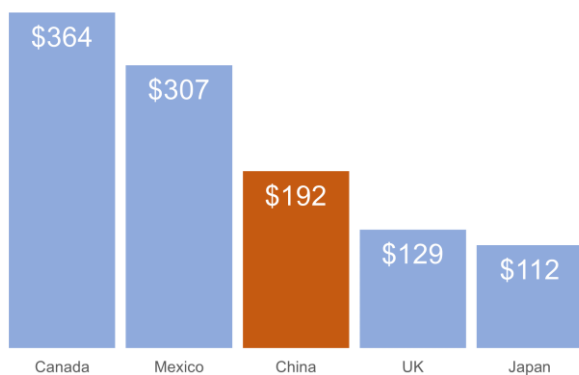


# How Trade with China Benefits the United States

**It supports US jobs.** American companies [exported](#) \$192 billion in goods and services to China in 2021, constituting 7.5 percent of US exports. While expanding foreign trade can disrupt US employment, trade with China also creates and supports a significant number of American jobs. Exports to China [support](#) over 1 million US jobs, and Chinese companies invested in the United States [employ](#) over 160,000 workers.

**Top US Goods and Services Export Markets in 2021**  
(billions USD)

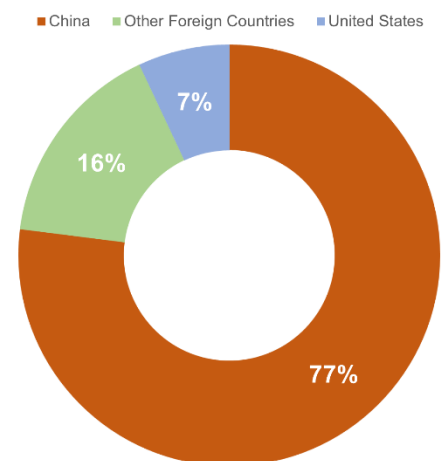


**It helps US companies compete globally.** In addition to exporting goods to China, US companies do a significant amount of business on the ground there. According to official US data, [sales](#) by American companies invested in China reached \$370 billion in 2020, the last year of available data. That is more than double the value of US exports to China. Companies can then reinvest in R&D and develop cutting edge technologies, which contributes to the United States' position as a leader in innovation.

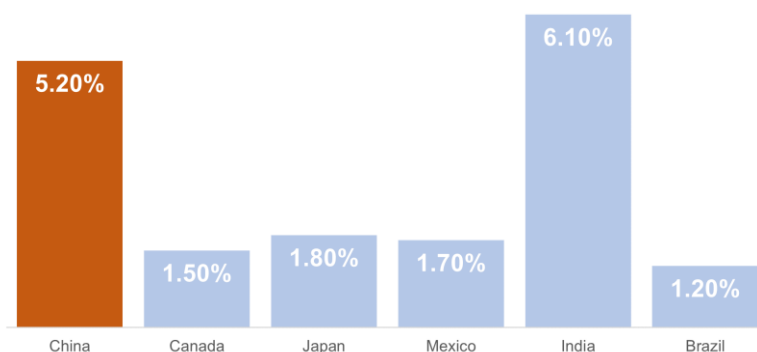
Investment in China is increasingly important for US companies to access the growing Chinese market. For many products, it is critical for companies to be close to customers.

**Commercial relations with China will remain important.** The IMF [predicts](#) that China will grow 5.2 percent in 2023, while the world economy will grow 2.9 percent. With China being a significant driver of global growth, it will be difficult for any multinational company to be globally competitive without being successful there. Policies that hinder US-China commercial relations may come at the expense of US companies vis-à-vis their other foreign competitors that are investing heavily in the China market.

**Destination of Goods Supplied by US Companies In China**



**2023 Economic Growth Projections**



Data sources: US Bureau of Economic Analysis, International Monetary Fund