

SOUTH CAROLINA & CANADA

An integrated economy



Strengthening border security with Canada–U.S. joint maritime patrol

Protecting U.S. national security along shared waterways, the **Integrated Cross-Border Maritime Law Enforcement Operations (ICMLEO)**, or “Shiprider,” is a trusted U.S.–Canada security partnership designed to combat drug trafficking, migrant smuggling, and terrorism. By deploying joint patrol vessels crewed by both U.S. and Canadian officers, Shiprider ensures seamless, coordinated law enforcement along the border.

Established in 2005 and formalized by treaty in 2009, Shiprider enhances security through intelligence-sharing, joint risk assessments, and cross-border collaboration. U.S. Coast Guard and RCMP officers undergo rigorous training at the Maritime Law Enforcement Academy in Charleston, South Carolina, with ongoing refresher courses to maintain operational readiness. The program also integrates air surveillance and cooperation with state, provincial, and municipal law enforcement agencies.

By leveraging shared resources and expertise, Shiprider strengthens border security, disrupts criminal networks, and ensures law enforcement can respond rapidly to evolving threats—wherever they emerge along our shared border.

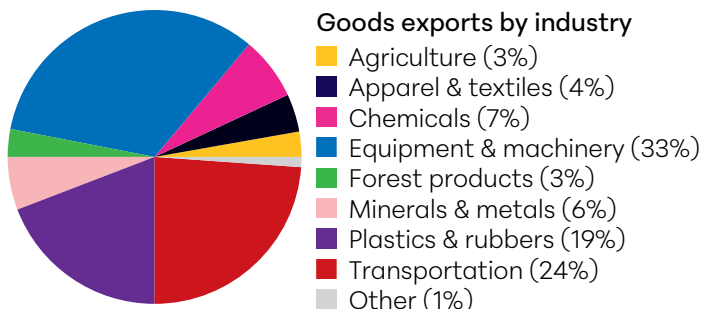


497 Canadian-owned companies employ 18,550 workers in South Carolina



Canada is the #2 export market for South Carolina

South Carolina exports \$4.2 billion in goods to Canada annually



South Carolina exports \$653 million in services to Canada, including

Travel (including for education).....	\$323 million
Business services.....	\$168 million
Charges for the use of intellectual property.....	\$68 million
Financial services.....	\$28 million
Insurance services.....	\$22 million

Top South Carolina goods exports to Canada

Automobiles.....	\$710 million
Rubber & rubber articles.....	\$593 million
Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$202 million
Motor vehicle parts.....	\$194 million
Compressors & pumps.....	\$120 million
Heating, cooling & refrigeration equipment.....	\$118 million
Optical, medical & precision instruments.....	\$109 million
Animal feed & food industry residues.....	\$76 million
Iron & steel tubes, pipes & sheets.....	\$75 million
Paper & paperboard.....	\$74 million

Canadian investment fuels U.S. manufacturing & job growth

IKO, a Canadian family-owned leader in roofing, waterproofing, and insulation products, is making a major investment in U.S. manufacturing with its first South Carolina operations. Founded in 1951 in Calgary and headquartered in Toronto, IKO is expanding its U.S. footprint with a \$363 million investment, creating 180 new jobs in Chester County and strengthening local industry.

“IKO’s announcement is a strong endorsement of the assets and potential of not just Chester County but all of rural South Carolina,” Gov. Henry McMaster said.

Located along the S.C. Highway 9 industrial corridor, IKO’s two new facilities will enhance U.S. manufacturing capacity. The company is remodeling an existing facility on Lancaster Highway to manufacture fiberglass, while simultaneously constructing a 325,000-square-foot manufacturing plant on Cedarhurst Road to produce fiberglass mats—a critical component in U.S. shingle production.

By investing in American manufacturing and workforce development, this Canadian company is creating high-quality U.S. jobs, strengthening domestic supply chains, and contributing to U.S. infrastructure growth.

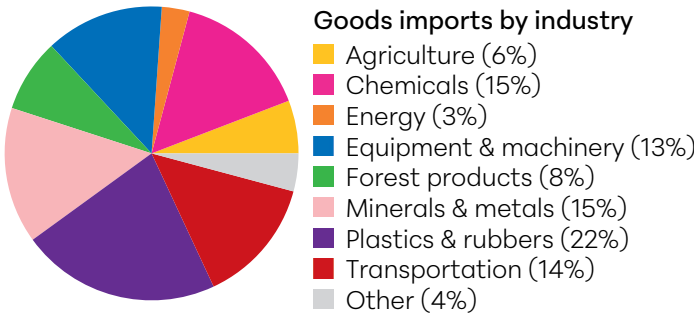


Canada invests in South Carolina

Trade with Canada supports **112,100 employees in South Carolina** in addition to the **18,550 employees** at Canadian-owned businesses across the state. In addition, South Carolina exports \$4.9 billion in goods and services to Canada.

Canadian-owned companies, including **Gildan**, **Westinghouse**, **Circle K** and **Haile Gold Mine**, are major contributors to South Carolina’s 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.

South Carolina imports \$3.5 billion in goods from Canada annually



Top South Carolina goods imports from Canada

Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$416 million
Rubber & rubber articles.....	\$332 million
Motor vehicle parts.....	\$261 million
Organic chemicals.....	\$185 million
Wood pulp.....	\$175 million
Aircraft & parts.....	\$155 million
Copper & copper articles.....	\$123 million
Aluminum & aluminum articles.....	\$104 million
Iron & steel tubes, pipes & sheets.....	\$99 million
Iron & steel alloys & semi-finished products.....	\$63 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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