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# Impact on the Texas Economy



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## International Student Data

In 2005-2006, the **net contribution** to the Texas economy by **foreign students** and their families is **\$891,384,000** (Including a total contribution for dependents of \$28,986,000). (Source: <http://www.nafsa.org>)

The 2004-2005 Texas A&M foreign student contribution to the local economy is, the fifth largest in Texas, totaling **\$47,437,900**, (NAFSA – <http://www.nafsa.org/File/eis2006/Texas.pdf>)

## Texas General Data

- In 2006, for the fourth year in a row, Texas was ranked as the number one state by export revenues. Texas exports more than **\$150.8 billion**, an increase of 25.6 percent from 2005. Total 2006 exports for the United States increased by 14.6 percent to over \$1 trillion from \$904.3 billion in 2005 (Business and Industry Data Center – <http://www.bidc.state.tx.us>)
- Mexico and Canada, followed by Asian and Pacific Rim countries, were the leading destinations for Texas exports in 2006 (Business and Industry Data Center – <http://www.bidc.state.tx.us>)
- There continues to be an increase in **foreign direct investment** in Texas. Texas per capita income was \$32,604 in 2005 against \$34,495 for National average. (Business and Industry Data Center – <http://bidc.state.tx.us/overview/21fdi.htm>)

	Gross Property, Plant & Equipment *	Employment
UK	22,654 (20%)	81,200 (19%)
France	14,219	50,600
Netherlands	12,448	35,600
Germany	13,162	28,100
Others	49,623	232,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>112,106</b>	<b>428,100</b>

\*in millions of current dollars in year 2000

## U.S. General Data

A study done by the Santangelo Group revealed that since 2002, there was a loss of \$31 billion to US businesses due to restrictive entry and visa processing. The analysis, based on a survey of 734 members of eight leading international trade associations and statistical estimations using their responses, has found the following:

- U.S. companies suffered \$30.7 billion in financial impact between July 2002 and March 2004 due to delays/denials in the processing of business visas. This was comprised of revenue losses of \$25.53 billion and indirect costs of \$5.15 billion.
- Major sources of Texas' jobs in 2003 were the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, France, Japan, Germany, and Switzerland.
- International border crossings between Texas and Mexico rank among the busiest in the United States.
- The Port of Houston is a 25-mile-long complex of diversified public and private facilities located just a few hours' sailing time from the Gulf of Mexico. The port is ranked first in the United States in foreign waterborne tonnage, second in the U.S. in total tonnage, and tenth in the world in total tonnage.
- Of survey respondents
  - Total financial impact was \$45,368,000, comprised of revenue losses of \$37,689,000 and indirect costs of \$7,679,000.
  - The average financial impact was \$925,816 per company.
  - The average revenue loss was \$1,507,560 per company. The average indirect cost incurred was \$163,383 per company.
- Income Loss Breakdown by Size of Company
  - Medium-sized companies suffered the greatest income loss, averaging \$5,075,000 per company, followed by large-sized companies averaging \$1,148,222, and small-sized companies nearly \$587,917.
- Visa applicants from China, India and Russia trying to conduct business inside the U.S. were identified as having the greatest difficulties with timely visa processing from U.S. authorities. Malaysia, Indonesia and Korea ranked next as the most problematic countries.

- Respondents offered more than 100 recommendations to remedy the problem of visa delays and/or denials. Among the most frequent were:
  - Publish clear, concise and complete visa processing instructions

The Full report may be found at <http://www.SantangeloGroup.com>



**I-Camp 2004**  
International Students experience their first "Yell Practice" at Texas A&M



**Classical Indian dance performed by Indian Texas A&M students during 2005 International-Week**



**Texas A&M students participate in the 2005 International Buffet.**



**Bangladesh Texas A&M students share cultural information with U.S. faculty and students**