

# Québec



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## THE GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE REGION – QUÉBEC PARTNERSHIP

### THE GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE REGION

- **8 states and 2 provinces:** Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Québec, and Wisconsin
- **3<sup>rd</sup> largest GDP in the world:** a regional economy worth over US\$9.3 trillion
- **20% of the world's freshwater reserves**
- **A source of drinking water for 48 million people** in Canada and the United States
- **More than 350,000 jobs generated on both sides** of the border thanks to the maritime ecosystem



### QUÉBEC AND THE GREAT LAKES STATES

- **More than US\$74.4 billion in commercial goods** are traded between Québec and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence states each year.
- **Trade in automotive and aerospace products** between Québec and the U.S. states represents **more than US\$5.6 billion and US\$4.8 billion respectively.**
- The Great Lakes region accounts for **over 37% of all Québec exports to the U.S. market**, and over 27% of total Québec exports worldwide.



### TOP 5 EXPORTED GOODS FROM QUÉBEC

Primary aluminum	US\$ <b>3.296</b> billion
Copper wire	US\$ <b>1.2177</b> billion
Gold	US\$ <b>1.1018</b> billion
Aerial vehicles	US\$ <b>1.0934</b> billion
Motor vehicles for freight transport	US\$ <b>677.1</b> million

### TOP 5 IMPORTED GOODS TO QUÉBEC

Motor vehicles for freight transport	US\$ <b>1.5223</b> billion
Passenger cars	US\$ <b>1.4037</b> billion
Turbojet and turboprop engines	US\$ <b>846.1</b> million
Motor vehicle parts/accessories	US\$ <b>984.1</b> million
New rubber tires	US\$ <b>221.7</b> million

# QUÉBEC AND ONTARIO

In 2021, trade in goods and services between Québec and Ontario totalled C\$106.4 billion, with C\$52.8 billion in exports from Québec to Ontario and C\$53.6 billion in imports from Ontario to Québec.



## TOP 5 EXPORTED GOODS AND SERVICES FROM QUÉBEC (2021)

Minerals	C\$7.071 billion
Primary iron and steel and ferroalloys	C\$1.1361 billion
IT professional services	C\$1.4027 billion
Portfolio management services	C\$1.2389 billion
Data processing and hosting	C\$1.08 billion

## TOP 5 IMPORTED GOODS AND SERVICES TO QUÉBEC (2021)

Mutual fund services	C\$1.8356 billion
General-purpose software	C\$1.3096 billion
Computer system design	C\$1.294 billion
Management, scientific, and technical consulting services	C\$1.2476 billion
Primary iron and steel and ferroalloys	C\$749.2 million

## 10 FACTS FOR 10 YEARS OF INTENSIFIED PARTICIPATION

- **Five of Québec's top ten U.S. trading partners are members of the Conference of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers (GSGP):** New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Illinois.
- **The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence region is the third-largest economic powerhouse in the world based on gross domestic product (GDP).** From 2015 to 2024, its GDP grew from US\$5.5 trillion to US\$9.3 trillion.
- **Highly integrated supply chains among the eight Great Lakes states, Ontario, and Québec enable strong growth in bilateral trade.** Their value grew from US\$238.3 billion in 2015 to US\$328.7 billion in 2024.
- **Shipping on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway grew** from US\$30 billion in economic activity in 2015 to US\$47 billion in 2024. It also **generated a growing number of jobs across Québec, Canada, and the United States:** from 220,000 in 2015 to 355,000 in 2024.
- Since 2015, GSGP has launched **five key initiatives: the Great Lakes Impact Investment Platform, the Smart Ships Initiative, Cruise the Great Lakes, 100% Great Lakes Fish, and the Trees Initiative.**
- Cruise the Great Lakes was launched in 2018, and there are now 11 ships cruising the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway. **The Great Lakes cruising sector generates an economic impact of over US\$230 million for the region** (anticipated increase of 15% from 2024).
- **The “least wanted” list, established in 2013, identifies 16 aquatic invasive species (AIS).** Five more species were added in 2018. Since its creation, the eight states and two provinces have taken more than **90 actions to prevent the transfer and spread of these high-risk species for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence region.**
- One year after the creation of the Regional Maritime Entity (RME), Québec became co-chair with the release of the first regional maritime strategy in 2016. **We have co-chaired the RME with Wisconsin for almost 10 years now!**
- **Québec and the Great Lakes states share many success stories in the energy sector.** In 2023, Michigan and Québec launched the construction of the first binational electric vehicle corridor, from Kalamazoo to Québec City. What's more, starting in 2026, the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) project will deliver 1,250 MW of hydroelectric power from Québec's extensive network of dams directly to New York.
- Since 2015, **7 interns from Québec have provided significant support for organizing the GSGP Leadership Summit.** This initiative is made possible thanks to financial support from the *Programme de stages en organisations internationales* (PSOI) and *Les Offices jeunesse internationaux du Québec* (LOJIQ).



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