



Kentucky—Québec partnership

TRADE RELATIONS

- Bilateral trade between Québec and Kentucky reached US\$3.0 billion in 2023.
- Québec is Kentucky's 2nd trading partner (among Canadian provinces).
- Trade between Québec and the Bluegrass State has increased by almost 50% in the past 5 years.

INVESTING IN KENTUCKY

- From 2014 to 2023, Canada ranked 3rd globally in the amount of FDI projects in Kentucky, with a significant amount coming from Québec.
- 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 the Bluegrass State.

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TOP KENTUCKY EXPORTS TO QUÉBEC (US\$ MILLION)

Trucks	277.3
Motor cars	246.5
Centrifuges; filtering or purifying machines	74.2
Parts for motor vehicles	57.0
Spark ignition and piston engines	23.4

TOP KENTUCKY IMPORTS FROM QUÉBEC (US\$ MILLION)

Unwrought aluminum	1,114.2
Turbojets	155.9
Silicon	72.7
Paper & paperboard, uncoated	31.0
Spirituous beverages and alcoholic preparations	23.8

CREATING AND MAINTAINING JOBS

- Close to 10 Kentucky-based companies are operating in Québec—any trade barriers could directly impact their success and growth.
- Around 10 Québec-owned companies operate across the state, creating hundreds of jobs and contributing to Kentucky's economy.



ALUMINUM AND OTHER METALS

- In 2023, Québec was an important supplier of a vast array of metal products to Kentucky:
 - » **No. 1** for unwrought aluminum;
 - » **No. 1** for iron and steel structures;
 - » **No. 1** for aluminum wire;
 - » **No. 2** for silicon;
 - » **No. 2** for iron waste & scrap;
 - » **No. 2** for aluminum waste & scrap.
- Québec accounts for more than 50% of U.S. imports of primary aluminum for manufacturing in the U.S – a share that climbs to around 90% for Kentucky.
- These components power key Kentucky strategic industries, such as the aerospace, automobile, and construction sectors.



AUTOMOTIVE

- As a supplier of essential products, Québec plays a key role in Kentucky's automotive supply chain, a driving engine of the State's economy.
- At the same time, Québec is one of Kentucky's biggest customers:
 - » **No. 2** foreign buyer of trucks;
 - » **No. 2** for piston engines ;
 - » **No. 3** for motor cars;
 - » **No. 3** for motor vehicle parts.
- Québec is a leader in transportation electrification, boasting one of the highest EV adoption rates in North America. The province is a leading player in charging infrastructure and has 19 research centers working on battery innovation.
- With all the critical minerals needed for battery production—lithium, nickel, cobalt, graphite, and manganese—Québec is a strategic partner in securing a stable and resilient automotive supply chain.

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 aerospace, defense, and supply chain logistics.
- **A rich and diverse subsoil:** Québec has the most diverse reservoir of critical and strategic 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.
- **Growing and innovating together:** Québec's innovative agricultural technology industry is the largest agtech community in Canada. Given Kentucky's signature agricultural, food & beverage, logistics and advanced manufacturing industries, the Commonwealth is uniquely positioned to become a partner for innovative collaborations with Québec in this sector.
- **Taking our economies to new heights:** Québec is the 3rd largest aerospace hub in the world and is integrated to the North American ecosystem. Québec is also a top supplier of the U.S aerospace industry such as aircrafts, flights simulators, and turbojets. Our companies in the U.S. stimulate innovation, support the development of a skilled workforce and strengthen the competitiveness of the sector against foreign competitors.



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