



Qatar and Texas: Historic Ties

BY THE NUMBERS

Texas-Qatar Trade

\$5.81B

SINCE 2020

\$1.16B

ANNUAL AVERAGE

Texas Employers with major Qatari partnerships include:

ExxonMobil

ConocoPhillips

Chevron Phillips

Vistra Energy

Oryx Midstream

NGP Energy Capital

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

ENERGY

Qatar Petroleum joined ExxonMobil to build Golden Pass LNG, a \$10 billion LNG export terminal in Texas that will add nearly 20% to the U.S.'s LNG export capacity and create more than 1,500 jobs. Qatar Energy is also partnering with Chevron Phillips to create Golden Triangle Polymers, an \$8.5 billion polymer plant in Texas to manufacture up to 2 million tons of polyethylene annually and create more than 500 jobs.

DEFENSE

Qatar has purchased over \$125 billion in aviation and defense equipment from Texas employers like Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, Bell, and Boeing.

AVIATION

Qatar Airways offers direct daily flights between Doha and Dallas and Houston in addition to operating a code-sharing agreement with Texas-based American Airlines.

INFRASTRUCTURE & TECH

Leading Texas tech employers including Dell, Oracle, Microsoft, Google and Tesla are major partners in Qatar's digital transformation. Texas-based Jacobs Solutions helped build the stadiums in Doha for the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

TRADE

Texas is a top U.S. exporter to Qatar of machinery, chemicals, motor vehicles, aerospace products, and electrical equipment.

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.
- 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.
- Qatar, in fact, does not influence anything that happens on university campuses in the U.S.
- 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 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 operate in Qatar with total independence. Their academic degree programs in Qatar are entirely governed by the administrators of their home campuses.
- The universities' academic freedom is guaranteed by contract between the universities and the funding provider, the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.