



MISSISSIPPI AND FRANCE



France contributed to **7%** of new FDI projects over the last 10 years in Mississippi



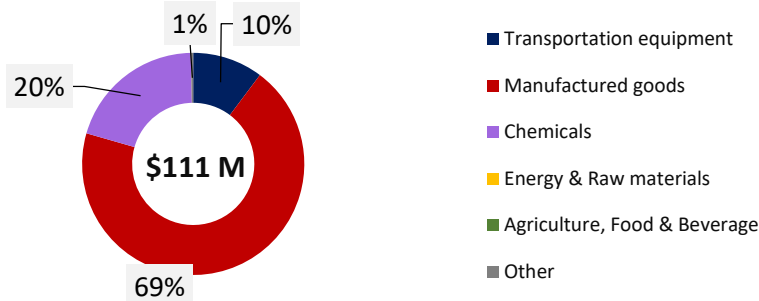
France is **#4 for jobs** created by foreign companies in Mississippi



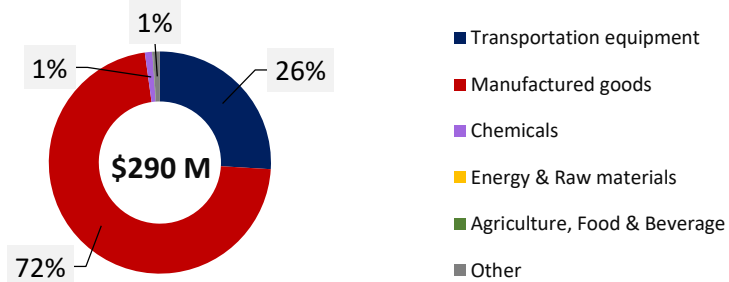
4,200 jobs created by French companies in Mississippi

TOTAL BILATERAL TRADE IN GOODS \$401 million annually

Mississippi exports to France



Mississippi imports from France



See appendix for data source

AIRBUS HELICOPTERS

A success story in Mississippi



Airbus Helicopters Inc. is the **leader in the U.S. commercial helicopter market**. In 2005 the company opened a helicopter assembly plant in Columbus, Mississippi, where it produces the H125 commercial helicopter and the U.S. Army's UH-72A Lakota. The company employs more than **200 people** in Mississippi, about 50 percent of whom are **U.S. military veterans**.

The **Lakota program** is a success story for the U.S. Army and for Airbus. The Columbus plant has produced more than 420 UH-72A helicopters for the Army, each one delivered on-time, on-cost and meeting stringent Army quality standards. The UH-72A is a twin-engine, light utility helicopter used for a wide range of military operations including border patrol, MEDEVAC, personnel transport, light cargo, and Homeland Security missions. Lakotas have been employed extensively over the last few months, responding to wildfires and mudslides in California, and Hurricanes Irma and Harvey

In March 2018, Airbus Helicopters Inc. **received two contracts valued at approximately \$289 million** to deliver 51 additional UH-72A Lakotas for the **U.S. Army**.

SOME OF THE FRENCH-AFFILIATED FIRMS IN MISSISSIPPI



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