# Export Nation

How U.S. Metros Lead National Export Growth

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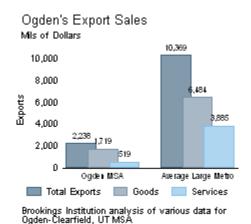
### **Ogden-Clearfield, UT MSA**

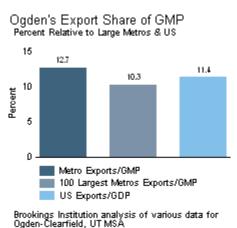
#### Why Exports Matter to the Country, And Why Metros Matter to Exports

ven before the devastation wrought by the Great Recession, the U.S. economy was struggling against substantial structural weakness. Despite periods of rising prosperity, the last three decades have been characterized by middle-and lower-income wage stagnation; a lack of job opportunities for those without college degrees; and a speculative bubble-inducing trade deficit. A significant increase in U.S. exports could dramatically improve each of these conditions. Because metro areas are where over 83 percent of U.S. exports are produced, strategies to enhance their unique concentrations of industry clusters and specific competitive advantages would greatly strengthen national export performance.

#### **Ogden's Unique Export Profile**

Ogden produces \$2.2 billion in total exports. As a share of its total economy, 12.7 percent of what it produces was exported in 2008, supporting 19,561 jobs. Recent export growth in Ogden has been robust, expanding at 14.4 percent. Average wages in its largest export industry were \$63,165, above the U.S. average. The metro has 6 export industry clusters. Finally, its major export industries are Transportation Equipment Manufacturing, Primary Metal Manufacturing, Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing, Misc. Manufacturing (e.g. Med Equipment, Sporting Goods, Jewelry, Toys), and Business, Professional, and Technical Services.





AT A GLANCE **EXPORTS ANNUALLY** \$2.2 billion (Rank 90) **EXPORT SHARE OF GMP 12.7%** (Rank 25) **EXPORT JOBS** 19,561 (Rank 89)

#### **Ogden's Key Export Indicators For 2008**

	Metro	Metro Rank <sup>1</sup>	100 Largest Metro Areas	United States <sup>2</sup>
Exports (in blns USD)	2.2	90	1,037	1,609
Exports as a share of GMP	12.7	25	10.3	11.4
Number of export-related jobs	19,561	89	7,688,744	11,854,390
Percent annual growth rate of exports, 2003-2008 (inflation adjusted)	14.4	15	8.7	9.2
Average wages in leading export industry <sup>3</sup>	\$63,165	50	\$66,449	\$45,563*
Number of export clusters <sup>4</sup>	6	49	6.7	N/A
Percentage of exports sold to Brazil, India and China	7.7	96	8.6	8.8

Source: Brookings analysis of Moody's Economy.com, the Institute of International Education (IIE), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) and Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS) (for metro industry wages), and the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) data. GMP refers to Gross Metropolitan Product. 1. A rank of 1 signifies the highest value among the 100 largest metropolitan areas. 2. The export values for the United States refer to U.S. domestic private exports, excluding scrap materials and used merchandise. 3. Wage data for Ogden in transportation equipment was not available so the national industry average was used (from QCEW); data for the largest 100 metros refer to the average large metro's wage in its leading export-industry (using QCEW and IPUMS); \*data for the US refer to all industries as reported by the QCEW. 4. An export industry is defined as clustered in a metropolitan area if its export value is at least 50 percent larger as a share of the metro economy than the industry's exports are relative to the U.S. economy.

#### **Ogden's Export Markets For 2008**

Largest Export Markets Based on Metro Industry Composition	Value of Metro Exports (in mils USD)
Canada	421
Mexico	212
UK	166
Japan	119
Germany	106
Largest U.S. Export Markets for Top Metro Export Industry— Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	Value of Metro Exports (in mils USD)
Canada	157
Mexico	49
Germany	44
Japan	29

#### **Example Export Companies**

Futura Industries
Autoliv
Flying J Inc
Staker & Parson Company
Lifetime Products, Inc

Sources: ITA Foreign Trade Zones, Journal of Commerce, local chambers of commerce

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