



ILLINOIS – CENTRAL AFRICA *Business Strength in Numbers*

(Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo and Republic of Congo, Gabon)

Exports are a Significant Portion of Illinois' Economy

- From 2009 through 2012, Illinois exports increased by \$26.5 billion, or 64%, well above the national average of 46%
- Illinois exports totaled over \$68.1 billion in 2012, increasing 5.1% or \$3.3 billion over 2011, exceeding average U.S. export growth for the second consecutive year
- Direct exports accounted for 10% of the Gross State Products (GSP) in 2012
- Illinois is the largest exporting state in the Midwest and the 5th largest exporting state in the U.S.

Top 5 Countries for Illinois Exports in 2012 (in billions)

- Canada \$19.4 (0.3% regression)
- Mexico \$6.4 (11.6% growth)
- Australia \$5.4 (44.7% growth)
- China. \$4.1 (6.5% growth)
- Germany \$2.7 (6.4% growth)
- **All Countries. \$68.1 (5.1% growth)**

Top 5 Industries for Illinois Exports in 2012 (in billions)

- Machinery, Except Electrical \$20.2 (13% growth)
- Chemicals \$7.8 (7.3% regression)
- Transportation Equipment \$7.4 (10.4% growth)
- Computers and Electronic Products \$6.3 (3% growth)
- Agriculture and Related Products. \$6.2 (2.6% growth)
- **All Industries \$68.1 (5.1% growth)**

Foreign Direct Investment in Illinois

- Illinois ranks #1 in the Midwest as a destination for foreign investment
- Illinois is home to over 2,000 foreign firms that employ more than 350,000 Illinois residents
- Illinois is ranked 5th among all states and Chicago 2nd among all metropolitan areas in locations for new and expanded corporate facilities (Site Selection Magazine)
- Foreign trade zones, located at eight sites across the state, offer low-cost production and warehousing facilities for import and export-bound products

Economic Impact of

International Tourism in Illinois in 2011

- Illinois welcomed 1,255,000 overseas visitors, ranking Illinois the 8th most popular U.S. state for overseas visitors, with a 4.5% market share
- Chicago welcomed 1,999,000 overseas visitors, and is the 19th most popular U.S. city for overseas visitors, with a 4.3% market share
- Travel expenditures of international visitors reached over \$2.2 billion, directly generating 21,830 Illinois jobs.
- Tax revenue generated from international travelers (federal, state and local) reached \$410.5 million

Total Trade between Illinois and Central Africa in 2012

- Illinois ranks 4th among the 50 U.S. states for exports to Central Africa
- Illinois exports to Central Africa totaled over \$51.6 million in 2012, a 434% growth since 2009
- Illinois ranks 26th among the 50 U.S. states in imports from Central Africa, totaling \$399.2 thousand in 2012.

Top 5 Industries for Illinois Exports to Central Africa in 2012 (in millions)

- Transportation Equipment \$36.6 (260.2% growth)
- Agriculture and Related Products. \$6.3 (349.9% growth)
- Machinery, Except Electrical \$4.7 (194.4% growth)
- Chemicals \$1.6 (28.9% regression)
- Electrical Equipment, Appliances and Components \$0.925 (271.1% growth)

Top 5 Industries for Illinois Imports from Central Africa in 2012 (in millions)

- Wood Products \$0.144 (72.8% growth)
- Chemicals \$0.125 (77.5% regression)
- Miscellaneous Manufactured Commodities. \$0.023 (indeterminate)
- Computer and Electronic Products \$0.015 (8.6% regression)
- Machinery, Except Electrical \$0.018 (42.3% growth)

Sources:

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