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## ILLINOIS - BELGIUM *Business Strength in Numbers*

### Exporting is a Significant Portion of Illinois' Economy

- Since 2002, Illinois exports have grown \$38 billion
- Illinois exports totaled over \$64.5 billion in 2011, a 29% increase over 2010 and nearly double the average U.S. export growth of 16%
- Illinois ranks as the #1 state for exports in the Midwest and as the 6th largest exporting state in the U.S.
- Direct exports accounted for 7.7% of the Gross State Product (GSP) in 2010
- Illinois ranks #1 between the Coasts for exports and #1 in the Midwest

### Top 5 Countries for Illinois Exports in 2011 (in billions)

- Canada ..... \$19.17 (28% growth)
- Mexico ..... \$ 5.72 (34% growth)
- China (mainland) ..... \$ 3.89 (22% growth)
- Australia ..... \$ 3.69 (55% growth)
- Brazil ..... \$ 2.55 (24% growth)
- **All Countries ..... \$64.56 (29% growth)**

### Top 5 Industries for Illinois Exports in 2011 (in billions)

- Machinery (Except Electrical)..... \$17.78 (42% growth)
- Chemicals ..... \$ 8.49 (31% growth)
- Transportation Equipment ..... \$ 6.66 (25% growth)
- Agriculture and Related Industries ... \$ 6.07 (29% growth)
- Computers and Electronic Products ... \$ 6.06 (11% growth)
- **All Industries ..... \$64.56 (29% growth)**

### Economic Impact of International Tourism in Illinois in 2010

- Canada was Illinois top market for international visitors followed by the United Kingdom, Mexico, Germany and Japan
- Illinois welcomed 1,186,000 overseas visitors, maintaining Illinois' rank as the 7th most popular US state for overseas visitors
- Chicago welcomed 1,134,000 overseas visitors, and is the 10th most popular city for overseas visitors
- Travel expenditures of international visitors reached over \$2 billion
- International travel expenditures in Illinois directly generated 21,290 jobs
- Direct payroll for international travel generated jobs reached over \$537 million
- Tax revenue generated from international travelers (federal, state and local) reached \$366.2 million

### Total Trade between Illinois and the European Union in 2011

- Illinois exports to the European Union totaled more than \$11.46 billion, an increase of 28% over 2010
- 17% of Illinois' total exports were to the countries in the European Union
- Illinois ranks 4th among the U.S. States for exports to the European Union
- Illinois imports from the European Union totaled more than \$21.3 billion
- Illinois/European Union trade totaled more than \$32 billion

### Top 5 European Union Countries for Illinois Exports in 2011 (in billions)

- Germany ..... \$2.49 (14% growth)
- Belgium ..... \$1.65 (43% growth)
- United Kingdom ..... \$2.36 (39% growth)
- France ..... \$1.16 (5% growth)
- Netherlands ..... \$1.43 (29% growth)
- **All EU Countries ..... \$11.46 (28% growth)**

### Total Trade between Illinois and Belgium in 2011

- Illinois ranks 4th among the 50 U.S. States for exports to Belgium
- Belgium is Illinois' 9th largest export market
- Illinois exports to Belgium totaled more than \$1.65 billion, an increase of 43% over 2010
- Illinois imports from Belgium totaled \$390 million
- Illinois/Belgium trade totaled more than \$2 billion

### Top 5 Industries for Illinois Exports to Belgium in 2011 (in millions)

- Machinery (Except Electrical)..... \$730 (44% growth)
- Chemicals ..... \$345 (74% growth)
- Transportation Equipment ..... \$168 (56% growth)
- Fabricated Metal Products, Neso ..... \$89 (53% growth)
- Misc. Manufactured Commodities .... \$63 (38% growth)

### Belgium Foreign Direct Investment in Illinois

- Illinois ranks #1 in the Midwest as a destination for foreign investment
- Illinois has attracted 1,596 foreign firms with 6,416 locations
- These firms employ over 323,362 Illinois residents
- Belgium is Illinois 20th largest market for foreign investment
- 14 Belgian firms are located in Illinois with more than 40 locations that employ over 1,300 Illinoisans

### Top 5 Belgian Firms with Employment in Illinois

- D'Ieteren SA (Safelite) ..... 378
- Anheuser-Busch inBev SA ..... 260
- SCE-Sibelco NV (Unimin) ..... 246
- Solvay SA ..... 136
- Ion Beam Applications SA ..... 72

### Top 5 Illinois Firms with Employment in Belgium

- Kraft Foods ..... 1,049
- Caterpillar ..... 720
- Illinois Tool Works ..... 217
- Brunswick Corporation ..... 201
- Abbott ..... 105