



DELAWARE & CANADA

Partners in security & prosperity



Wilmington, DE shipyard during WWII. Photo: City of Wilmington

Canada's WWII wartime partnership with Delaware at sea

In times of global challenges, Canada has partnered with Delaware to keep us protected. During World War II, Canadian merchant ships regularly carried steel, grain, aluminum, and other essential materials up the Delaware River to feed Wilmington's chemical and munitions production for the war effort.

Royal Canadian Navy escorts protected the convoys that supplied Delaware's ports. In 1942–1943 alone, Canadian escorts were involved in hundreds of convoy movements along the U.S. Eastern Seaboard during peak German U-boat activity. Canadian ships slipped into Delaware Bay to refuel or take shelter, working alongside U.S. units during some of the most dangerous periods offshore. Over 70 Canadian warships conducted escort or anti-submarine operations along the coast.

This practical, everyday cooperation linked Canadian crews and Delaware workers, contributing to a larger effort that mattered far beyond their own shoreline.



115 Canadian-owned companies employ 7,700 workers in Delaware



Canada is the #2 export market for Delaware

Delaware
exports \$725 million
in goods to Canada annually



Goods exports by industry

- Agriculture (29%)
- Chemicals (27%)
- Equipment & machinery (15%)
- Plastics & rubbers (13%)
- Forest products (6%)
- Minerals & metals (6%)
- Other (4%)

Delaware exports \$368 million in services to Canada, including

Financial services.....	\$239 million
Business services.....	\$53 million
Travel (including for education).....	\$27 million
Insurance services.....	\$21 million
Charges for the use of intellectual property.....	\$14 million

Top Delaware goods exports to Canada

Fruits & nuts.....	\$157 million
Pharmaceutical products.....	\$109 million
Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$91 million
Wood pulp.....	\$38 million
Computers.....	\$30 million
Heating, cooling & refrigeration equipment.....	\$23 million
Iron & steel alloys & semi-finished products.....	\$21 million
Soaps, candles & waxes.....	\$18 million
Inorganic chemicals.....	\$17 million
Paints, pigments, varnishes, dyestuffs & inks.....	\$16 million



Photo: Ultrachem

Ultrachem counts Canada as its #1 export destination

Founded in 1965 in New Castle, **Ultrachem, Inc.** produces high-quality specialty synthetic lubricants for original equipment manufacturers and industrial maintenance suppliers. Used primarily in air compressors and vacuum pumps, its unique premium high-grade oils have many applications, from transportation to gears, hydraulics and industrial food production. Ultrachem is an experienced exporter, with shipments to at least 32 different countries. For three decades, Ultrachem has sold lubricants to customers in many sectors across Canada, making Canada its longest tenured and most significant export destination — just another example of how Delaware companies benefit from a strong partnership with Canadian customers.

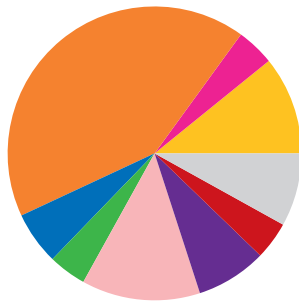


Photo: Miles Scientific

Miles Scientific exports to Canada

Since 1961, Newark-based **Miles Scientific Corporation** has been manufacturing high- quality chromatography products. The company is now North America's only manufacturer of thin layer chromatography plates and accessories, which are essential tools for analytical chemistry. Its products are used in diverse areas of application including clinical, forensic, pharmaceutical, and food sciences. The company is heavily engaged in international trade and exports over one-third of its products. Canada is its largest export market and Canadian customers include pharmaceutical and life-science companies along with universities and research institutions.

Delaware imports \$1.0 billion in goods from Canada annually



Goods imports by industry

- Agriculture (11%)
- Chemicals (4%)
- Energy (42%)
- Equipment & machinery (6%)
- Forest products (4%)
- Minerals & metals (13%)
- Plastics & rubbers (8%)
- Transportation (4%)
- Other (8%)

Top Delaware goods imports from Canada

Crude petroleum.....	\$406 million
Pearls, gems, precious metals & jewelry.....	\$111 million
Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$76 million
Animal meats.....	\$46 million
Paper & paperboard.....	\$23 million
Vegetables.....	\$22 million
Furniture & bedding.....	\$17 million
Optical, medical & precision instruments.....	\$15 million
Automobiles.....	\$15 million
Heating, cooling & refrigeration equipment.....	\$10 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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