

Four Facts About Trade and Manufacturing

1. U.S.-manufactured goods exports are on the rise.

- ⌚ U.S.-manufactured exports equaled over \$1.3 trillion in 2015.
- ⌚ U.S.-manufactured goods exports more than quadrupled since 1990.
- ⌚ U.S. exports have grown more than twice as fast as U.S. GDP since 2002.

2. When markets open, sales rise.

- ⌚ In 2015, nearly 50 percent of U.S.-manufactured goods exports went to just 20 countries, America's free trade agreement partners.
- ⌚ America's free trade agreement partners purchased nearly 13 times more goods from the United States per capita than other countries did.

3. Trade supports good-paying American jobs.

- ⌚ Jobs linked to manufactured goods exports pay on average 15 percent to 20 percent more than other jobs.
- ⌚ Trade is vital to create new customers and production for manufacturers here.

4. Most companies that trade are SMEs.

- ⌚ The vast majority of U.S. exporters are small and medium-sized businesses with fewer than 500 workers.
- ⌚ In addition, thousands of small and medium-sized exporters (SMEs) export indirectly by selling goods and services to other companies that use them to export finished products.