



Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA

- In 2011, the Seattle metropolitan area was the 6th largest export market in the United States, with merchandise shipments totaling \$41.1 billion. This is up \$5.7 billion (16.1 percent) from the \$35.4 billion in merchandise exported in 2010.
- The Seattle metropolitan area accounted for 75.3 percent of Washington’s merchandise exports in 2011.
- For the top 50 U.S. merchandise export destinations, Seattle ranks among the major metropolitan area exporters to China (\$6.0 billion), Canada (\$3.9 billion), Japan (\$3.1 billion), Hong Kong (\$2.0 billion), and Australia (\$1.3 billion).
- Seattle ranks among the major metropolitan area exporters of Transportation Equipment (\$26.6 billion), Computer and Electronic Products (\$3.4 billion), Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping (\$2.7 billion), Machinery, Except Electrical (\$1.6 billion), and Food and Kindred Products (\$1.1 billion).
- In 2011, Seattle benefited from existing trade agreements, exporting \$4.6 billion to the NAFTA region and \$50 million to the CAFTA-DR region.
- 11.2 percent of Seattle’s merchandise exports go to NAFTA countries.

TOP SECTORS			TOP COUNTRIES		
Sector	Value	Share	Country	Value	Share
Transportation Equipment	\$26.6 billion	64.6%	China	\$6.0 billion	14.6%
Computer and Electronic Products	\$3.4 billion	8.2%	Canada	\$3.9 billion	9.4%
Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping	\$2.7 billion	6.6%	Japan	\$3.1 billion	7.6%
Machinery, Except Electrical	\$1.6 billion	3.9%	Hong Kong	\$2.0 billion	4.8%
Food and Kindred Products	\$1.1 billion	2.6%	United Arab Emirates	Suppressed	-

Note: The order in which sectors and countries are displayed does not necessarily reflect the true rank ordering of the top countries. The suppressed data may, in fact, be rightfully anywhere in the ranking.

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