

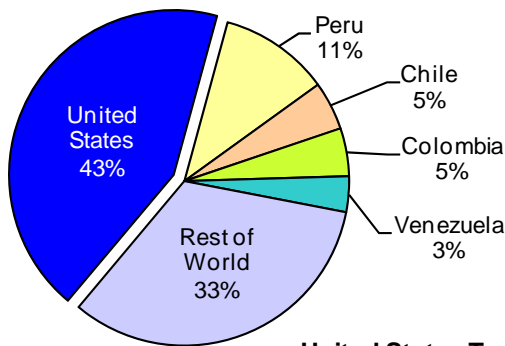


# The United States Contributes to Economic Prosperity in Ecuador

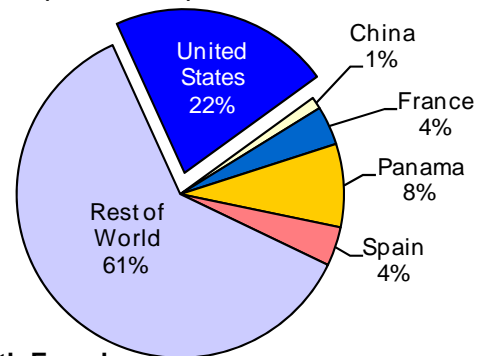


- In 2007, U.S. direct investment in Ecuador reached \$673 million (BEA, *Survey of Current Business*, Sept. 2008); this is equivalent to 1.5 percent of Ecuador's GDP of \$45.8 billion (World Bank, *World Development Indicators*).
- The Ecuadorian affiliates of U.S. direct investors employed 7,200 people in 2006 and their value added contributed 1.7 percent to Ecuador's GDP (BEA, *Survey of Current Business*, Nov. 2008).
- The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) provided over \$9.1 million in finance and insurance funds in 2007.
- The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) provided over \$17.8 million in aid to Ecuador in 2008.
- The Peace Corps currently has approximately 155 volunteers working throughout Ecuador; since 1963, 5,532 volunteers have aided communities in Ecuador.
- The United States purchased 43 percent of Ecuador's total merchandise exports in 2007 (World Trade Atlas).
- U.S. merchandise exports to Ecuador grew from \$1.5 billion in 1997 to \$2.9 billion in 2007, an increase of approximately 92 percent (U.S. Census Bureau).
- In 2007 over \$3 billion in remittance money was sent by Ecuadorians living abroad (Inter-American Development Bank).

**Total Market Share the United States Represents for Ecuador's Merchandise Exports - 2007**



**Net Inflows of Foreign Investment in Ecuador (as % of total) 1998-2007**



**United States Trade in Goods with Ecuador**

