Texas Comparative Advantage and Manufacturing Exports

Ten-Gallon Economy: Sizing Up Texas' Growth

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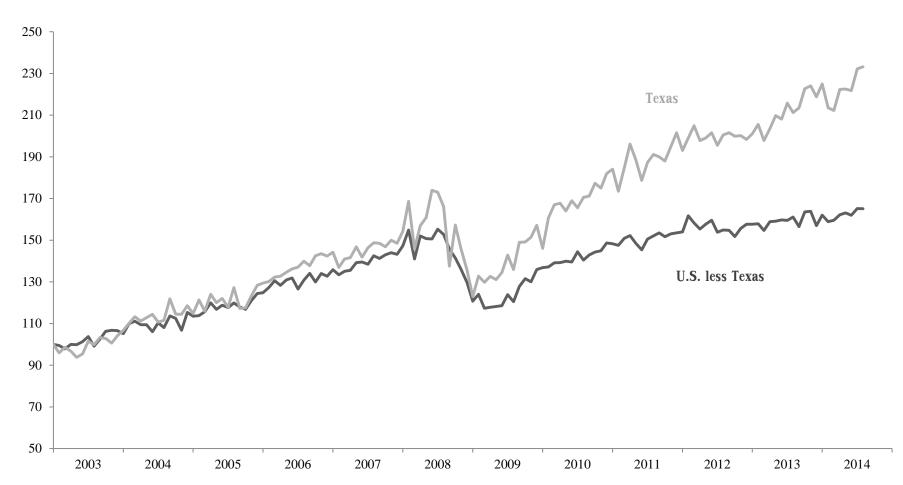
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Motivation for paper

- Texas exports more goods than any other US state
- 2 of 10 goods that the US exports come from Texas
- In 2013: exports = \$280 billion; about 20 gross state product
 - Has Texas comparative advantage changed?
 - What do we sell to the world?
 - Who are Texas principal competitors?
 - Countries
 - US states
 - What is the role of productivity in export performance?

Texas exports growing faster than the nation since the recession

Index, Jan.'03=100, Real \$, SA



NOTE: Last data point is August.

SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau; WISERTrade.

Texas a major player in world trade

(Share of total exports)			
(Share of total emports)	2012		
Total Manufacturing Exports	1.82		
1 Petroleum & Coal Products	6.05		
2 Chemicals	2.71		
3 Machinery, Except Electrical	2.11		
4 Computer & Electronic Products	2.02		
5 Fabricated Metal Products, Nesoi	1.89		
6 Electrical Equipment, Appliances & Components	1.50		
7 Transportation Equipment	1.31		
8 Plastics & Rubber Products	1.13		
9 Printed Matter And Related Products	0.97		
10 Paper	0.87		
11 Textiles & Fabrics	0.79		
12 Miscellaneous Manufactured Commodities	0.75		
13 Primary Metal Mfg	0.72		
14 Food and Kindred Products	0.69		
15 Nonmetallic Mineral Products	0.47		
16 Furniture & Fixtures	0.35		
17 Beverages & Tobacco Products	0.33		
18 Leather & Allied Products	0.33		
19 Textile Mill Products	0.26		
20 Wood Products	0.20		
21 Apparel & Accessories	0.12		

Revealed Comparative Advantage (RCA)

- A country has RCA in a product/sector if it exports more than the share of total world trade that the product/sector represents.
- RCA > 1 indicates a country exports more than the world's average
- RCA > 1 implies a country is more efficient in producing such product/sector

Methodology for RCA

$$RCA_{i}^{Region} = \left(\frac{X_{i}^{Region} / \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i}^{Region}}{X_{i}^{World} / \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i}^{World}}\right)$$

Where:

 $RCA_i^{Region} = State or country's revealed comparative advantage in NAICS i$

 $X_i^{Region} = value \ of \ state \ or \ country's \ exports \ of \ NAICS \ i$

 $X_i^{World} = value \ of \ world \ exports \ of \ NAICS \ i$

NAICS	NAICS	RCA (avg)	Share
code	Description	2012-2002	2012
3241	Petroleum & Coal Products	2.7	22.7
3251	Basic Chemicals	2.8	10.5
3252	Resin, Syn Rubber, Artf & Syn Fibers/fil	3.0	5.9
3344	Semiconductors & Other Electronic Components	1.6	5.6
3341	Computer Equipment	1.3	5.1
3363	Motor Vehicle Parts	1.4	4.7
3331	Ag & Construction & Machinery	3.6	4.6
3342	Communications Equipment	1.3	3.6
3339	Other General Purpose Machinery	1.0	2.9
3345	Navigational/measuring/medical/control Instrument	1.0	2.6
3361	Motor Vehicles	0.4	2.5
3329	Other Fabricated Metal Products	1.3	2.5
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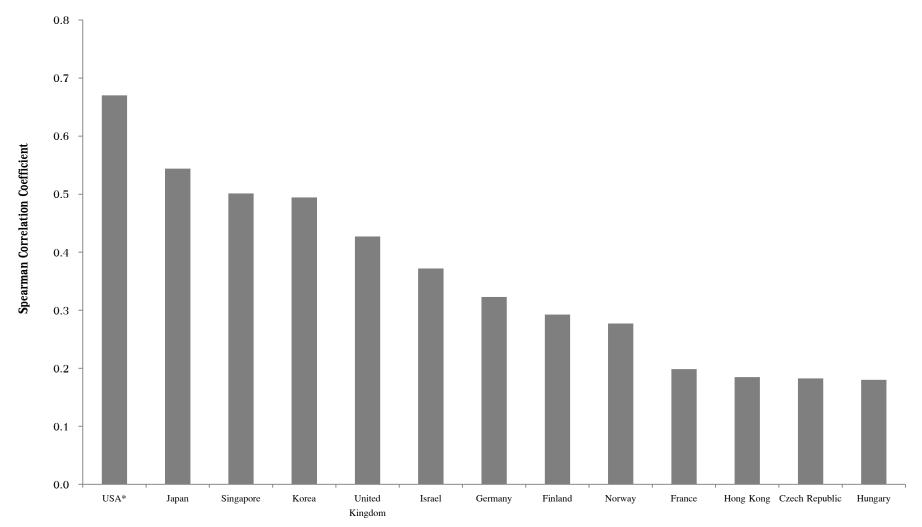
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Texas main competitors in world markets

(Based on export mix similarity)



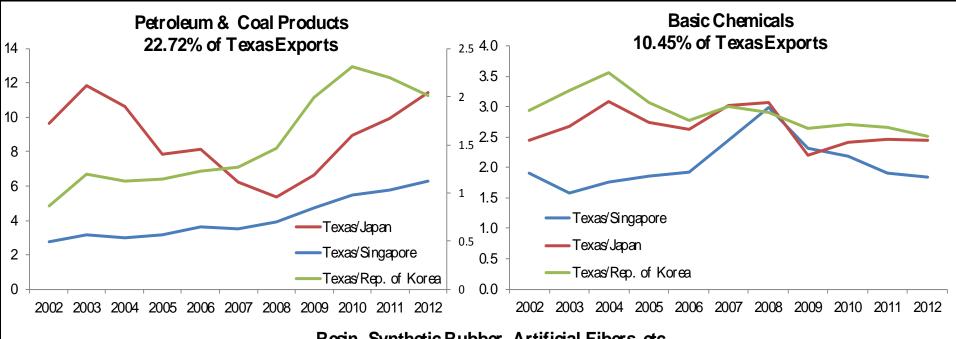
^{*}USA without Texas

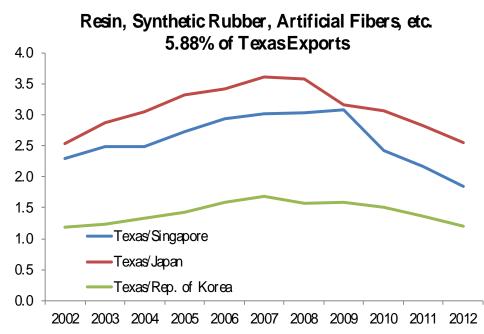
Relative (RCA)

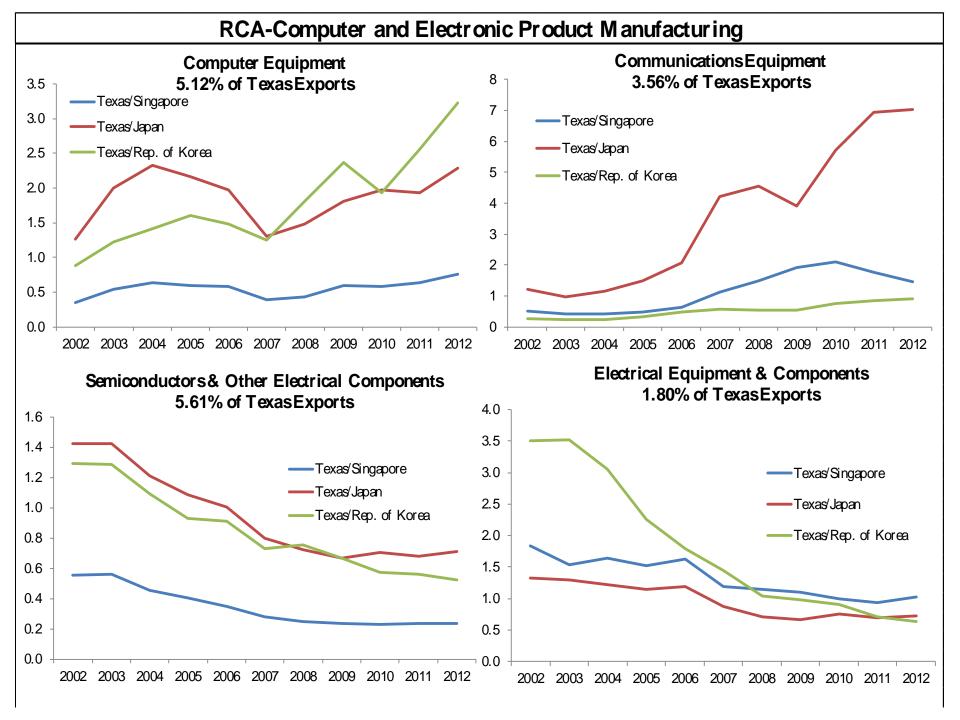
Relative RCA =
$$\left(\frac{RCA_{i}^{TX}}{RCA_{i}^{JP,SG,KR}}\right)$$

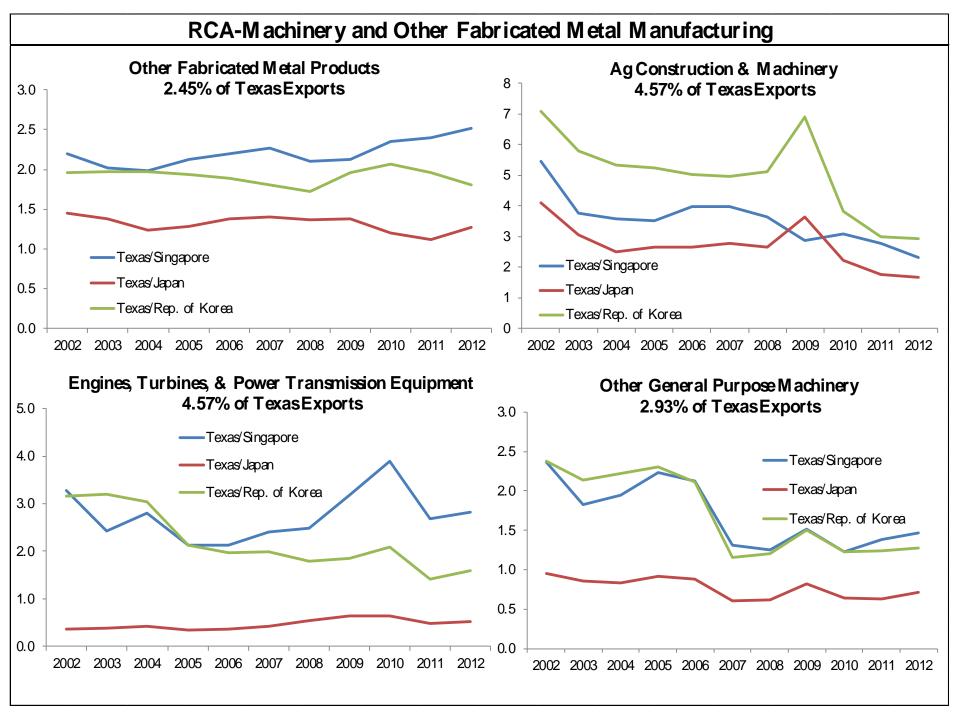
• If the index 1=> Texas more competitive in global markets than Japan, Singapore or Korea

RCA-Petroleum, Chemical, and Synthetics Manufacturing

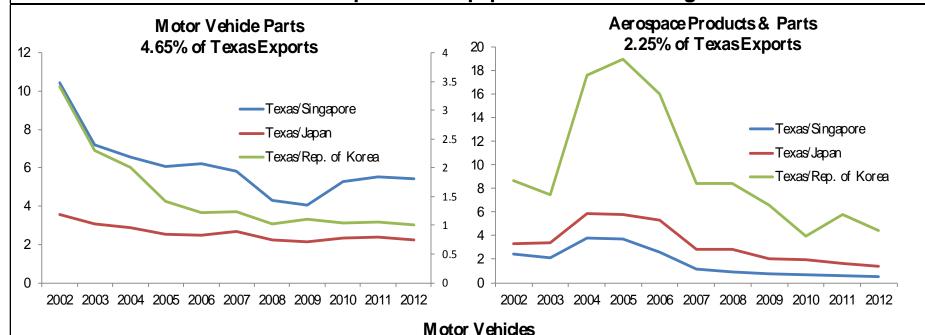


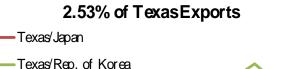


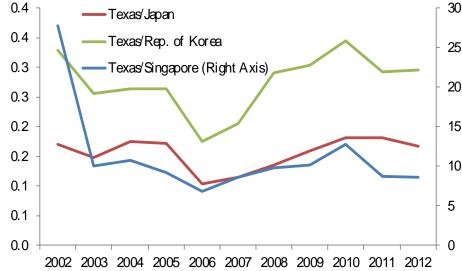




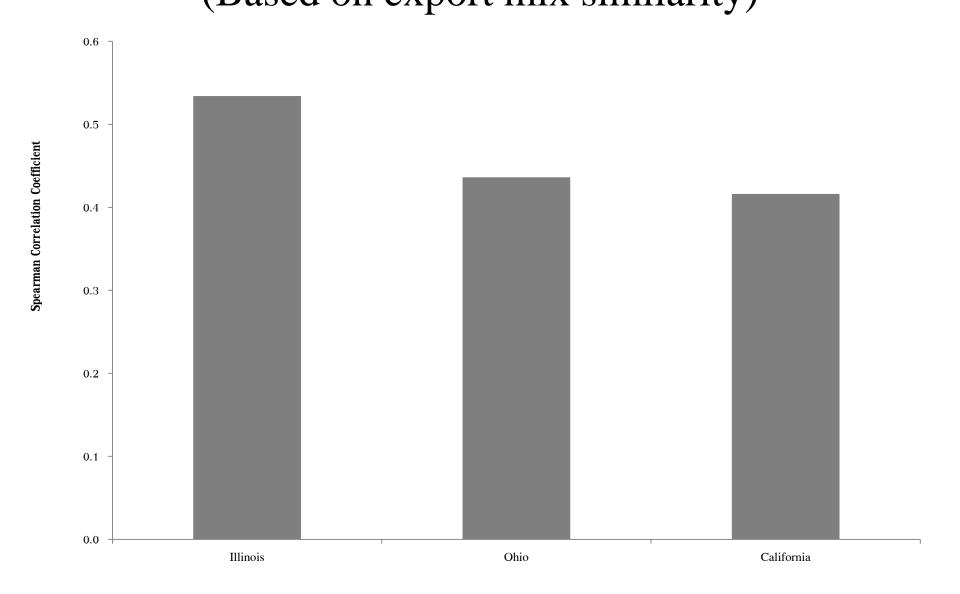
RCA-Transportation Equipment Manufacturing







Texas main US competitors in world markets (Based on export mix similarity)



Relative RCA and relative total factor productivity (TFP)

Relative RCA =
$$\left(\frac{RCA_{i}^{TX}}{RCA_{i}^{IL,CA,OH}}\right)$$

Total Factor Productivity (TFP) is determined by how efficiently and in what proportions capital and labor are utilized in production.

Relative
$$TFP = \left(\frac{TFP_i^{TX}}{TFP_i^{IL,CA,OH}}\right)$$

In theory: \uparrow TFP => \uparrow RCA => \uparrow market share

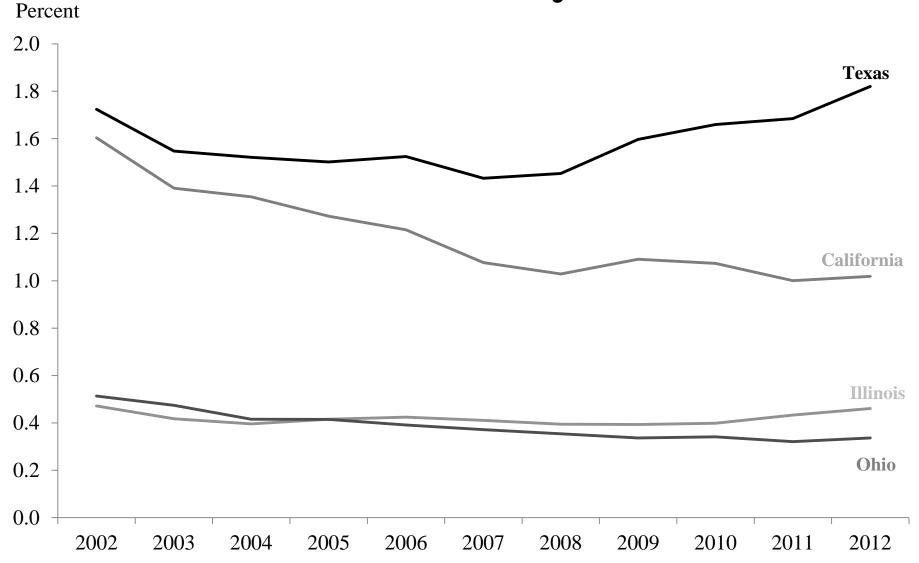
Annual Average Productivity Growth

(2002-2011)

		Texas	California	Illinois	Ohio
3251	Basic Chemicals	21.4	-0.6	4.8	3.6
3364	Aerospace Products & Parts	20.9	8.9	19.6	2.8
3241	Petroleum & Coal Products	20.9	36.9	36.6	24.3
3336	Engines, Turbines & Power Transmsn Equip	18.1	15.6	7.2	16.2
3252	Resin, Syn Rubber, Artf & Syn Fibers/fil	14.1	6.5	22.2	6.4
3359	Electrical Equipment & Components, Nesoi	13.9	13.4	4.4	3.3
3331	Ag & Construction & Machinery	13.7	21.5	16.2	7.0
3339	Other General Purpose Machinery	11.9	5.8	2.1	7.4
3345	Navigational/measuring/medical/control Instrument	11.9	2.1	1.1	1.8
3361	Motor Vehicles*	11.3	9.0	6.5	1.4
3329	Other Fabricated Metal Products	8.2	4.4	3.8	5.5
3363	Motor Vehicle Parts	7.8	7.0	5.5	-0.2
3344	Semiconductors & Other Electronic Components	2.9	7.0	5.9	9.9
3341	Computer Equipment*	-3.2	1.5	1.5	-0.5
3342	Communications Equipment*	-3.2	1.5	1.5	-0.5

^{*}Shows TFP avg. at 3-digit NAICS due to availability

And the state has gained ground in the last 10 years



Texas maintained or improved competitiveness in:

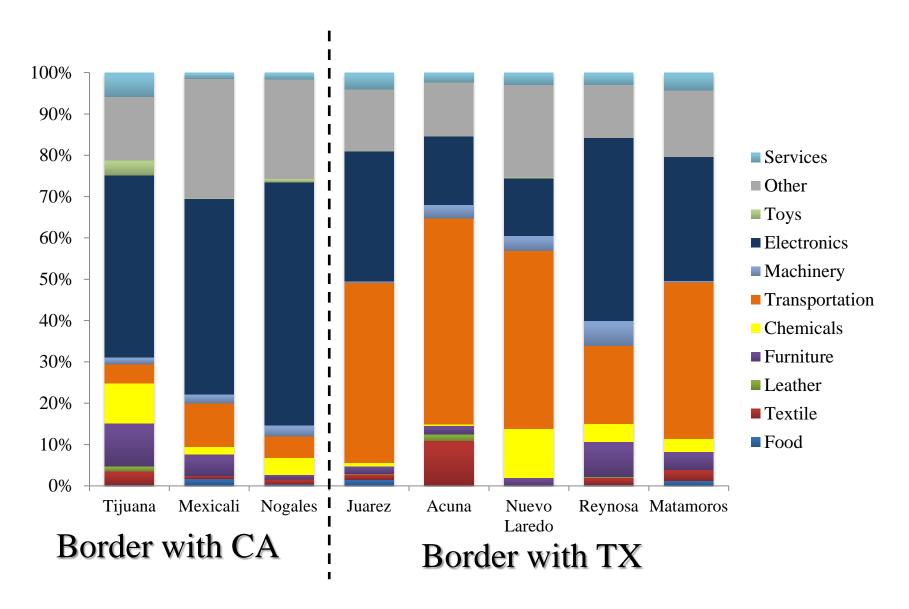
- Petroleum and basic chemicals.
- Heavy machinery
- Transportation equipment

Texas has lost competitiveness in:

Computer equipment

Maquiladora jobs distribution along the border

Texas: automotive



Preliminary results

- Identified Texas' comparative advantages in the manufacturing industry during 2002-2012 (HS to NAICS)
 - Japan, Singapore and Korea
 - California, Illinois and Ohio
- Comparative advantage in energy related industries has improved or held steady
- Gained some ground domestically and kept competitive internationally in heavy machinery

Preliminary results (cont.)

- Gained domestic competitiveness in the automotive industry
- Lost market share in computer and electronics
- Comparative advantage has increased as Texas industries became more productive
- Comparative advantage relative to domestic competitors apparently lay on low-capital intensive goods.

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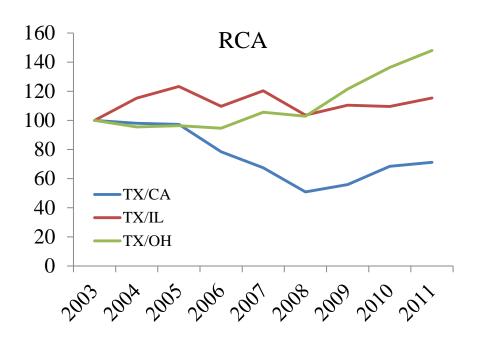
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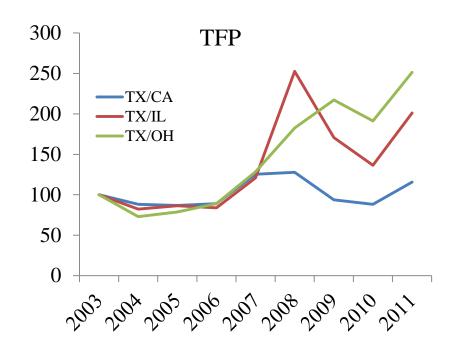
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Motor vehicle parts manufacturing

(Index, 2003=100)





Semiconductor and electronic components

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