



## The Middle East Council of American Chambers of Commerce

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### U.S. EXPORTS SUPPORT U.S. JOBS\*

#### **2010-2019:**

Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) members are collectively one of the **largest export markets** for the United States (8<sup>th</sup> biggest in 2019). U.S. exports to the GCC have experienced **5.3% average annual growth** between 2010 and 2019.

- Of the top 15 export markets for the U.S., only India (7.1%), and Mexico (5.4%) have seen faster average annual growth in that time period.

#### **2016:**

**10.7 million U.S. jobs** are supported by exports.

#### **2009-2015:**

GCC countries among the top twenty trading partners with the **largest increase in U.S. jobs** supported by exports.

- GCC is the **4<sup>th</sup> largest export market** by this measure, behind only Mexico, China, and Canada.

\* Using most recent available data

### EXPORT SECTOR WORKERS EARN A HIGHER WAGE\*\*

- **This wage premium** is greater in the manufacturing sector (16.3%) than in the service sector (15.5%).
- And the wage premium is higher for blue collar workers (18.3%) than for white collar workers (11%) (both sectors)

\*\*2014 data

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