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# Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Merchandise Exports in 2016

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In 2016, Houston was the  
**2nd**  
largest exporter in the U.S.

## Houston Exports in 2016

- Goods exports from the Houston area have increased \$30.8 billion since 2006.
- On average, exports from the Houston area have increased by 4.7% annually over the past 10 years.

**\$84.1 billion** Total Houston goods export value in 2016



### Goods Exports From Select Houston Area Counties

County	Export Value
Harris County	\$68.2 billion
Galveston County	\$7.0 billion
Brazoria County	\$3.9 billion
Montgomery County	\$2.0 billion
Fort Bend County	\$1.9 billion

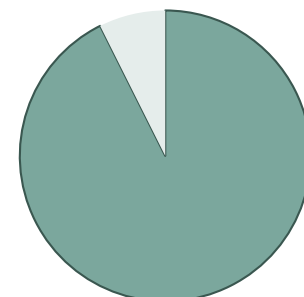
## Exports Sustain Houston Area Businesses

- In 2014, 92% of Houston goods exporters shipped manufactured products overseas.

**13,003** Number of Houston exporters in 2014 (latest available)

**12,042**  
Number of small and medium-sized goods exporters in Houston in 2014

SMEs account for **93%** of Houston goods exporters



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



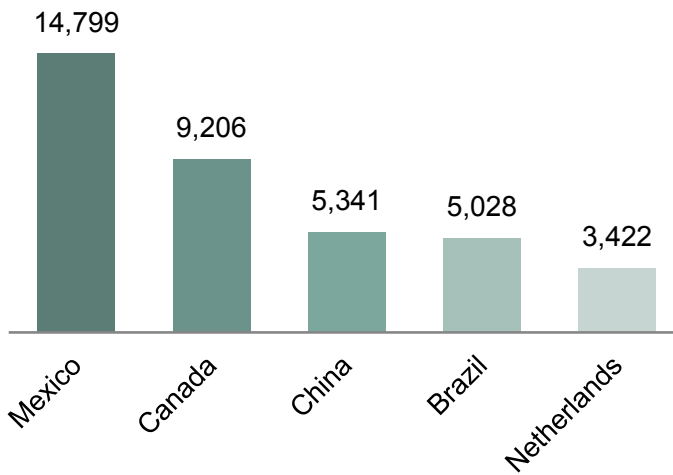
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## Top Houston Export Markets

- In 2016, Mexico was Houston's top foreign market, accounting for 18% of its total goods exports.

Top Houston Area Export Markets  
Millions of dollars



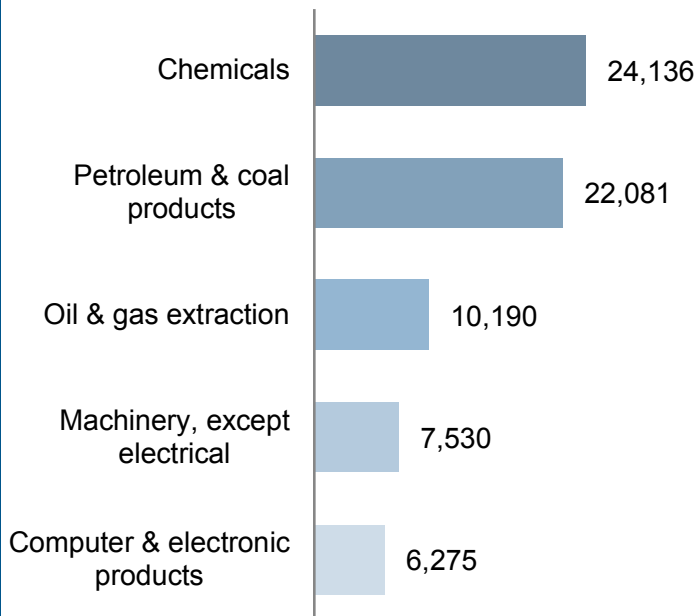
In addition to these top markets, Houston is also a major exporter to:

- Japan \$3.1 billion
- Singapore \$2.6 billion
- Saudi Arabia \$2.4 billion
- South Korea \$2.2 billion
- Colombia \$2.0 billion

## Top Houston Export Sectors

- Chemicals accounted for 29% of the area's goods exports in 2016.

Top Houston Export Sectors  
Millions of dollars



Houston is also a major exporter of:

- Transportation equipment
- Fabricated metal products
- Agricultural products
- Electrical equipment, appliances, & components

## 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>.