

ILLINOIS & CANADA

An integrated economy



Photo: CN

A key intermodal hub in Chicago

Canadian National Railway (CN) has been a longtime engine of economic growth in Illinois; the company invested \$150 million across the state in 2022 alone and more than \$1 billion over the last five years. Now CN is exploring a new Chicagoland Logistics Hub in Minooka, to move even more goods through Illinois. CN investments have helped Will County maintain its position as the largest inland port in the United States, served by CN's new transload facility in Bridgeview and its Chicago Intermodal Terminal in Harvey. If the new Logistics Hub goes ahead, it would expand CN operations with new jobs in addition to the estimated 1,500 already employed by CN operations in the Prairie State.

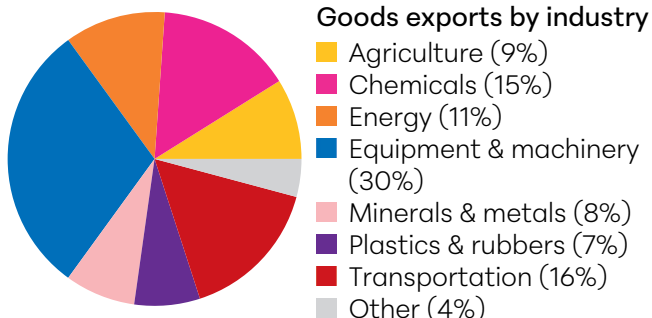


934 Canadian-owned companies employ 33,450 workers in Illinois



Illinois sells more goods to Canada (its #1 export market) than to its next two largest foreign markets combined — Mexico & Australia

Illinois
exports \$19.8 billion
in goods to Canada annually



Illinois exports \$4.0 billion in services to Canada, including

Business services.....	\$1.4 billion
Travel (including for education).....	\$1.0 billion
Financial services.....	\$499 million
Transport.....	\$347 million
Charges for the use of intellectual property....	\$291 million

Top Illinois goods exports to Canada

Fuel oil.....	\$2.0 billion
Automobiles.....	\$1.4 billion
Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$913 million
Agricultural machinery.....	\$823 million
Pharmaceutical products.....	\$770 million
Optical, medical & precision instruments.....	\$723 million
Trucks.....	\$700 million
Motor vehicle parts.....	\$614 million
Iron & steel tubes, pipes & sheets.....	\$487 million
Rubber & rubber articles.....	\$419 million



Photo: Canada Energy Regulator

Canada: A critical energy supplier for Illinois

Illinois relies on Canada as its top energy supplier, with \$45 billion in Canadian crude oil supplying the state's four major refineries—**Citgo** (Lemont), **ExxonMobil** (Joliet), **Marathon Petroleum** (Robinson), and **Phillips 66** (Wood River). These facilities depend on Canadian heavy crude to blend with lighter U.S. oil, which ensures a stable, cost-effective fuel supply.

This vital Canada-Illinois energy partnership strengthens Midwest energy security, powers Illinois' manufacturing sector, supports thousands of jobs, sustains agriculture and helps keep fuel prices affordable for American consumers.

Illinois

imports \$63.8 billion in goods from Canada annually

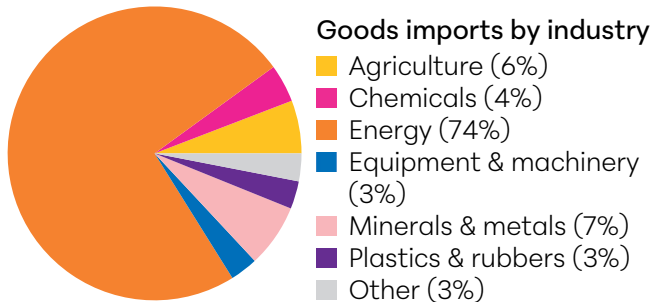


Photo: Caterpillar

Cat powers Canada

Caterpillar Inc. has become a global institution, celebrating 100 years of helping customers build a better more sustainable world, with Canada among its very first export destinations. Today, the company's equipment is hard at work at mines and construction sites across the country, and especially in the Athabasca oil sands in Alberta. An extensive portfolio of Cat equipment developed the infrastructure to transport Canadian oil to U.S. refineries, and the region hosts the single-largest fleet of Cat 797 trucks operating worldwide – including the 797 that holds the world record of more than 130,000 working hours. And Cat's Canadian business has kept driving innovation, including a recent conversion of an 81-truck fleet of Cat 797Fs into the industry's largest fleet of autonomous mining machines.

Top Illinois goods imports from Canada

Crude petroleum.....	\$46.2 billion
Pearls, gems, precious metals & jewelry.....	\$2.8 billion
Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$1.3 billion
Inorganic chemicals.....	\$1.0 billion
Natural gas & other gases.....	\$1.0 billion
Pasta, breads & cereal preparations.....	\$1.0 billion
Paper & paperboard.....	\$517 million
Rubber & rubber articles.....	\$516 million
Iron & steel alloys & semi-finished products..	\$428 million
Motor vehicle parts.....	\$422 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). Figures may not add up due to rounding. Produced by the Embassy of Canada in Washington, D.C.

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