USMCA Alaska State Fact Sheet

Alaska’s Trade with the World

- In 2019, Alaska exported $5.0 Billion in goods to the world.
- In 2019, Alaska was the 40th-largest state exporter of goods in the United States.
- In 2016, 37,100 U.S. jobs were supported by goods exported from Alaska.²
- In 2018, 806 companies exported goods from Alaska- 73 percent were small and medium-sized companies.³

Alaska’s Trade with Canada and Mexico

Alaska’s Rank in Exports to Canada and Mexico
In 2019, Alaska was the 48th-largest exporter of goods to Mexico and Canada.

Ranks of Canada and Mexico as Destinations for Alaska Exports
In 2019, Canada was Alaska’s fourth-largest export destination and Mexico was the eighteenth-largest export destination.

Statewide Statistics and Top Export Product Categories

- In 2019, Alaska exported $605 Million to Canada and Mexico, accounting for 12 percent of Alaska’s total exports to the world.
  - Alaska exported $582 Million to Canada, 12 percent of Alaska’s exports to the world.

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¹All trade data used in this report reflect the data published by June 15, 2020 from the U.S. Census Bureau, as compiled by the International Trade Administration’s Trade Policy Information System (TPIS).
²Jobs supported by state exports estimates by the Office of Trade and Economic Analysis (OTEA), Industry and Analysis, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce: https://www.trade.gov/mas/ian/employment/
³U.S. Census Bureau’s A Profile of U.S. Importing and Exporting Companies, Table 6a 2018 Exports by State of Origin of Movement, Number of Exporting Companies, Value for Small and Medium Companies
⁴Top export product categories reflected under the 2017 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) at the 4-digit level of detail, compiled by TPIS.
Alaska exported $23 Million to Mexico, 0 percent of Alaska’s exports to the world.

**Alaska’s Top 5 Export Categories to Canada**

- **Metal Ores**: $418 Million
- **Petroleum & Coal Products**: $72 Million
- **Fish, Fresh/Chilled/Frozen & Other Marine Products**: $46 Million
- **Timber & Logs**: $11 Million
- **Aerospace Products & Parts**: $7 Million

**Alaska’s Top 5 Export Categories to Mexico**

- **Industrial Machinery**: $3 Million
- **Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mill Products**: $2 Million
- **Computer Equipment**: $2 Million
- **Motor Vehicle Parts**: $2 Million
- **Meat Products & Meat Packaging Products**: $1 Million

**Metropolitan Statistics**

- Alaska’s Top Metropolitan Exports to Canada and Mexico 2018
  - Fairbanks: $2 Million

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5 2018 Metropolitan (statistical) area (MSA) exports to Canada and Mexico data from the U.S. Census Bureau compiled by the Office of Trade and Economic Analysis (OTEA), Industry and Analysis, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. Top products by MSA reflected under the 2017 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) at the 3-digit level of detail.
USMCA Will Benefit Alaska’s Top Export Sectors to Mexico and Canada
Alaska’s top export sectors to Mexico and Canada in 2019 include Minerals and Ores, Petroleum and Coal Products, and Fishing.  

Minerals and Ores
Mining of minerals and ores is an important sector for Alaska with over 200 mineral properties in the state.  

Petroleum and Coal Products
Alaska’s oil and gas manufacturing sector are linked to almost one-third of all jobs in the state.  

6 The “D” symbol signifies when data are withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual companies. The data are included in higher level totals.

7 Unless otherwise footnoted in the below sectors, sector employment data is average annual number of employees and establishments by county or local economic region by 2017 NAICS 3-digit level from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

8 Alaska Department of Commerce commerce.alaska.gov

9 Minerals and ores sector defined as NAICS 212 for Mining, except oil and gas.


11 Petroleum and coal products manufacturing sector defined as NAICS 324 for petroleum and coal products manufacturing.


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foreign investment. Industry\(^\text{13}\) also reported support for USMCA’s new energy efficiency performance standards annex (which aims to harmonize the federally mandated energy performance standards across various products), energy regulatory measures maintained by a Party’s central level of government, and regulatory transparency.

**Fishing**
Alaska is home to many seafood harvesters and seafood processors. In 2019, there were 103 fishing, hunting, and trapping\(^\text{14}\) establishments with 174 workers. Kodiak Island Borough, Aleutian, and Valdez-Cordova areas have the largest number of employees in the fish and seafood harvesting sector. Most of the jobs are related to harvesting and processing salmon. USMCA’s Environment chapter contains the most comprehensive set of enforceable environmental obligations of any previous U.S. trade agreement, including obligations to combat trafficking in fish to enhance the effectiveness of customs inspections and strengthen law enforcement networks to stem such trafficking. The chapter includes prohibitions on some of the most harmful fisheries subsidies, such as those that benefit vessels or operations involved in illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. The environment provisions include new protections for marine species, such as prohibitions on shark-finning and commercial whaling. In addition, the Environment chapter incorporates the first-ever articles to improve air quality, prevent and reduce marine litter, and ensure appropriate procedures for environmental impact assessments.

\(^{13}\) Ibid.

\(^{14}\) Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping sector defined as NAICS 114 for Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping seafood industries. Industries in the Fishing, Hunting and Trapping subsector harvest fish and other wild animals from their natural habitats and are dependent upon a continued supply of the natural resource.