



International Companies Are Boosting U.S. Exports

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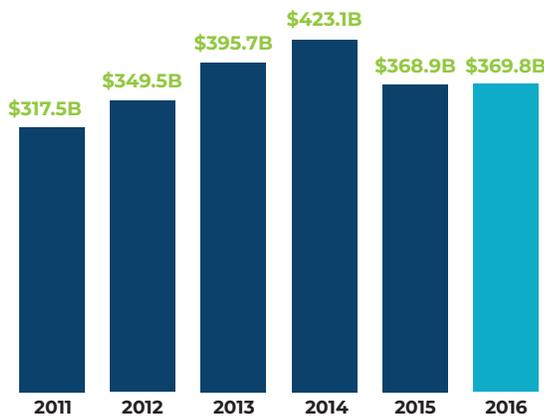
International companies operating in the United States boost domestic exports by shipping finished goods from their U.S. facilities to customers around the world. In fact, according to the latest government data, U.S. workers at international companies produce a quarter of all U.S. goods exports.



International Companies Export More than a Billion Dollars a Day in American-Made Goods

U.S. exports from U.S. subsidiaries of international companies have increased significantly since the recession-related low of \$217 billion in 2009. In fact, goods shipped from the United States by international companies grew approximately 16 percent over the past five years. At \$370 billion, international companies produced nearly a quarter of U.S. exports in 2016.

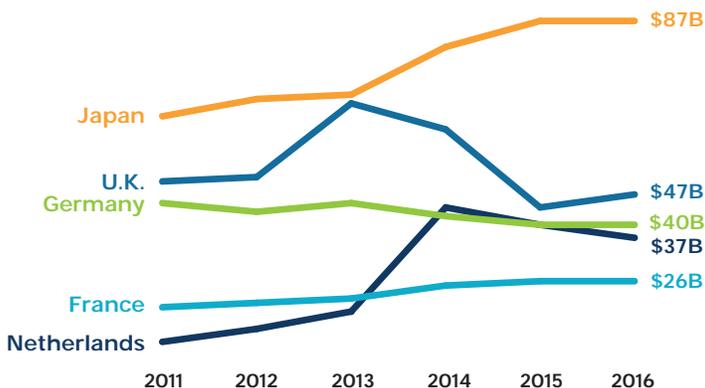
Growth in U.S. Goods Exports by International Companies, 2011-2016



Five Countries Dominate U.S. Exports from International Firms

Firms from five countries account for 64 percent of total goods exports from international companies in the United States. Japanese companies with U.S. operations rank first at \$87 billion, making up almost a quarter of all goods exported from international companies in the United States.

Top Five Countries Contributing to U.S. Exports 2011-2016



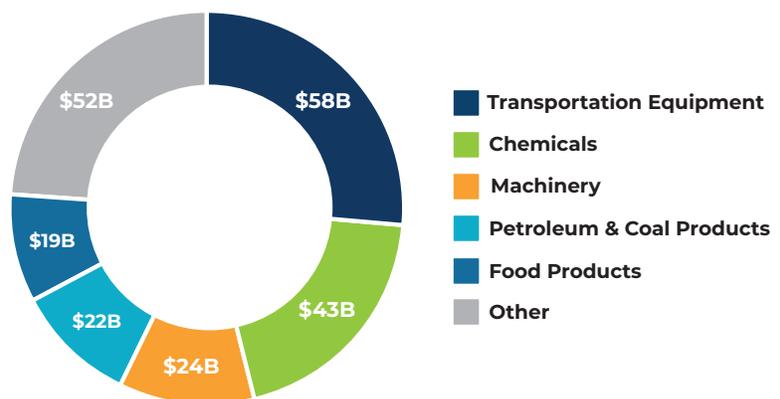
British companies shipped \$47 billion in goods from the United States in 2016, and German companies with U.S. facilities contributed \$40 billion in U.S. exports.

Firms from the Netherlands have contributed \$37 billion to U.S. exports and seen the fastest growth in goods exports within the past five years, nearly tripling the amount of U.S.-made goods shipped by Dutch-headquartered companies. French-based firms shipped \$26 billion worth of U.S.-manufactured goods in 2016.

Transportation Equipment Is the Largest U.S. Export Commodity for International Companies

Transportation equipment made up approximately 27 percent of total manufactured exports shipped by U.S. affiliates in 2016, and autos composed 86 percent of these exports. Chemicals accounted for nearly 20 percent of total manufactured exports from all international companies in the United States. International companies also bolstered U.S. exports in several other industrial sectors, such as food products, computers and electronic products, and machinery.

U.S. Exports of Manufactured Goods by International Companies, 2016



In 2016, wholesale trade shipments were valued at \$139 billion, of which petroleum and petroleum products made up nearly 30 percent. Taken together, manufacturing and wholesale trade composed nearly 97 percent of all U.S. exports from international companies in 2016.

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Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis at the time of publication in November 2018. Data cover the activities of majority-owned U.S. affiliates of foreign multinational enterprises.