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Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Merchandise Exports in 2015

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.

In 2015, Seattle was the
3rd
largest exporter in the U.S.

Seattle Exports in 2015

- In 2015, goods exports from the Seattle area grew by 9% over the previous year to reach a record high.
- On average, exports from the Seattle area have increased by 8.2% annually over the past 10 years.

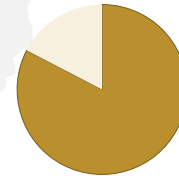
\$67.2 billion

Total Seattle goods export value in 2015

82%

Seattle area export growth since 2009

Exports from Seattle accounted for **83%** of total Washington goods exports



Goods Exports From Select Seattle Area Counties

County	Export Value
King County	\$33.7 billion
Snohomish County	\$32.0 billion
Pierce County	\$1.6 billion

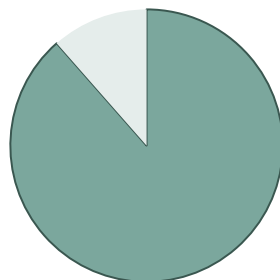
Exports Sustain Seattle Area Businesses

- In 2014 (latest available), 3,618 Seattle area companies exported to U.S. FTA partners.
- The same year, 3,758 area companies exported to Trans-Pacific Partnership countries and 1,681 exported to the European Union.

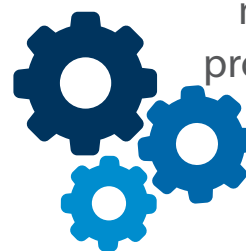
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Number of small and medium-sized goods exporters in Seattle in 2014

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



90% of Seattle 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



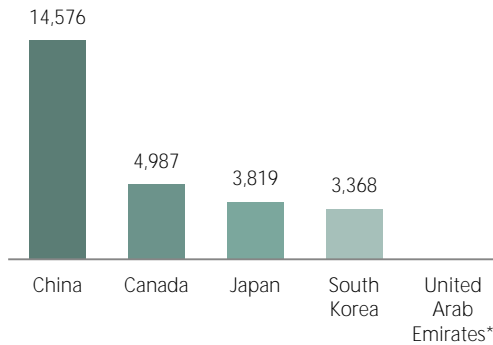
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Top Seattle Export Markets & Sectors

- In 2015, China was Seattle's top foreign market, accounting for 22% of its total goods exports.
- Transportation equipment was Seattle's top export sector in 2015, accounting for 78% of the area's goods exports.

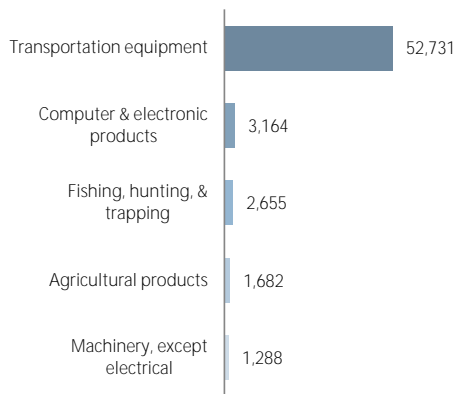
Top Seattle Area Export Markets
Millions of dollars



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

Singapore \$2.5 billion
United Kingdom \$2.4 billion
Taiwan \$1.9 billion
Germany \$1.8 billion
Netherlands \$1.6 billion

Top Seattle Export Sectors
Millions of dollars



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

- Processed foods
- Electrical equipment, appliances, & components
- Primary metal manufactures
- Fabricated metal products
- Paper

* Indicates that export value is suppressed due to disclosure concerns.

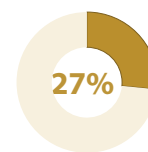
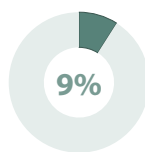
Current and Future FTAs Matter to Seattle Area Exporters

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

In 2015, exports to FTA markets accounted for **26%** of Seattle area exports

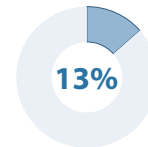
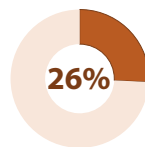
In 2015, Seattle exported:

\$6.1 billion
to NAFTA



\$17.9 billion
to TPP

\$17.3 billion
to all FTAs in force



\$9.1 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/metrodata. Exporter data available on <http://tse.export.gov/edb>.