Texas is the #1 exporting state in the country and a leading location for foreign direct investment. In 2021, Texas topped U.S. exports for the 20th year in a row with more than $375 billion. With more than 1,600 international firms operating in the state, Texas attracts companies from across the globe. Thanks to trading and investment partners, like Mexico, Texas upholds its reputation as a leader in the global economy. Find more on Texas’ strong economic relationship with Mexico below.

**TRADE**

- Mexico was Texas’ #1 trading partner in 2021 with $122.7 billion in exports. Texas top exports to Mexico were oil and gas; chemicals; nuclear reactors; iron and steel, plastics and copper.

- Mexico was Texas’ #1 import source country in 2021. Texas’ $108.4 billion in Mexican imports included nuclear reactors; plastics; oil and gas; furniture; and fruits and nuts.

*Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau*

**FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT**

- In the last decade, Mexican companies recorded 35 investment projects into Texas, $3.5 billion in capital investment and 5,364 jobs created by 27 companies.

- During that same time period, Texas companies recorded 94 investment projects into Mexico, $8.2 billion in capital investment and 19,110 jobs created by 67 companies.

*Source: fDi Markets (as of Dec. 2021; Greenfield Investments Only)*
The Texas Economic Development & Tourism Office (EDT) serves as the state's leading economic development organization marketing Texas as the world's premier business investment destination. The division pursues business expansion and relocation prospects, with the goal of developing job creation and export opportunities for the Texas business community.

### Economic Comparison

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<td>(676,585 sq. km)</td>
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<td><strong>Population</strong></td>
<td>30.4 million</td>
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<td>1.7% (2021)</td>
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#### Export Commodity

- Petroleum oil products
- Aircraft related parts
- Semiconductor related machinery
- Computer parts & accessories
- Car and vehicle parts
- Computers
- Delivery trucks
- Crude petroleum
- Insulated wiring

#### Import Commodity

- Petroleum oil products
- Electrical & industrial machinery
- Cellular phones
- Motor vehicles
- Integrated circuits
- Refined petroleum
- Car and vehicle parts
- Office machinery/parts
- Telephones

#### Airports

- 393
- 243

#### Freight Railways

- 10,384 miles (16,711 km)
- 12,940 miles (20,825 km)

#### Paved Public Roadways

- 80,606 centerline miles (197,865 lane miles)
- 108,685 miles (174,911 km)

#### Ports

- 21
- 28

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**2021 Top 10 Exports to Mexico**

- 27 Mineral Fuel, Oil Etc.; Bitumin Subst; Mineral Wax
- 85 Electric Machinery Etc.; Sound Equip; Tv Equip; Pts
- 84 Nuclear Reactors, Boilers, Machinery Etc.; Parts
- 39 Plastics And Articles Thereof
- 87 Vehicles, Except Railway Or Tramway, And Parts Etc
- 90 Organic Chemicals
- 94 Furniture, Bedding Etc; Luminaires Etc Nes; Prefab
- 08 Edible Fruit & Nuts; Citrus Fruit Or Melon Peel
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