# Trade, Investment, and Growing Maine's Economy

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# Why are international trade & investment important to Maine?

International trade – including exports and imports – supports 177,519 Maine jobs, representing more than 1 in 5 jobs in the state.



Jobs in U.S. exporting plants pay on average up to 18% more than similar jobs in non-exporting plants.

# Maine exported \$2.7 billion in goods in 2014 and \$1.3 billion in services in 2013.

Customers in 184 countries buy Maine-made goods and services.



# Foreign-owned companies invest and build facilities and employ 32,500 Maine workers across many industries.









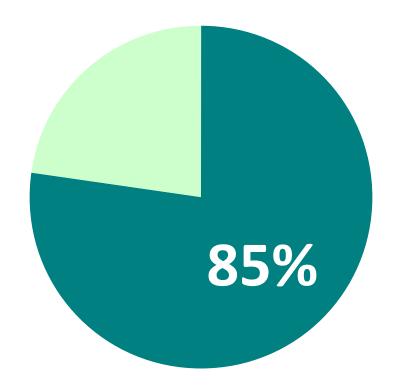






# **Share of Maine Exporters that are Small & Medium Sized Businesses**

2,183
number
of Maine
businesses
that exported
in 2012



#### **TOP EXPORT MARKETS**

Canada \$1,039,145,096

China \$179,200,181

Malaysia \$178,658,373

Germany \$76,388,381

Japan \$64,470,810

Korea, Republic of \$63,386,843

Italy \$58,539,666

Mexico \$53,125,886

United Kingdom \$46,907,427

Netherlands \$45,034,269









#### **TOP EXPORT COMMODITIES**

Fish, Crustaceans & Aquatic Invertebrates	\$348,231,197
Electric Machinery; Sound Equip; TV Equip; Parts	\$282,738,171
Paper & Paperboard & Articles	\$265,536,278
Wood and Articles of Wood; Wood Charcoal	\$236,904,542
Aircraft, Spacecraft, and Parts Thereof	\$169,812,598
Wood Pulp, Etc; Recovered (Waste & Scrap)	\$135,227,417
Industrial Machinery, Including Computers	\$113,718,061
Mineral Fuel, Oil, Etc.; Mineral Wax	\$76,292,580
Optic, Photo, Medical or Surgical Instruments	\$56,591,918
Special Classification Provisions, NESOI	\$52,716,715

### **MITC Services**

- Trade Assistance
- Trade Education Programs & Events
- Trade Missions & Trade Shows
- Export Assistance Grants

#### **Trade Assistance**

#### **TOP 5 REQUESTS BY COUNTRY**

China

Canada

Japan

Korea

Brazil

#### **TOP 5 REQUESTS BY TOPIC**

Documentation & Certification
Best Markets & Market Trends
Distributors/Partners/Buyers
Research Trade Statistics
Tax & Tariff Rates

**1,370** consulting/research requests delivered in 2015



## **Programs & Events**



977 attendees at 11 trade education programs and events in 2015

#### Topics included:

Imperatives of Importing; Online in Europe (webinar); Energy Needs: New Projects & Opportunities (Canada Day);

Understanding Foreign Trade Zones; and Export Forum 2015

#### **Trade Shows**

MITC coordinated booths at five trade shows in 2015:

Winter Fancy Food Show

China Fisheries & Seafood Expo

**Arab Health** 

**MEDICA** 

**DEFSEC Atlantic** 

\$11.2 million in projected sales from 5 trade shows in 2015



#### **Trade Mission**

State of Maine Trade Mission to Japan and China in 2015:

- 12 participating organizations
- over 250 attendees at special events
- 111 business matchmaking meetings held



\$2.1 million in projected sales within 6 weeks



## **Export Assistance Grants**

North Atlantic Supply Chain Initiative (NASCI) grant program funded by Maine Technology Institute



State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) grant program funded by U.S. Small Business Administration



Funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration

Overall ROI of 91:1 with over \$1.8 million in reported sales

#### **MITC Initiatives**

- MENADO North Atlantic and Arctic focus
- Study Maine international student attraction
- Invest in Maine foreign direct investment

#### **MENADO**

Maine North Atlantic Development Office (MENADO) was formed in 2013 to increase trade and investment between Maine and markets of the North Atlantic Region and guide Maine's policy in Arctic affairs.

#### In 2015:

- organized Maine participation in 3 international trade shows and conferences
- hosted 10 educational programs, visiting delegations, and networking events
- presented at 8 Arctic-themed international events



## **StudyMaine**

- In 2015, Maine was home to 1,354 international students at the higher education level and approximately 950 tuition-paying international students at the high school level contributing an estimated \$87 million to Maine's economy.
- During 2015, StudyMaine hosted EducationUSA advisors from eight different countries.
- In January 2016, StudyMaine organized a Maine Education Mission to Vietnam and Thailand.





# StudyMaine USA



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#### **Invest in Maine**

**Key Markets:** EU and China

**Target Sectors:** Life Sciences, Advanced Materials/Composites, Food Processing and Aerospace/Transportation

#### In 2015:

- hosted booths at Techtextil and Composites Europe trade shows
- conducted 95 foreign direct investment meetings overseas
- organized 12 international investor visits
- launched regional reimbursement sub-grant program





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#### **Thank You!**

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