

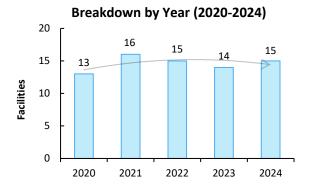
# Japanese Direct Investment in South Dakota (as of October 1, 2024)



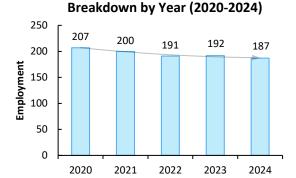
The Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago annually surveys Japanese companies in the Midwest. As the 2024 data indicates, Japanese investment contributes significantly to the state economy.

- 15 Japanese business facilities in South Dakota
- 187 direct jobs

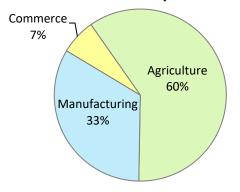
#### **JAPANESE BUSINESS FACILITIES**



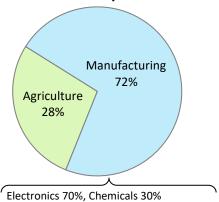
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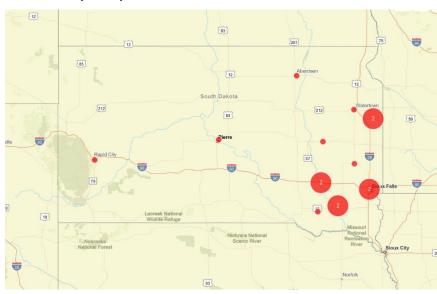
#### **Breakdown by Sector**



### **GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION**

Map of Japanese business facilities in South Dakota<sup>1</sup>

- The largest concentration of facilities is in southeastern South Dakota.
- Mitchell has the highest level of employment by Japanese business facilities as of October 2024.





# Japanese Trade with South Dakota (as of February, 2025)

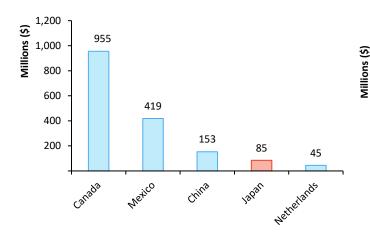


Japanese trade with South Dakota contributes significantly to the state economy.

- Japan is South Dakota's 4<sup>th</sup> largest export and the 9<sup>th</sup> largest import partner.
- The leading exports to Japan are Food Products and Minerals & Ores.
- The leading imports from Japan are Machinery (non-electrical).

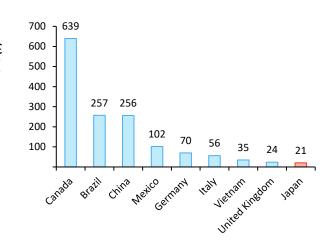
#### **South Dakota Exports (2024)**

## **Breakdown by Trade Partner**

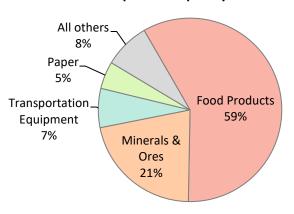


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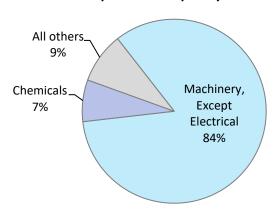
#### **Breakdown by Trade Partner**



**Exports to Japan by Sector** 



Imports from Japan by Sector



# Highlighted South Dakota Exports to Japan: Pork and Bentonite

Top 5 Pork<sup>1</sup> Export Partners

Partner	Export Value (Thousands of Dollars)
Mexico	79,962
Japan	43,711
Canada	21,365
Colombia	12,264
China	7,251

Japan is South Dakota's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest market for pork exports. In 2024, exports to Japan accounted for 25% of South Dakota's pork exports.

Top 5 Bentonite<sup>2</sup> Export Partners

Partner	Export Value
	(Thousands of Dollars)
Japan	18,326
Mexico	8,954
India	5,576
China	4,037
Thailand	3,365

Japan is South Dakota's largest market for bentonite exports. In 2024, exports to Japan accounted for almost 40% of South Dakota's bentonite exports. (Bentonite is used in castings, civil engineering, oil & gas exploration, pet litter, chemicals, and more.)