

Turkey and Illinois: A Job-Creating Economic Partnership



Illinois imports from Turkey totaled \$353.9 million in 2018, a 231.4% increase since 2009.

Turkish firms employ at least 200 Illinoisans at 15 distinct locations for 9 subsidiaries.

Illinois ranks 9th among U.S. states in imports from Turkey

Illinois exports to Turkey totaled \$193.4 million in 2018, a 45.2% increase since 2009.

Turkey is Illinois' 36th largest export market and 30th largest import market.

Five firms from Illinois employ over 2,000 people in Turkey.

Top 5 Illinois Exports to Turkey in 2018	(millions)
Beverages and Tobacco Products	\$51.1
Computer and Electronic Products	\$29.7
Machinery, Except Electrical	\$24.2
Chemicals	\$17.6
Agricultural Products	\$17.1
Total All Industries	\$193.4

Top 5 Illinois Imports from Turkey in 2018	(millions)
Transportation Equipment	\$88.7
Primary Metal Manufacturing	\$55.7
Machinery, Except Electrical	\$37.5
Electrical Equipment, Appliances	\$25.2
Food and Kindred Products	\$19.7
Total All Industries	\$358.9

Illinois is home to 12,000 Turkish Americans, many of whom are small business owners.

Chicago, Barry, Gages Lake, and Naperville have significant Turkish-American populations.

There is a Turkish-American Chamber of Commerce in Mount Prospect, and many other Turkish-American organizations are found across the state.

To the right are the locations of companies in Illinois with close ties to Turkey, these include:

- Companies with partnerships or major investments in Turkey.
- Companies owned by Turkish Americans.
- Companies owned by Turkish companies.



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Illinois is a top destination for Turkish investment, including from some of Turkey's industrial giants which have invested millions of dollars in the state and have created at least 200 jobs.



Ermak USA: Des Plaines

Ermaksan produces sheet metal processing machines and has been a major company in Turkish industry for the past fifty-five years.

The company's US subsidiary, Ermak USA, was founded in Des Plaines in 2010 and currently has over 20 employees.



Kibar Americas: Chicago

Kibar Americas is the newly-founded US subsidiary of Assan Alüminyum, a leading manufacturer of flat-rolled aluminum. The company produces aluminum goods, packaging, and car parts.

The company currently has around ten employees.



Isbir Sentetik USA: Warrenville

Isbir Sentetik, established in 1968, produces synthetically weaved products and ranks among Turkey's Top 500 Industrial Enterprises.

Its US subsidiary was founded in 2010 and currently supplies major pharmaceutical companies including Akzo Nobel, Dupont, GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer, La Farge and Cabot Group.



Beko: Bolingbrook

Beko is domestic appliance and consumer electronics brand owned by Koc Holding.

It is one of the largest and most famous companies in Turkey, exporting all over the world.

Its US distribution center is located in Bolingbrook and currently has almost 40 employees.


Companies from Illinois are playing a big role in Turkey's growing prosperity.



Abbott Laboratories: Lake Bluff

Founded in 1888, Abbott Laboratories is a medical devices and health care company with its headquarters in the Abbott Park Business Center in Lake Bluff.

The company has been in Turkey for over thirty years and 757 employees working in its pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, nutrition, and medical devices businesses.



Abbvie Inc.: North Chicago

Abbvie is an American publicly traded biopharmaceutical company founded in 2013 and is currently headquartered in North Chicago.

Abbvie has a corporate campus in Istanbul where it has 260 employees.



Boeing: Chicago

Boeing has had a strong, long-standing partnership with Turkey for more than 70 years.

Boeing operates in two main locations in Turkey: Ankara and Istanbul.

The company, working closely with local industry, invests \$180 million annually in work placement in Turkey, and currently supports nearly 5,000 jobs in the country.