

# Jobs Supported by Exports 2013: Product and Industry 

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Jobs supported by exports were an estimated 11.4 million in 2013, ${ }^{1}$ of which 6.9 million were jobs supported by the export of goods and 4.5 million were jobs supported by the export of services. The impact of exports on American jobs occurs throughout the supply chain. For example, jobs of some workers in the fabricated metal products industry are supported not only by the exports of that industry, but also by the export of products such as machinery and electronic products that use fabricated metal products as inputs in their production processes. Similarly, the export of fabricated metal products not only directly supports the jobs of some workers employed in the fabricated metal industry itself, but also indirectly supports the jobs of some workers in industries such as primary metals, wholesale trade and transportation that supply inputs to the production of fabricated metal products.

This report uses an input-output approach to evaluate the jobs supported by exports throughout the supply chain for the most recent year that industry data was available, 2013. In the first section, we look at the jobs supported within an industry across all products that are produced by or use the production of that industry as an input. In the second section, we look at the jobs supported by the export of a product across all industries that produce or supply inputs used in the production of the exported product.

We find that manufacturing industries have the highest share, 27 percent, of their employment supported by exports. We further find that although 61 percent of all export supported jobs are supported by the export of goods, almost 67 percent of all export supported jobs are jobs located within service industries. Finally, we find that for every job within manufacturing supported by the export of manufactured products there is an additional job supported in service industries by the export of those manufactured products.

## Industry Jobs Supported by Exports

In this section, we look at the jobs within a given industry that are supported by the export of all goods and services. That is, we look at both the jobs within an industry that are supported directly by the export of the output of the industry and jobs within that industry that are supported indirectly by the export of all goods and services that are produced using that industry's output as an input into their production. Since the majority of people in the U.S. are

[^0]employed in industries that produce services, the share of total employment within an industry that is supported by exports tends to be lower for services industries. Two-thirds of the jobs supported by exports are jobs in services industries (nearly 7.7 million), which only represents 6 percent of services industry employment. In contrast, jobs supported by exports in manufacturing industries ( 3.2 million) represent 27 percent of manufacturing employment. Similarly, jobs supported by exports in agriculture related industries (nearly 0.5 million) represent 23 percent of agriculture employment (Table 1).

Table 1: Industry Jobs Supported by Exports, 2013

| Industry | Industry <br> Jobs <br> Supported | Share of <br> Industry <br> Employment |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting | 457,238 | $23 \%$ |
| Mining | 124,668 | $15 \%$ |
| Manufacturing | $3,210,237$ | $27 \%$ |
| Services | $7,650,504$ | $6 \%$ |

Source: ITA calculations from BEA data.

At a more disaggregated industry level, the top five industries that have the largest number of jobs within the industry supported by exports are all service industries. Professional and business services industry has the greatest number of jobs supported by exports ( 2.2 million), followed by wholesale and retail trade (nearly 1.6 million), with accommodation and food services, and transportation and warehousing both at 0.9 million (Table 2). See Table A-1 for a complete list of industries.

Table 2: Industries with the Largest Number of Export Supported Jobs, 2013

| Industry | Industry <br> Jobs <br> Supported | Share of <br> Industry <br> Employment |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Professional and business services | $2,215,536$ | $11 \%$ |
| Wholesale and retail trade | $1,551,775$ | $8 \%$ |
| Accommodation and food services | 921,843 | $9 \%$ |
| Transportation and warehousing | 919,299 | $20 \%$ |
| Finance and insurance | 659,210 | $11 \%$ |

Source: ITA calculations from BEA data.

In contrast, the five industries which have the highest share of employment within the industry supported by exports are all manufacturing industries. Aerospace and other transportation equipment has the largest share of employment supported by exports (46 percent), followed by computer and electronic products ( 43 percent), primary metals ( 40 percent), Machinery (35 percent) and Chemical products (34 percent) Table 3.

Table 3: Industries with the Largest Share of their Employment Supported by Exports, 2013

| Industry | Industry <br> Jobs <br> Supported | Share of <br> Industry <br> Employment |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Aerospace and other transportation equipment | 314,948 | $46 \%$ |
| Computer and electronic products | 449,308 | $43 \%$ |
| Primary metals | 158,339 | $40 \%$ |
| Machinery | 378,580 | $35 \%$ |
| Chemical products | 269,205 | $34 \%$ |

Source: ITA calculations from BEA data.

## Jobs Supported by Product Exports

Jobs supported by the export of goods account for approximately 61 percent of the 11.4 million jobs, while the export of services account for the remaining 39 percent, (Figure 1). Jobs supported by the export of manufactured products account for the largest share of supported jobs at 52 percent, while the rest of goods exports accounted for 8 percent. The export of three products: professional and business services, accomodations and food services and machinery supported almost one out of every four jobs supported by exports in 2013 (2.7 million jobs or approximately 24 percent, Table 4).

Figure1: Jobs Supported by Product Exports, 2013


Source: ITA calculations from BEA data. Sum of shares does not add to total due to rounding.

Table 4: Shares of Total Jobs Supported by Specified Product Exports, 2013

| Manufactured Products |  | Services |  | Other goods |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Machinery products | $8 \%$ | Professional and business services | $8 \%$ | Farms, forestry, <br> hunting, etc. | $4 \%$ |
| Chemical products | $6 \%$ | Accommodation and food services | $8 \%$ | Used and scrap | $3 \%$ |
| Computer and electronic products | $6 \%$ | Finance and insurance | $5 \%$ | Mining | $1 \%$ |
| Aerospace and other transportation <br> equipment | $6 \%$ | Wholesale and retail trade | $5 \%$ |  |  |
| Motor vehicles, bodies and trailers, <br> and parts | $5 \%$ | Transportation and warehousing | $4 \%$ |  |  |
| Food and beverage and tobacco <br> products | $4 \%$ | Information | $4 \%$ |  |  |
| Fabricated metal products | $3 \%$ | Real estate, rental and leasing | $3 \%$ |  |  |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing | $3 \%$ | Performing arts | $2 \%$ |  |  |
| Electrical equipment, appliances, and <br> components | $2 \%$ | Educational and health care | $1 \%$ |  |  |
| Petroleum and coal products | $2 \%$ |  | $*$ | All others | NA |
| All other manufactured products | $8 \%$ | All other services | Total other <br> goods | $8 \%$ |  |
| Total manufactured | $52 \%$ | Total services | $39 \%$ |  |  |

*Total jobs supported for all remaining services are less than 1 percent. Individual shares may not sum to column totals due to rounding. Source: ITA calculations from BEA data.

## Jobs Supported by Exports of Goods

Exports of goods supported a total of 6.9 million jobs in 2013. More than 86 percent of the jobs supported by exports of goods exports were supported by the export of manufactured products, which supported almost 6.0 million jobs in 2013. Exports of machinery products supported the greatest number of jobs among manufactured products followed by chemical products; computer and electronic products; aerospace and other transportation equipment; and motor vehicles and parts, totaling 3.5 million jobs (Table 5). Combined, these five products accounted for 59 percent of the 6.0 million jobs supported by the export of manufactured products (Figure 2). In addition, almost 61 percent of those jobs (over 2.1 million) are indirect jobs located outside of the product's industry. See Table A-2 for a complete list of products.

Table 5: Top 5 Jobs Supporting Goods Exports, 2013

| Exported Product | Total Jobs <br> Supported | Direct Jobs <br> Supported | Indirect Jobs <br> Supported |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Machinery products | 892,245 | 330,739 | 561,506 |
| Chemical products | 741,312 | 213,350 | 527,961 |
| Computer and electronic products | 660,762 | 375,142 | 285,620 |
| Aerospace and other transportation equipment | 631,951 | 280,248 | 351,704 |
| Motor vehicles, bodies and trailers, and parts | 601,262 | 179,221 | 422,041 |

Source: ITA calculations from BEA data.

Figure 2: Share of Jobs Supported by the Export of Specified Manufactured Products, 2013


Source: ITA calculations from BEA data.
The location of jobs supported by the export of manufactured products is split evenly: one-half of the jobs supported are jobs located outside of manufacturing industries (Figure 3). Almost all of the jobs located outside of manufacturing that are supported by the export of manufactured products are jobs in the services sector. For every job in manufacturing supported by the export of manufactured products, there is nearly one additional job supported in the services sector. Four percent of the jobs supported by the exports of manufactured products are located in other goods producing industries.

Figure 3: Location of Jobs Supported by the Export of Manufactured Products, 2013


Source: ITA calculations from BEA data.

## Jobs Supported by Exports of Services

The export of services supported a total of 4.5 million jobs in 2013. The exports of services that supported the most jobs include: Professional and business services; accommodation and food services; finance and insurance; wholesale and retail trade; and transportation and warehousing, totaling 3.5 million jobs (Table 6). Combined, the top five jobs supporting services exports accounted for 77 percent of all jobs supported by services exports (Figure 4). However, only 24 percent of those jobs ( 0.8 million) are indirect jobs located outside of the product's industry.

Table 6: Top 5 Jobs Supporting Services Exports, 2013

| Exported Product | Total Jobs <br> Supported | Direct Jobs <br> Supported | Indirect Jobs <br> Supported |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Professional and business services | 968,488 | 746,664 | 221,824 |
| Accommodation and food services | 887,107 | 717,793 | 169,314 |
| Finance and insurance | 586,096 | 399,985 | 186,112 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 515,716 | 430,997 | 84,720 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 511,752 | 354,377 | 157,376 |

Source: ITA calculations from BEA data.

Figure 4: Share of Jobs Supported by Export of Specified Services, 2013


Source: ITA calculations from BEA data.

In contrast to manufacturing, jobs supported by the export of services are heavily concentrated in the service sector with almost all jobs ( 97 percent) being located in services industries. The remaining 3 percent of jobs supported by the export of services products are located in manufacturing and other goods industries (Figure 5).

Figure 5: Location of Jobs Supported by Services Exports, 2013


Source: ITA calculations from BEA data.

## Data and Methodology

This study uses input-output analysis to measure the relationship between exports and jobs in 2013. As noted in Rasmussen and Johnson (2015), ${ }^{2}$ we now use input-output data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) as opposed to input-output data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). BEA's Annual Industry Accounts are updated more frequently than are the BLS input-output tables, which are themselves derived from data originally produced by BEA. In particular, in this study we used data from BEA’s Annual Industry Accounts (http://www.bea.gov/industry/) to produce a Domestic Total Requirements table for 2013. BEA data on persons engaged in production by industry from the National Income and Product Accounts were used to produce a 2013 Employment Requirements Table. The export data used in this analysis were taken from BEA's Annual Industry Accounts and BEA's Tourism Satellite Accounts (http://www.bea.gov/industry/tourism_data.htm).

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## Appendix Tables

Table A-1: Industry Jobs Supported by Exports, 2013

| Industry | Total Industry <br> Jobs Supported | Share of Industry Employment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting | 457,238 | 23\% |
| Mining | 124,668 | 15\% |
| Utilities | 32,268 | 6\% |
| Construction | 90,590 | 1\% |
| Wood | 57,154 | 16\% |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 68,663 | 18\% |
| Primary metals | 158,339 | 40\% |
| Fabricated metals | 402,444 | 28\% |
| Machinery | 378,580 | 35\% |
| Computer and electronics | 449,308 | 43\% |
| Electrical equipment, appliances, and components | 124,662 | 34\% |
| Motor vehicles, bodies and trailers, and parts | 198,218 | 24\% |
| Aerospace and other transportation equipment | 314,948 | 46\% |
| Furniture and related | 30,866 | 8\% |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing | 135,055 | 22\% |
| Food, beverage and tobacco | 179,495 | 11\% |
| Textile mills and textile product mills | 69,518 | 29\% |
| Apparel, leather and related | 29,001 | 16\% |
| Paper | 99,389 | 27\% |
| Printing and related | 61,732 | 13\% |
| Petroleum and coal | 24,340 | 22\% |
| Chemicals | 269,205 | 34\% |
| Plastics and rubber | 159,321 | 25\% |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 1,551,775 | 8\% |
| Transportation and warehousing | 919,299 | 20\% |
| Information | 329,456 | 12\% |
| Finance and insurance | 659,210 | 11\% |
| Real estate, rental, and leasing | 245,324 | 11\% |
| Professional and business services | 2,215,536 | 11\% |
| Education, health care and social assistance | 46,935 | 0\% |
| Arts, entertainment, recreation | 171,742 | 8\% |
| Accommodation and food services | 921,843 | 9\% |
| Other services, except government | 195,664 | 3\% |
| Government | 270,862 | 1\% |
| Total | 11,442,647 | - |

Source: ITA calculations from BEA data.

Table A-2: Jobs Supported by Product Exports, 2013

| Exported Product | Total Jobs Supported | Direct Jobs Supported | Indirect Jobs Supported |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting | 499,444 | 295,935 | 203,509 |
| Mining | 127,769 | 48,500 | 79,269 |
| Utilities | 7,437 | 2,153 | 5,284 |
| Construction | 1,000 | 689 | 312 |
| Wood products | 59,966 | 27,306 | 32,661 |
| Nonmetallic mineral products | 81,728 | 36,564 | 45,164 |
| Primary metals | 198,201 | 58,280 | 139,921 |
| Fabricated Metal products | 303,962 | 152,941 | 151,021 |
| Machinery products | 892,245 | 330,739 | 561,506 |
| Computer and electronic products | 660,762 | 375,142 | 285,620 |
| Electrical equipment, appliances, and components | 240,273 | 95,710 | 144,562 |
| Motor vehicles, bodies and trailers, and parts | 601,262 | 179,221 | 422,041 |
| Aerospace and other transportation equipment | 631,951 | 280,248 | 351,704 |
| Furniture and related products | 45,499 | 22,386 | 23,113 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing products | 293,383 | 118,733 | 174,650 |
| Food and beverage and tobacco products | 495,709 | 149,368 | 346,341 |
| Textile mills and textile product mills | 90,535 | 42,584 | 47,951 |
| Apparel, leather and allied products | 63,724 | 27,249 | 36,475 |
| Paper products | 153,042 | 58,211 | 94,831 |
| Printing and related support activities | 23,752 | 13,929 | 9,823 |
| Petroleum and coal products | 236,416 | 16,731 | 219,685 |
| Chemical products | 741,312 | 213,350 | 527,961 |
| Plastics and rubber products | 179,834 | 80,462 | 99,372 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 515,716 | 430,997 | 84,720 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 511,752 | 354,377 | 157,376 |
| Information | 434,396 | 219,007 | 215,388 |
| Finance and insurance | 586,096 | 399,985 | 186,112 |
| Real estate, rental, and leasing | 309,223 | 99,217 | 210,006 |
| Professional and business services | 968,488 | 746,664 | 221,824 |
| Educational and health care | 59,680 | 38,281 | 21,399 |
| Arts, entertainment, recreation | 194,016 | 132,101 | 61,915 |
| Accommodation and food services | 887,107 | 717,793 | 169,314 |
| Other services, except government | 17,686 | 14,451 | 3,235 |
| Government | 3,554 | 2,321 | 1,233 |
| Scrap, used and secondhand goods | 325,727 | - | 325,727 |
| Total | 11,442,647 | 5,781,625 | 5,661,022 |

Source: ITA calculations from BEA data.

Table A-3: Industry to NAICS Correspondence

| Industry Name | Related 2007 NAICS Codes |
| :---: | :---: |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting | 111, 112, 113, 114, 115 |
| Mining | 211, 212, 213 |
| Utilities | 221 |
| Construction | 23 |
| Wood products | 321 |
| Nonmetallic mineral products | 327 |
| Primary metals | 331 |
| Fabricated metal products | 332 |
| Machinery | 333 |
| Computer and electronic products | 334 |
| Electrical equipment, appliances, and components | 335 |
| Motor vehicles, bodies and trailers, and parts | 3361, 3362, 3363 |
| Aerospace and other transportation equipment | 3364, 3365, 3366, 3369 |
| Furniture and related products | 337 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing | 339 |
| Food, beverage and tobacco products | 311, 312 |
| Textile mills and textile product mills | 313, 314 |
| Apparel, leather and allied products | 315, 316 |
| Paper | 322 |
| Printing and related support activities | 323 |
| Petroleum and coal products | 324 |
| Chemical products | 325 |
| Plastics and rubber products | 326 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 42, 44,45 |
| Transportation and warehousing | 481,482,483,484,485, 486, 487, 448, 492, 493 |
| Information | 511, 512, 515, 517, 518, 519 |
| Finance and insurance | 521, 522, 523, 534, 525 |
| Real estate, rental, and leasing | 531. 532, 533 |
| Professional and business services | 541, 55, 561, 562 |
| Education, health care and social assistance | 611, 621, 622, 623, 624 |
| Arts, entertainment, recreation | 711, 712, 713 |
| Accommodation and food services | 721, 722 |
| Other services, except government | 811, 812, 813, 814 |
| Government | n/a except for 491 |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Jobs supported by exports were an estimated 11.7 million in 2014. This report is based on the most recent industry level data available, 2013. In the services calculations, exports of construction and utilities are treated as services.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Chris Rasmussen and Martin Johnson (2015), "Jobs Supported by Exports in 2014: An Update." U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, Washington, DC.

