



Illinois—Québec partnership

TRADE RELATIONS

- Bilateral trade reached US\$4.9 billion in 2023.
- The trade between Québec and Illinois increased by more than 60% in the past 5 years.

INVESTING IN ILLINOIS

- From 2014 to 2023, Canada ranked 4th globally in the amount of FDI projects in Illinois.
 - › Québec ranked 2nd among Canadian provinces in terms of projects number.
- Québec companies invested more in Illinois than larger economies, such as Brazil, Mexico or Taiwan.
- The U.S. was the top destination of Québec companies' FDI.
- Québec companies invested in energy, life sciences, ICT, forestry and agribusiness – driving innovation and growth in many States, including Illinois.

QUÉBEC GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN CHICAGO



TOP ILLINOIS EXPORTS TO QUÉBEC

(US\$ MILLION)

Motor cars	244.6
Pneumatic tires	164.5
Parts for motor vehicles	54.2
Taps, cocks, valves and similar appliances	26.1
Boards and panels for fuses or circuit breakers	22.9

TOP ILLINOIS IMPORTS FROM QUÉBEC

(US\$ MILLION)

Gold	1,038.2
Unwrought aluminum	251.5
Paper and paperboard for writing, printing or graphic uses, uncoated	77.6
Pneumatic tires	67.2
Furniture and parts	63.9

CREATING AND MAINTAINING JOBS

- There are more than 120 Illinois-based companies operating in Québec—any trade barrier could directly impact their success and growth.
- Close to 75 Québec-owned companies operate across the Prairie State, creating several thousands of jobs and contributing to Illinois economy.



ALUMINUM AND OTHER METAL PRODUCTS

- In 2023, Québec was a key supplier of a vast array of metal products to Illinois. Québec was notably the No. 1 foreign supplier of unwrought aluminum and of copper wire.
- Québec accounts for more than 50% of U.S. imports of primary aluminum for manufacturing in the U.S.
- These components power Illinois strategic industries, such as the aerospace, automotive, and construction sector.
 - » Québec proudly ranks as the 2nd importer of Illinois-made motor cars.



FORESTRY PRODUCTS

- In 2023, Québec was the 3rd supplier of forestry products of Illinois.
- Québec was Illinois 2nd supplier of softwood lumber, particle boards and of joinery and carpentry products—essential materials for the construction sector.
- Tariffs on lumber and other building materials will drive up construction costs, hinder new development, and burden consumers with higher home prices.
- Québec's high-quality materials can be used to build a stronger, more affordable Illinois.
- Québec is also the world's 2nd supplier of Illinois wood pulp products, and the 3rd of paper, paperboards and articles made from these materials.

FACTS

- **A trusted economic partner:** Our close collaboration can strengthen and secure an integrated North American economy, making our regional partnership stronger and more resilient, especially in key sectors of collaboration such as renewable energy, green technologies and life science.
- **A rich and diverse subsoil:** Québec has the most diverse reservoir of critical and mineral resources in Canada and a world-class deposit of rare earths. Québec has 15 of the 18 (83%) of the critical minerals listed for energy by the Department of Energy, and 41 of 50 (82%) of the USGS's minerals list that are considered critical for the U.S. economy and national security.
- **An innovation hub:** Québec has a leading-edge expertise in emerging technologies, such as AI and quantum.
- **Maritime allies:** With a decade's long initiative to increase maritime traffic between the Ports of the Great Lakes region and Québec, we are committed to continuing the growth and prosperity of our states through maritime trade.



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