



South Carolina Exports

2021 INTERNATIONAL TRADE REPORT

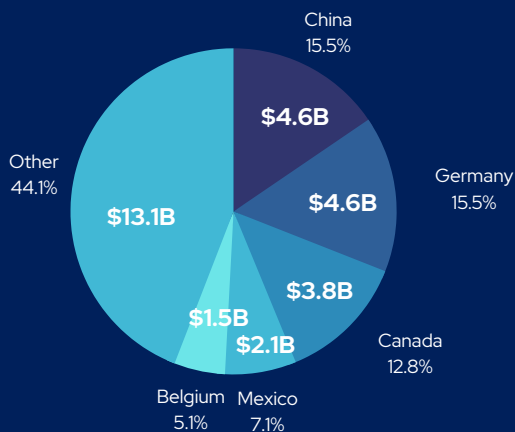
South Carolina's total export sales topped \$29.7 billion in 2021 with the state's exporters increasing their reach to more than 195 countries and territories. And, while total export sales decreased 2% from the 2020 total, S.C. continues to lead the nation in the export sales of completed passenger motor vehicles and tires.



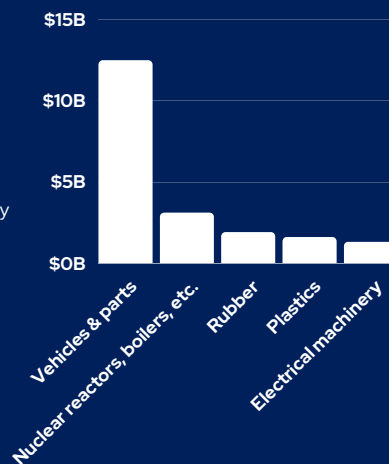
S.C.'s Total Exports Since 2011



Top Export Markets



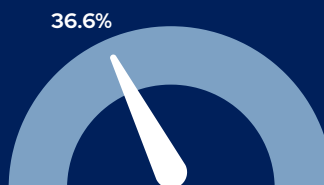
Top Five Commodities



Passenger Vehicle U.S. Market Share



Tires U.S. Market Share



*represents S.C.'s total percentage of U.S. market share

"South Carolina's economy continues to grow, and the news that the state remains the national leader in the export sales of tires and passenger vehicles is a testament to our international connectivity," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "Looking to the future, South Carolina will continue to work hard to ensure that our state remains a globally-competitive place to do business."

"International trade plays an incredibly important role in sustained economic prosperity, and South Carolina consistently demonstrates our ability to move products around the world," said Secretary of Commerce Harry M. Lightsey III. "As industries transform, we are poised to prioritize our support – promoting resources to best equip companies in maximizing their reach overseas."

"As a top 10 U.S. container port, South Carolina Ports serves as a vital economic engine for the state. Big retailers, South Carolina farmers, advanced manufacturers and many other industries depend on our efficient operations to keep freight moving," said South Carolina Ports President and CEO Jim Newsome. "The global supply chain continues to see great strain from handling unprecedented cargo volumes through the pandemic as consumers buy record amounts of goods. South Carolina Ports has invested more than \$2 billion in port infrastructure in recent years to ensure we remain globally competitive. These significant investments have attracted world-class companies to South Carolina. Alongside our partners, South Carolina Ports will endeavor to build on our momentum, creating lasting benefits for South Carolina."

[Learn more](#) about Commerce's export incentives program that can assist companies of all sizes in exporting.