



Increased Exports = More U.S. Jobs

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More than 1 in 5 American Jobs Depend on International Trade

A newly updated study, [*Trade and American Jobs: The Impact of Trade on U.S. and State-Level Employment*](#), confirms that the U.S. economy and American workers gain from opportunities created by international trade.

- In 2008, nearly 38.5 million American workers – **representing over 21 percent of all U.S. jobs**– were in some way dependent on the import and export of goods and services for their employment.
- Between 2004 and 2008, **trade-dependent jobs increased by 22.7 percent**, compared to 6.8 percent for employment generally – offering ample evidence of the importance of a pro-growth U.S. trade policy to future U.S. economic and jobs growth.
- Every U.S. state benefits from international trade, and **all states realized net employment gains in 2008** that were directly attributable to international trade.
- Increased openness in the U.S. economy since 1995 has translated directly into growth in U.S. gross domestic product, which, in turn, **means more jobs**.

Creating and preserving American jobs is a priority for the business community – as it is for Congress and the Administration. **Expanding U.S. trade is a proven job creator, and the easiest prescription to help put Americans back to work.**

The Trade and American Competitiveness Coalition is made up of U.S. business enterprises that support policies and legislation that will enhance U.S. competitiveness in the international economy to promote growth and prosperity for America's businesses, workers and consumers.