



International Business Facts About Florida

Florida is a major gateway for merchandise trade between North America, Latin America, the Caribbean, and other world regions. In 2013, **goods valued at US\$138 billion entered or exited the United States through Florida's two U.S. Customs Districts.**

(U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division)

The value of merchandise flowing into and out of the United States via Florida's two U.S. customs districts has **increased by 118%** over the past decade.

(U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division)

Florida is home to **over 60,000 exporting companies**—second only to California. One out of every five, or **20%, of the nation's companies that export are located in Florida.**

(U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division)

Florida ranks **7th in the nation in state-origin exports** (i.e. those actually produced or with significant value-added in the state), which reached **US\$60.5 billion** in 2013.

(U.S. Census Bureau)

Florida ranks **3rd among all U.S. states in high-tech exports**, reaching over **US\$14.7 billion** in 2013.

(Enterprise Florida)

Foreign-owned companies employed **238,600 Floridians** in 2011, the 6th highest in the nation, and **1st in the Southeast.**

(Bureau of Economic Analysis)

Miami is **one of the nation's leading centers for international banking.** Numerous foreign and domestic banks active in international trade and finance have offices in Florida.

Florida is the **world's telecommunications gateway to Latin America and the Caribbean:** a multitude of undersea and terrestrial fiber optic cables converge in Florida, ensuring unparalleled global connectivity.

Florida sits at the nexus of transportation links in the Americas. The state's **15 deepwater seaports, 19 commercial airports, and 50+ officially-designated multimodal connectors** ensure the seamless movement of people and goods between any two points on the planet.

Florida is home to **hundreds of airports**, including commercial service airports and general aviation airports. Florida's airports have numerous direct flights to all key Latin American and Caribbean destinations, most major European cities, and one-stop air services to the Asia/Pacific region.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Florida has **nearly 5 million speakers of languages other than English.**

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