

The United States Exports Half as Much of its Manufacturing Production as Other Countries Do

While the United States is the world's largest manufacturer, accounting for about 21 percent of all manufacturing production in the world, it does not have a strong export orientation. In fact, the U.S. manufacturing industry on average exports only half of what other major manufacturing economies do.

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) benchmarked U.S. manufacturing by examining manufacturing value-added and manufactured goods exports for the world's major manufacturers, and then constructing a ratio for each country, with the United States being indexed as 1.0. As the graph below shows, the United States ranks last among major producers in its export intensity.



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