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# Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI Merchandise Exports in 2016

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In 2016, Chicago was the  
**5th**  
largest exporter in the U.S.

## Chicago Exports in 2016

- Goods exports from the Chicago area have increased \$14.7 billion since 2006.
- On average, exports from the Chicago area have increased by 4.2% annually over the past 10 years.

**\$43.9 billion** Total Chicago goods export value in 2016



### Goods Exports From Select Chicago Area Counties

County	Export Value
DuPage County	\$6.7 billion
Lake County	\$6.0 billion
Will County	\$4.0 billion
Kane County	\$1.8 billion
McHenry County	\$1.0 billion

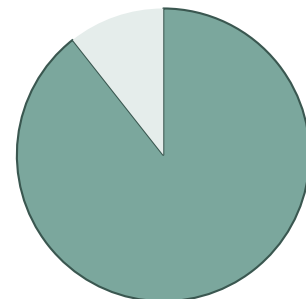
## Exports Sustain Chicago Area Businesses

- In 2014, 95% of Chicago goods exporters shipped manufactured products overseas.

**15,777** Number of Chicago exporters in 2014 (latest available)

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

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



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



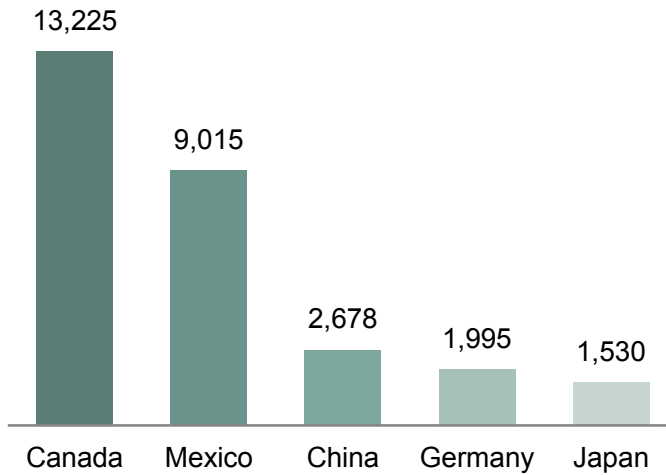
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## Top Chicago Export Markets

- In 2016, Canada was Chicago's top foreign market, accounting for 30% of its total goods exports.

## Top Chicago Area Export Markets Millions of dollars



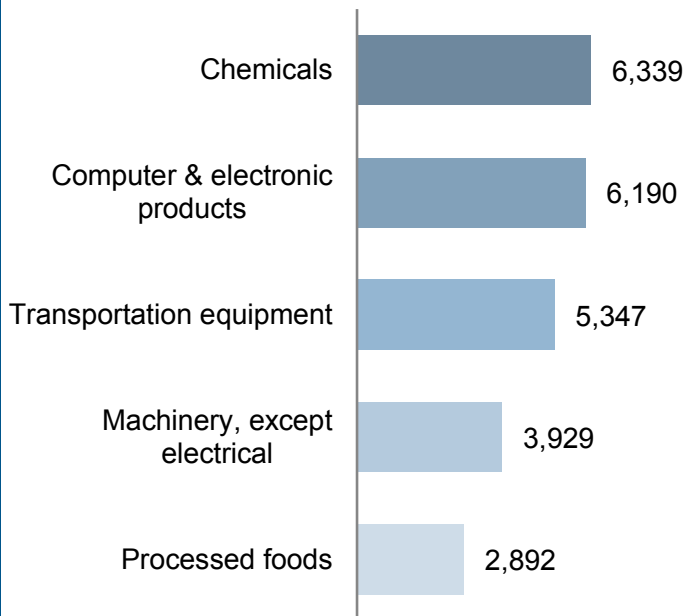
In addition to these top markets, Chicago is also a major exporter to:

- Hong Kong \$960 million
- Australia \$906 million
- Saudi Arabia \$733 million
- Brazil \$657 million
- Belgium \$655 million

## Top Chicago Export Sectors

- Chemicals accounted for 14% of the area's goods exports in 2016.

## Top Chicago Export Sectors Millions of dollars



Chicago is also a major exporter of:

- Electrical equipment, appliances, & components
- Petroleum & coal products
- Fabricated metal products
- Primary metal manufactures

## Source Notes

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For additional information and to view the complete data series and methodology, visit [www.trade.gov/metrodata](http://www.trade.gov/metrodata).

Exporter data available on <http://tse.export.gov/edb>.