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Photo: Samuel Packaging Systems Group

Samuel expands operations in Fort Mill

Canadian-owned **Samuel Packaging Systems Group** has expanded its U.S. operations with an \$11.5 million investment in a major facility in Fort Mill, South Carolina. Samuel is a leading provider of packaging, strapping, and industrial solutions. Its South Carolina presence highlights how Canadian innovation in packaging technology strengthens supply chains across the Southeast U.S. The Fort Mill facility manufactures and distributes advanced packaging systems that serve industries ranging from automotive to consumer goods, with products moving between U.S. and Canadian markets.

This investment highlights the deep economic partnership between Canada and South Carolina, creating local jobs in the state. By expanding its footprint in the state, Samuel strengthens the value of crossborder cooperation in supporting durable supply chains and mutual economic success.

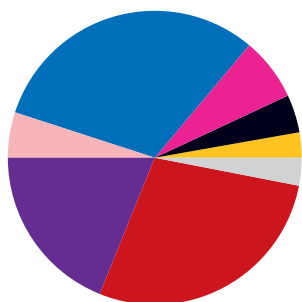


157 Canadian-owned companies employ 18,500 workers in South Carolina



Canada is the #3 export market for South Carolina

South Carolina exports **\$4.0 billion** in goods to Canada annually



Goods exports by industry

- Agriculture (3%)
- Apparel & textiles (4%)
- Chemicals (7%)
- Equipment & machinery (31%)
- Minerals & metals (5%)
- Plastics & rubbers (19%)
- Transportation (28%)
- Other (3%)

South Carolina exports \$678 million in services to Canada, including

Travel (including for education)	\$322 million
Business services	\$179 million
Charges for the use of intellectual property	\$79 million
Financial services	\$32 million
Maintenance & repair services	\$29 million

Top South Carolina goods exports to Canada

Automobiles	\$620 million
Rubber & rubber articles	\$610 million
Aircraft & parts	\$244 million
Plastics & plastic articles	\$170 million
Motor vehicle parts	\$167 million
Optical, medical & precision instruments	\$117 million
Compressors & pumps	\$72 million
Heating, cooling & refrigeration equipment	\$70 million
Iron & steel tubes, pipes & sheets	\$65 million
Engines & turbines	\$63 million

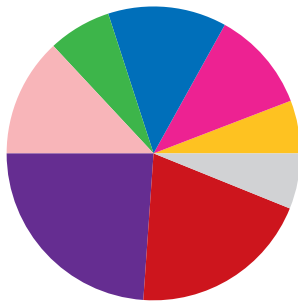


Canadian investment fuels U.S. manufacturing and job growth

IKO Industries, a Canadian manufacturer of roofing, waterproofing, and insulation products, has expanded its U.S. footprint in South Carolina. IKO is a global leader in building materials, and its South Carolina operations highlight the company's export success as Canadian innovation strengthens the state's construction supply chain. The company's newest manufacturing sites in Chester County represent more than a \$360 million investment and are expected to create nearly 200 local jobs. The two projects include the acquisition of a site on Lancaster Highway outside of Chester, which will become a new glass fiber manufacturing facility. The second project will use the fiberglass plant's output to manufacture fiberglass mat in a new, 325,000 square foot state-of-the-art plant. Glass mat is a vital component in asphalt shingle production, and the mat plant will supply IKO's growing network of shingle manufacturing sites in the United States.

This investment underscores the strong trade and investment ties between Canada and South Carolina. IKO's expansion in South Carolina demonstrates how Canadian companies are fueling growth in the state and building resilient supply chains.

South Carolina imports \$3.6 billion in goods from Canada annually



- Agriculture (6%)
- Chemicals (11%)
- Equipment & machinery (13%)
- Forest products (7%)
- Minerals & metals (13%)
- Plastics & rubbers (24%)
- Transportation (20%)
- Other (6%)

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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.

Top South Carolina goods imports from Canada

Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$507 million
Aircraft & parts.....	\$389 million
Rubber & rubber articles.....	\$346 million
Motor vehicle parts.....	\$270 million
Wood pulp.....	\$155 million
Copper & copper articles.....	\$108 million
Aluminum & aluminum articles.....	\$96 million
Iron & steel tubes, pipes & sheets.....	\$89 million
Iron & steel alloys & semi-finished products.....	\$67 million
Organic chemicals.....	\$50 million

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