

ARKANSAS & CANADA

An integrated economy



Photo: Standard Lithium

Cutting edge technology powers the future of lithium extraction

In 2023, Vancouver-based **Standard Lithium**, an innovative technology and lithium development company, installed a Carbon Capture Pilot Plant in southern Arkansas. The plant will assess the viability of capturing CO₂ directly from natural gas burning flue-gas streams, and will inform how future production facilities can use technology to minimize CO₂ emissions.

Dr. Andy Robinson, President and COO of Standard Lithium, commented “Standard Lithium is committed to ushering in a new generation of sustainable mineral extraction by exploring novel, cutting-edge technologies designed to minimize carbon emissions. We look forward to testing this innovative carbon capture technology to better understand how Standard Lithium can engage in the most sustainable production processes, while integrating low-carbon lithium products into North America’s energy transition supply chain.”

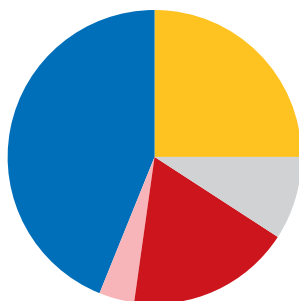


136 Canadian-owned companies employ 3,300 workers in Arkansas



Canada is the #2 export market for Arkansas

Arkansas exports \$2.8 billion in goods to Canada annually



Goods exports by industry

- Agriculture (25%)
- Equipment & machinery (44%)
- Minerals & metals (4%)
- Transportation (18%)
- Other (9%)

Arkansas exports \$278 million in services to Canada, including

Travel (including for education).....	\$114 million
Business services.....	\$58 million
Financial services.....	\$42 million
Charges for the use of intellectual property.....	\$19 million
Telecommunications & information services.....	\$19 million

Top Arkansas goods exports to Canada

Iron & steel tubes, pipes & sheets.....	\$105 million
Cereals.....	\$94 million
Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$93 million
Paper & paperboard.....	\$82 million
Heating, cooling & refrigeration equipment.....	\$75 million
Perfumes, essential oils & toiletries.....	\$62 million
Motor vehicle parts.....	\$60 million
Animal meats.....	\$56 million
Iron & steel alloys & semi-finished products.....	\$52 million
Electric motors & generators.....	\$47 million



Canadians love Walmart

Arkansas-based **Walmart** has been expanding stores into Canada. Walmart Canada operates a growing chain of over 400 stores nationwide serving more than 1.2 million customers each day. Walmart Canada's flagship online store, Walmart.ca, is visited by more than 750,000 customers daily. With more than 85,000 associates, Walmart Canada is one of Canada's largest employers and is ranked one of the country's top 10 most influential brands.

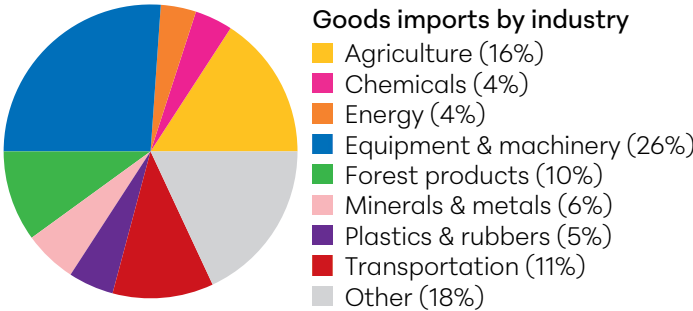


Canada invests in Arkansas

Trade with Canada supports **62,500 employees in Arkansas** in addition to the **3,300 employees** at Canadian-owned businesses across the state. In addition, Arkansas exports \$3.1 billion in goods and services to Canada.

Canadian-owned companies, including **West Fraser, Anthony Forest Products Co, Pappas Foods** and **Interfor**, are major contributors to Arkansas' economy. They employ residents in every sector and contribute to the local economy with salary dollars, paying local taxes, and the purchase of goods and services in their supply chain.

Arkansas imports \$2.7 billion in goods from Canada annually



Top Arkansas goods imports from Canada

Pasta, breads & cereal preparations.....	\$185 million
Softwood lumber.....	\$163 million
Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$132 million
Optical, medical & precision instruments.....	\$106 million
Aircraft & parts.....	\$100 million
Furniture & bedding.....	\$76 million
Electricity.....	\$68 million
Wood & semi-finished wood products.....	\$64 million
Trucks.....	\$63 million
Engines & turbines.....	\$61 million

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Sources: All figures are in U.S. dollars. Unless otherwise specified, all figures are based on 2024 data. **U.S. Census Bureau:** goods trade, Canada's export ranking (2/2025 release). **Trade Partnership:** 2023 services trade (12/2024 release). **Dun & Bradstreet:** Canadian-owned businesses operating in the U.S. (2/2025 release). **Business Roundtable:** state jobs from Canada-U.S. trade (2018, 10/2020 release). Figures may not add up due to rounding. Produced by the Embassy of Canada in Washington, D.C.

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