area have increased \$16.6 billion since 2009.
- On average, exports from the Chicago area have increased by 5.5% annually over the past 10 years.

**\$44.8 billion**

Total Chicago goods export value in 2015

**59%**

Chicago area export growth since 2009

### Goods Exports From Select Chicago Area Counties

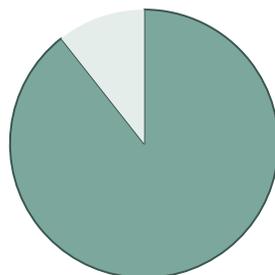
County	Export Value
DuPage County	\$7.0 billion
Lake County	\$5.9 billion
Will County	\$4.3 billion
Kane County	\$1.7 billion
McHenry County	\$798 million

## Exports Sustain Chicago Area Businesses

- In 2014 (latest available), 10,440 Chicago area companies exported to U.S. FTA partners.
- The same year, 9,838 area companies exported to Trans-Pacific Partnership countries and 4,956 exported to the European Union.

**14,101** Number of small and medium-sized goods exporters in Chicago in 2014

SMEs account for **89%** of Chicago goods exporters



**95%** of Chicago goods exporters shipped manufactured products overseas



*Note: Exporter counts reflect the number of companies, not establishments, and are therefore not additive across industries and geographies*



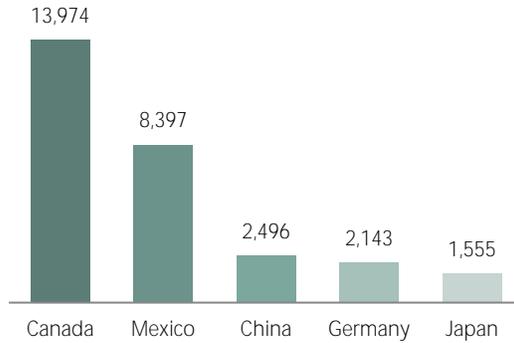
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## Top Chicago Export Markets & Sectors

- In 2015, Canada was Chicago's top foreign market, accounting for 31% of its total goods exports.
- Computer & electronic products was Chicago's top export sector in 2015, accounting for 15% of the area's goods exports.

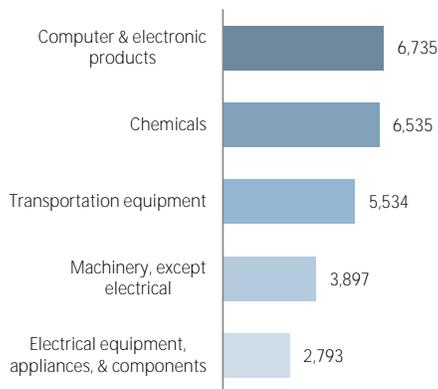
Top Chicago Area Export Markets  
Millions of dollars



In addition to these top markets, Chicago is also a major exporter to:

Australia \$1.1 billion  
Hong Kong \$987 million  
Saudi Arabia \$812 million  
Brazil \$800 million  
Belgium \$690 million

Top Chicago Export Sectors  
Millions of dollars



In addition to these top sectors, other sectors where Chicago is a major exporter include:

- Processed foods
- Fabricated metal products
- Petroleum & coal products
- Primary metal manufactures
- Plastics & rubber products

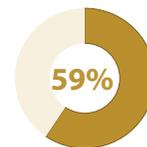
## Current and Future FTAs Matter to Chicago Area Exporters

- The U.S. currently has 14 free trade agreements in force with 20 countries.

In 2015, exports to FTA markets accounted for **59%** of Chicago area exports

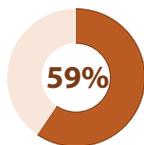
In 2015, Chicago exported:

**\$22.4 billion**  
to NAFTA



**\$26.6 billion**  
to TPP

**\$26.6 billion**  
to all FTAs in force



**\$6.7 billion**  
to TTIP (EU-28)

## Source Notes

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For additional information and to view the complete data series and methodology, visit [www.trade.gov/metrodta](http://www.trade.gov/metrodta). Exporter data available on <http://tse.export.gov/edb>.