



ILLINOIS & CANADA

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A key intermodal hub in Chicago

Canadian National Railway (CN) has been a longtime engine of economic growth in Illinois. The company invested \$150 million across the state in 2022 alone and more than \$1 billion over the last five years. Now CN is exploring a new Chicagoland Logistics Hub in Minooka, to move even more goods through Illinois.

CN investments have helped Will County maintain its position as the largest inland port in the United States, served by CN's new transload facility in Bridgeview and its Chicago Intermodal Terminal in Harvey. If the new logistics hub goes ahead, it would expand CN operations with new jobs in addition to the estimated 1,500 already employed by CN operations in the Prairie State.

This is an example of how Canadian investments and partnerships build stable, local jobs and Illinois' economy.

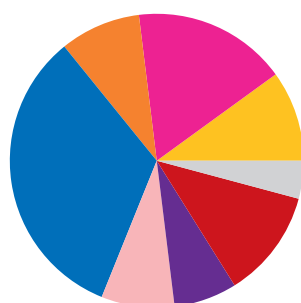


428 Canadian-owned companies employ 46,600 workers in Illinois



Illinois sells more goods to Canada (its #1 export market) than to its next two largest foreign markets combined — Mexico & Australia

Illinois
exports \$17.5 billion
in goods to Canada annually



Goods exports by industry

- Agriculture (10%)
- Chemicals (17%)
- Energy (9%)
- Equipment & machinery (33%)
- Minerals & metals (8%)
- Plastics & rubbers (7%)
- Transportation (12%)
- Other (4%)

Illinois exports \$4.2 billion in services to Canada, including

Business services.....	\$1.5 billion
Travel (including for education).....	\$1.0 billion
Financial services.....	\$552 million
Charges for the use of intellectual property...	\$404 million
Transport.....	\$300 million

Top Illinois goods exports to Canada

Fuel oil.....	\$1.4 billion
Pharmaceutical products.....	\$921 million
Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$829 million
Agricultural machinery.....	\$792 million
Optical, medical & precision instruments.....	\$651 million
Automobiles.....	\$550 million
Motor vehicle parts.....	\$546 million
Trucks.....	\$522 million
Iron & steel tubes, pipes & sheets.....	\$402 million
Perfumes, essential oils & toiletries.....	\$392 million

Canada: A critical energy supplier for Illinois

Illinois relies on Canada as its top affordable energy supplier, with \$45 billion in Canadian crude oil supplying the state’s four major refineries — **Citgo** (Lemont), **ExxonMobil** (Joliet), **Marathon Petroleum** (Robinson), and **Phillips 66** (Wood River). These facilities depend on Canadian heavy crude to blend with lighter U.S. oil, which ensures a stable, cost-effective fuel supply to meet growing demand.

This vital Canada–Illinois energy partnership strengthens Midwest energy security, powers Illinois’ manufacturing sector, supports thousands of jobs, sustains agriculture and helps keep fuel prices affordable for American consumers.



Photo: Caterpillar

Illinois’ Cat powers Canada and brings in business

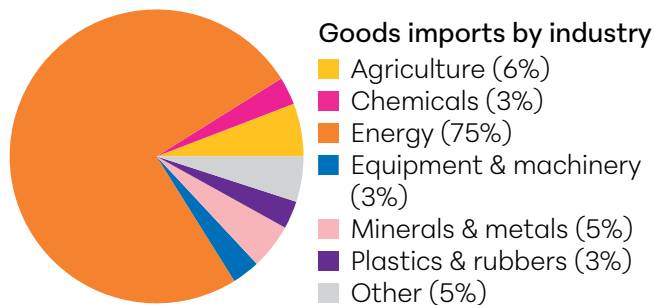
Caterpillar Inc. has become a global institution, celebrating 100 years of helping customers build a better more sustainable world, with Canada among its very first export destinations. Today, the company’s equipment is hard at work at mines and construction sites across Canada, and especially in the Athabasca oil sands in Alberta.

An extensive portfolio of Cat equipment developed the infrastructure to transport Canadian oil to U.S. refineries, and the region hosts the single-largest fleet of Cat 797 trucks operating worldwide — including the 797 that holds the world record of more than 130,000 working hours. And Cat’s Canadian business has kept driving innovation, including a recent conversion of an 81-truck fleet of Cat 797Fs into the industry’s largest fleet of autonomous mining machines.

This partnership brings stable business for the Illinois company and shows the value of trading partners like Canada for American businesses.

Illinois

imports \$58.4 billion
in goods from Canada annually



Top Illinois goods imports from Canada

Crude petroleum.....	\$42.0 billion
Natural gas & other gases.....	\$1.7 billion
Pearls, gems, precious metals & jewelry.....	\$1.7 billion
Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$1.1 billion
Pasta, breads & cereal preparations.....	\$931 million
Inorganic chemicals.....	\$771 million
Rubber & rubber articles.....	\$606 million
Paper & paperboard.....	\$569 million
Motor vehicle parts.....	\$429 million
Cocoa & chocolate.....	\$423 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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