



Midwest Pays High Price for US Trade Deficit with China

The bill for the nation's rapidly growing trade deficit with China is being paid for with U.S. jobs. A new study by the Economic Policy Institute reports that because the amount of goods we buy from China is growing so much faster than what we sell to China, the nation as a whole lost more than 2 million jobs since 1997 and 1.8 million jobs since 2001. Every state in the nation lost jobs that would have been here if we had been making those goods domestically instead of importing them.

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About one out of every five jobs lost since 2001 was in the Midwest. The losses were greatest in Illinois, Ohio, and Michigan, which, together lost over 200,000 jobs. Indiana suffered the heaviest impact for its size, however, losing over 45,000 jobs – about one and a half percent of its total statewide employment. Minnesota and Wisconsin were also hit hard, with each state losing the equivalent of 1.4% of total employment.

STATE DATA:

Jobs lost in the Midwest from 2001 to 2006 due to the growing U.S. trade deficit with China

State	Number of jobs lost	Share of total state employment
Indiana	45,200	1.50%
Minnesota	38,500	1.40%
Wisconsin	38,000	1.40%
Illinois	79,900	1.30%
Iowa	17,700	1.20%
Michigan	54,900	1.20%
Ohio	66,100	1.20%
South Dakota	3,800	1.00%
Kansas	10,600	0.80%
Nebraska	6,200	0.70%
North Dakota	1,900	0.60%
TOTAL FOR REGION	362,800	

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