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Louisiana Q1 exports up nearly 4% over 2013

New Orleans, LA - Louisiana's worldwide exports increased nearly 4% in the first quarter of 2014 compared to the same period in 2013. The overall value of Louisiana's exports totaled \$17.1 billion.

Exports for all 50 states and Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia totaled \$393 billion, a 2.64% increase over first quarter 2013. Louisiana ranked 6th among U.S. exporting states; the same position it held at the close of 2013.

Louisiana's Top Ten Markets

Louisiana's principal export markets for the first quarter were China (\$2.58 billion, up 29.26%), Mexico (\$1.4 billion, down 24.08%), Colombia (\$819 million, up 81.56%), followed by the Netherlands, Japan, Canada, Panama, Egypt, Germany and France. Compared to Q1 2013, Louisiana's top export markets have changed considerably. Among these changes, Singapore, formerly Louisiana's third largest export market now ranks thirteenth among the state's export destinations. Similarly, Egypt, Japan, and Canada have all slipped in Louisiana's export partner rankings.

Contrastingly, export markets such as France, Colombia Germany, the Netherlands and Panama have shown significant gains this quarter when compared to the same period last year. Louisiana exports to France have increased by more than 100 percent when compared to Q1 2013. Likewise, Louisiana exports to Colombia have shown impressive growth, moving up ten spots to number three among Louisiana's export destinations in Q1 2014.

Louisiana's Top Industries

Petroleum and Coal Products remained the leading export industry for Louisiana totaling \$6.12 billion in the first quarter of 2014, a 5.82% increase from Q1 last year, followed by Agriculture Products (\$5.53 billion, up 20.45%), and Chemicals (\$2.02 billion, down 5.41%).

Within Louisiana's top ten industries, Petroleum and Coal Products, Transport Equipment, and Fabricated Metal Products showed the highest gains for the first quarter when compared to the same period last year.

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The following charts summarize the data reported above. Trade data and chart representations are presented by the World Trade Center of New Orleans and WISERTrade.

Trade reports that provide information on 32 industry categories of Louisiana exports (NAICS) and 97 commodities (HS) to more than 230 countries worldwide, as well as export totals of other U.S. states, are available on the WTC's website, www.wtcno.org.

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Louisiana Exports by Country (US\$ NAICS Database)

Rank	Code	Description	Q1 2013 YTD	Q1 2014 YTD	%2013- 14
		TOTAL ALL PARTNER COUNTRIES	16,475,863,518	17,099,243,209	3.78
1	CHN	China	1,997,230,032	2,581,593,363	29.26
2	MEX	Mexico	1,847,694,968	1,402,713,062	-24.08
3	COL	Colombia	451,134,217	819,059,730	81.56
4	NLD	Netherlands	545,658,328	768,360,072	40.81
5	JPN	Japan	731,282,031	759,311,342	3.83
6	CAN	Canada	726,349,497	730,104,851	0.52
7	PAN	Panama	554,173,333	565,241,518	2.00
8	EGY	Egypt	590,965,464	558,383,252	-5.51
9	DEU	Germany	504,401,868	551,864,242	9.41
10	FRA	France	235,916,213	493,692,212	109.27

Louisiana Exports by Industry (US\$ NAICS Database)

Rank	Code	Description	Q1 2013 YTD	Q1 2014 YTD	%2013- 14
		TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	16,475,863,518	17,099,243,209	3.78
1	324	Petroleum And Coal Products	5,785,580,565	6,122,065,832	5.82
2	111	Agricultural Products	4,587,365,003	5,525,692,696	20.45
3	325	Chemicals	2,136,147,061	2,020,585,635	-5.41
4	311	Food And Kindred Products	1,647,652,839	1,526,700,462	-7.34
5	333	Machinery, Except Electrical	1,006,410,415	463,959,890	-53.90
6	331	Primary Metal Manufacturing	237,623,808	300,121,556	26.30
7	212	Minerals And Ores	293,752,838	204,603,557	-30.35
8	332	Fabricated Metal Products, Nesoi	143,701,883	183,864,542	27.95
9	312	Beverages And Tobacco Products	172,852,380	182,276,918	5.45
10	336	Transportation Equipment	111,192,978	150,105,891	35.00

U.S Exports by State (US \$, NAICS Database)

Rank	Code	Description	Q1 2013 YTD	Q1 2014 YTD	%2013- 14
		TOTAL ALL STATES	383,330,515,227	393,439,365,365	2.64
1	TX	Texas	66,106,938,584	70,818,113,567	7.13
2	CA	California	39,373,254,328	42,053,798,409	6.81
3	NY	New York	22,468,441,376	21,965,807,558	-2.24
4	WA	Washington	19,311,704,107	21,237,131,691	9.97
5	IL	Illinois	15,484,768,275	17,107,266,318	10.48
6	LA	Louisiana	16,475,863,518	17,099,243,209	3.78
7	FL	Florida	15,492,506,562	14,012,958,193	-9.55
8	MI	Michigan	13,728,637,460	13,965,835,657	1.73
9	UK	Unknown State	12,392,473,359	12,902,012,924	4.11
10	OH	Ohio	12,147,860,617	11,991,377,797	-1.29



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