

ARKANSAS & CANADA

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Photo: Standard Lithium

Canada's cutting-edge technology powers lithium extraction

By bringing Canadian expertise and investment to Arkansas, **Standard Lithium** is helping create new opportunities for local workers, suppliers, and communities. In 2025, Vancouver-based Standard Lithium, an innovative Canadian technology and lithium development company, advanced its flagship 'South West Arkansas Project' through a joint venture with **Equinor**. Located in the lithium-rich Smackover Formation, the project will use direct lithium extraction technology to sustainably recover lithium, positioning Arkansas as a cornerstone of North America's clean energy supply chain.

This Canadian investment highlights the strong trade and economic relationship between Arkansas and Canada, where Canada is already one of the state's largest trading partners. With estimated capital expenditures of \$1.45 billion, the facility will deliver low-carbon lithium products to electric vehicle manufacturers and renewable energy storage providers across North America. The project is expected to generate hundreds of construction and permanent jobs, while supporting regional businesses and strengthening Arkansas's role in the global battery industry.

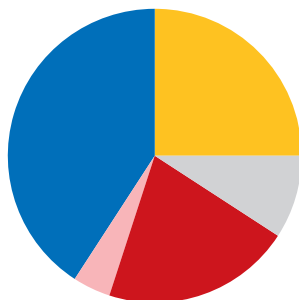


80 Canadian-owned companies employ 5,350 workers in Arkansas



Canada is the #2 export market for Arkansas

Arkansas exports **\$2.8 billion** in goods to Canada annually



Goods exports by industry

- Agriculture (25%)
- Equipment & machinery (41%)
- Minerals & metals (4%)
- Transportation (21%)
- Other (9%)

Arkansas exports \$303 million in services to Canada, including

Travel (including for education).....	\$113 million
Business services.....	\$66 million
Financial services.....	\$47 million
Telecommunications, computer & IT services....	\$25 million
Charges for the use of intellectual property.....	\$20 million

Top Arkansas goods exports to Canada

Paper & paperboard.....	\$92 million
Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$86 million
Iron & steel tubes, pipes & sheets.....	\$86 million
Cereals.....	\$79 million
Heating, cooling & refrigeration equipment....	\$78 million
Aircraft & parts.....	\$71 million
Perfumes, essential oils & toiletries.....	\$50 million
Iron & steel alloys & semi-finished products....	\$47 million
Animal meats.....	\$44 million
Electric motors & generators.....	\$43 million



Canadians love Walmart

Arkansas-based **Walmart** has been expanding its footprint in Canada. Walmart Canada now operates a growing chain of over 400 stores nationwide, serving more than 1.2 million customers each day. Walmart Canada's flagship online store, Walmart.ca, is visited by more than 750,000 customers daily. With more than 85,000 associates, Walmart Canada is one of Canada's largest employers and also one of the country's top 10 most influential brands.



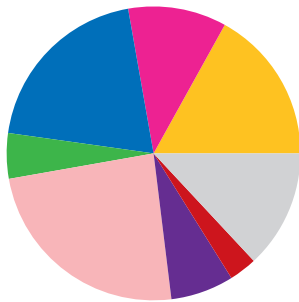
Canada invests in Arkansas

Exports to Canada support 6,550 employees in Arkansas in addition to the 5,350 employees at Canadian-owned businesses across the state. Arkansas exports \$3.1 billion in goods and services to Canada.

Canadian-owned companies, including **West Fraser, Hancock Forest Management, GardaWorld and Anthony Forest Products**, are major contributors to Arkansas' economy. They employ residents in every sector and contribute to the local economy by paying salaries and local taxes and purchasing goods and services in their supply chain.

Arkansas

imports \$1.1 billion
in goods from Canada annually



- Agriculture (17%)
- Chemicals (11%)
- Equipment & machinery (20%)
- Forest products (5%)
- Minerals & metals (24%)
- Plastics & rubbers (7%)
- Transportation (3%)
- Other (13%)

Top Arkansas goods imports from Canada

Zinc & zinc articles.....	\$119 million
Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$66 million
Soaps, candles & waxes.....	\$46 million
Inorganic chemicals.....	\$46 million
Firearms & ammunition.....	\$45 million
Aluminum & aluminum articles.....	\$44 million
Electric motors & generators.....	\$36 million
Beverages & alcohol.....	\$29 million
Furniture & bedding.....	\$23 million
Iron & steel alloys & semi-finished products.....	\$23 million

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Sources: All figures are in U.S. dollars. Unless otherwise specified, all figures are based on 2025 data. **U.S. Census Bureau:** goods trade, Canada's export ranking (2/2026 release). **Trade Partnership Worldwide:** 2024 services exports (2/2026 release). **Dun & Bradstreet:** Canadian-owned businesses operating in the U.S. (2/2026 release). Figures may not add up due to rounding. Produced by the Embassy of Canada in Washington, D.C.



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