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Illinois - The Middle East (MENA)

TRADE & INVESTMENT STATISTICS

Exports are a Significant Portion of Illinois' Economy

- Illinois exports totaled over \$65.19 billion in 2017
- Since 2009, Illinois exports have increased by \$23.56 billion, or 56.6%, outperforming the national average of 46.4%
- Illinois is the largest exporting state in the Midwest and the 5th largest exporting state in the U.S.
- Top 15 Illinois export categories have seen gains since 2009
- 9 of the top 10 Illinois export partner countries have seen gains since 2009
- Export activities support over 800K jobs in Illinois

Top 5 Industries for Illinois Exports in 2017 (in billions)

Illinois' Top 5 Export Industries	2017 Annual Exports	Change Since 2009
Machinery, Except Electrical	\$11.16	16.7%
Chemicals	\$ 8.90	43.2%
Computer And Electronic Products	\$ 8.58	85.6%
Transportation Equipment	\$ 7.99	98.2%
Food And Kindred Products	\$ 3.95	60.3%
Total All Industries	\$65.19 Billion	56.6%

Top 5 Countries for Illinois Exports in 2017 (in billions)

Illinois' Top 5 Partner Countries	2017 Annual Exports	Change Since 2009
Canada	\$17.69	45.9%
Mexico	\$ 9.88	178.2%
China	\$ 5.27	113.4%
Germany	\$ 3.44	71.2%
Australia	\$ 2.61	63.9%
Total All Partner Countries	\$65.19 Billion	56.6%

Total Trade between Illinois and The Middle East in 2017

- Illinois exports to The Middle East totaled \$1.86 billion in 2017, a 39.1% increase since 2009.
- The top 5 Middle East partner countries are United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Israel, and Kuwait; for exports to Illinois.
- Illinois ranks 12th among the 50 U.S. states in exports to The Middle East
- Illinois imports from The Middle East totaled over \$1.30 billion in 2017, a 3.3% increase since 2009.
- The top 5 Middle East partner countries are Israel, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Oman, and Saudi Arabia; for imports to Illinois.
- Illinois ranks 8th among the 50 U.S. states in imports from The Middle East

Top 5 Industries for Illinois Exports to The Middle East in 2017 (in millions)

Export Industries	2017 Annual Exports	Change Since 2016
Computer and Electronic Products	\$ 315.1	7.6%
Transportation Equipment	\$ 264.9	-63.7%
Machinery, Except Electrical	\$ 255.2	-37.1%
Chemicals	\$ 245.4	41.3%
Food and Kindred Products	\$ 151.5	8.0%
Total All Industries	\$ 1.86 Billion	-21.7%

Top 5 Industries for Illinois Imports from The Middle East in 2017 (in millions)

Import Industries	2017 Annual Imports	Change Since 2016
Transportation Equipment	\$ 237.3	26.9%
Machinery, Except Electrical	\$ 130.1	-11.4%
Primary Metal Manufacturing	\$ 126.2	177.7%
Computer and Electronic Products	\$ 121.0	43.1%
Goods Returned to Canada (Exports Only); U.S. Good	\$ 105.4	15.8%
Total All Industries	\$ 1.30 Billion	17.9%

Middle East (MENA) Foreign Direct Investment in Illinois

- Illinois ranks #3 in the nation and Chicago ranks #1 amongst largest metro areas for new and expanding corporate locations.
- Illinois is home to over 2,003 foreign firms that employ more than 319,000 Illinois residents
- Middle Eastern firms employ 1,466 Illinoisans at 56 distinct locations for 40 subsidiaries
- The Middle East, if a country, would rank as Illinois' 24th largest FDI partner by employment

Top Middle Eastern Firms with Employment in Illinois

Company	Number of Employees
Government Of Saudi Arabia	470
Investcorp Bank B.S.C	142
Dubai Holding LLC	132
Agility Public Warehousing Company K.S.C.P.	100
Kokler Yatirim Holding Anonim Sirketi	56

Top Illinois Firms with Employment in The Middle East

Company	Number of Employees
Mondelez International, Inc.	4,678
Abbott Laboratories	1,754
The Boeing Company	777
Deere & Company	555
Baxter International Inc.	421

Export Data Source – World Institute for Strategic Economic Research (WISERTrade) via Census Bureau 2018 data

Foreign Direct Investment Data Source – Dunn and Bradstreet May 2018 *FDI employment data is subject to market fluctuations. *IL foreign employment based on modeled data

Export and FDI Employment Source – DCEO-REMI analysis using: Dun and Bradstreet, Census Bureau, NAR, The Trade Partnership via the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and Moody's Analytics data