



Qatar and Ohio: Historic Ties

BY THE NUMBERS

**Ohio-Qatar
Trade in 2024**

\$117.7M

OHIO EXPORTS

\$3.2M

OHIO IMPORTS

**Qatar is Deeply
Invested in Ohio
Companies:**

Welltower

Paycor

General Dynamics

GE Aviation

Boeing

Airbus

Qatar heavily invests in industries across the U.S., including many that call Ohio home.

DEFENSE

Qatar has purchased over \$125 billion in aviation and defense equipment from Ohio employers like Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, General Dynamics, and L3Harris.

AVIATION

Qatar has purchased more than 500 aircraft from Ohio employers Boeing and Airbus in addition to purchasing nearly \$10 billion in equipment from GE Aviation. Boeing has nearly 300 supplier companies in the Buckeye State.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Ohio employers Siemens and Emerson Electric are working to strengthen Qatar's nationwide rail system.

ENERGY

Qatar and Ohio are energy partners. Ohio employers Baker Hughes and Honeywell are key suppliers of technology for Qatar's rapidly expanding LNG sector.

TRADE

Ohio is a top U.S. exporter to Qatar of aircraft, motor vehicles, and apparel.



Education City – American Universities in Qatar

Congressional hearings on antisemitism in 2024 included statements that inaccurately accused Qatar of influencing some of the protests on college campuses in the U.S.

- Qatar has not and will not support organizations that support antisemitism.
- The universities operate in Qatar with total independence. Their academic degree programs in Qatar are entirely governed by the administrators of their home campuses.
- Avril Haines, the Director of National Intelligence, when asked if there was any evidence that Qatar played a role in antisemitic protests on college campuses, said simply that there was none. The question and answer occurred during the Worldwide Threat Hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee on May 2, 2024.
- The universities' academic freedom is guaranteed by contract between the universities and the funding provider, the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development.
- Qatar, in fact, does not influence anything that happens on university campuses in the U.S.
- Contrary to some media reports, Qatar is not the largest foreign donor to U.S. universities.
- As the U.S. Department of Education has reported, Qatar pays about \$500 million annually to the six U.S. universities.
- Six prominent American universities operate branch campuses in Qatar: Cornell University (Weill Cornell Medical College), Texas A&M University, Carnegie Mellon University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Georgetown University, and Northwestern University.
- These payments are not donations. The money covers the operating and administrative costs of the branch campuses of American universities in Qatar. This includes faculty salaries and other expenses incurred in Qatar, not in the U.S.
- These excellent institutions – now in their third decade of operation in Qatar – award degrees to Qatari women and men, and to other students who wish to study in Qatar.
- The universities' achievements are manifold and are a source of pride in Qatar. At Qatar's campus of Texas A&M, for example, the Class of 2024 included 73 women engineers out of 144 graduates, a majority.