When measured as an independent country, California ranks as the eighth largest economy in the world. In 2009 state exports totaled $106 billion dollars. Ten of the 15 leading export markets are Pacific Rim countries. High technology related industries accounted for approximately 65 percent of these exports. This includes electrical and industrial machinery, computers, medical equipment, aircraft and vehicles. Agricultural products are another vital source of export income.

**Image Right:** A ship loaded with products made in California sails through the Golden Gate bound for Asia.

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