



## COLUMBUS, OH

### Merchandise Exports in 2014

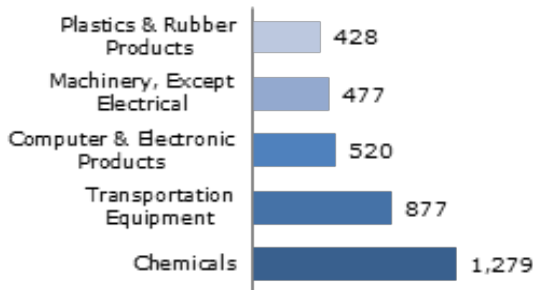
**48th** Largest export market  
in the United States

**\$6.2 billion**  
Total merchandise exports

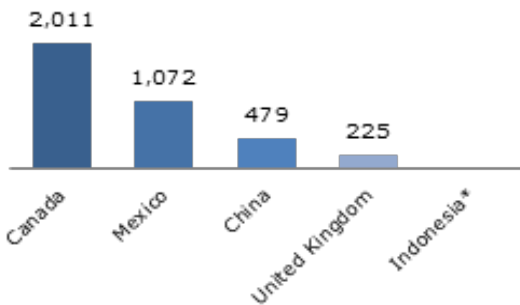


**Up \$514 million**  
(9.0% increase over 2013)

#### Top Export Sectors Millions of dollars



#### Top Export Markets Millions of dollars

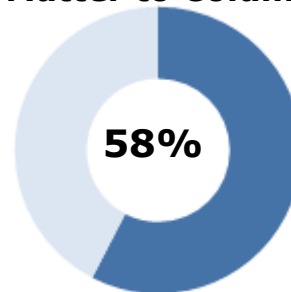


#### Selected Exporting Counties

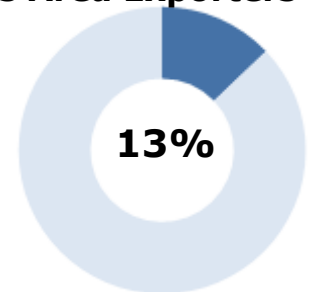
County	Value
Licking County	\$842 million
Union County	\$377 million
Madison County	\$302 million
Delaware County	\$290 million
Pickaway County	\$254 million

\*Indicates that the export value is suppressed to avoid disclosing confidential information

#### Current and Future FTAs Matter to Columbus Area Exporters



Share of merchandise exports to Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) members



Share of merchandise exports to Trans-Atlantic Trade & Investment Partnership (T-TIP) members

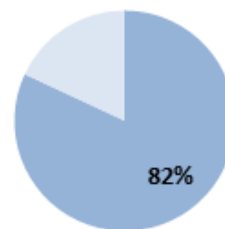
**\$3.5 billion**

Total merchandise exports to current FTA partners; 57% of Columbus total

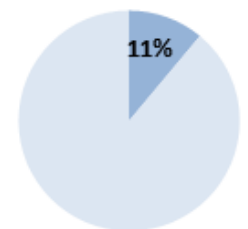
#### Exports Sustain Columbus Area Businesses

**1,987**

Companies exported from Columbus MSA in 2012 (Latest available)



Small-Medium Business share of Columbus MSA exporters in 2012 (<500 employees)



Share of Ohio exports accounted for by Columbus MSA in 2014

# Columbus, OH

- In 2014, Columbus was the 48th largest metropolitan area exporter in the United States, with merchandise shipments totaling \$6.2 billion. This is up \$514 million (9.0 percent) from the \$5.7 billion in merchandise exported in 2013.
- In 2012 (latest data available), 1,987 companies exported goods from the Columbus metropolitan area. Of these, 1,628 were small- or medium-sized exporters (SMEs) with fewer than 500 employees.
- The Columbus metropolitan area accounted for 11.0 percent of Ohio’s merchandise exports in 2014.
- Counties from the Columbus metropolitan area that reported exports in 2014 included: Licking County (\$842 million), Union County (\$377 million), Madison County (\$302 million), Delaware County (\$290 million), Pickaway County (\$254 million), Perry County (\$113 million), Fairfield County (\$80 million), Hocking County (\$3 million). The following counties recorded exports, but the values are suppressed due to federal disclosure regulations: Franklin County, Morrow County.
- In 2014, Columbus’s top export markets included Canada (\$2.0 billion), Mexico (\$1.1 billion), China (\$479 million), United Kingdom (\$225 million), and Indonesia (value suppressed).
- Top export sectors from Columbus in 2014 were chemicals (\$1.3 billion); transportation equipment (\$877 million); computer & electronic products (\$520 million); machinery, except electrical (\$477 million); and plastics & rubber products (\$428 million). Columbus is also a major metropolitan area exporter of processed foods; apparel and accessories; agricultural products; miscellaneous manufactures; and electrical equipment, appliances, & components.
- In 2014, Columbus benefited from existing trade agreements, exporting 56.8 percent of merchandise exports to free trade agreement (FTA) partners.
- In 2014, Columbus exported \$3.1 billion in goods to the NAFTA region and \$34 million in goods to the CAFTA-DR region.

Top Sectors			Top Countries		
Sector	Value	Share	Sector	Value	Share
Chemicals	\$1.3 billion	20.5%	Canada	\$2.0 billion	32.2%
Transportation Equipment	\$877 million	14.0%	Mexico	\$1.1 billion	17.2%
Computer & Electronic Products	\$520 million	8.3%	China	\$479 million	7.7%
Machinery, Except Electrical	\$477 million	7.6%	United Kingdom	\$225 million	3.6%
Plastics & Rubber Products	\$428 million	6.9%	Indonesia	value suppressed	

**Note:** Where data are suppressed, the order in which counties, sectors, and countries are displayed does not necessarily reflect the true rank ordering. The suppressed data may, in fact, be rightfully anywhere in the ranking.

**Data year:** 2014 **Last updated:** July 2015

**Contact:** Natalie Soroka (202-482-5839) & Jeffrey Hall (202-482-1643), Office of Trade and Economic Analysis. The Metropolitan Export Series is a product funded and developed by the International Trade Administration using data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Merchandise export totals are available for metropolitan areas beginning in 2005 through 2014. 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>.