

# Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): UNITED KINGDOM

## What is SelectUSA?

SelectUSA is the U.S. government program to promote and facilitate business investment in the United States.

## How do we help?

We work with companies and U.S. economic development organizations to provide information, facilitate direct connections, and resolve questions regarding federal regulations. We also provide a promotional platform for U.S. state and local governments.

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Third largest source of FDI  
in the United States in 2022

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

## 1,222,800

Number of U.S. workers employed by U.S. affiliates of majority UK-owned firms in 2021.



Investing in Innovative R&D

## \$6.9 billion

Value of research and development (R&D) spending by U.S. affiliates of majority UK-owned firms in 2021.



Expanding U.S. Exports

## \$52.3 billion

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority UK-owned firms operating in the United States in 2021.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (latest available as of April 16, 2024), fDi Markets (data from March 2014 - February 2024)

## UK FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Position</b>	\$586,094	\$501,933	\$532,985	\$617,064	<b>\$660,570</b>
<b>Flow</b>	-\$2,796	\$10,360	-\$27,831	\$70,322	<b>\$58,155</b>

## U.S. FDI in the United Kingdom (in USD millions)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Position</b>	\$754,139	\$852,540	\$944,908	\$1,036,753	<b>\$1,077,519</b>
<b>Flow</b>	\$12,369	\$23,921	\$36,677	\$57,754	<b>\$85,842</b>

## TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS

By # of announced UK FDI projects in the USA

- #1 Business Services
- #2 Software & IT Services
- #3 Financial Services
- #4 Communications
- #5 Industrial Equipment
- #6 Transportation

TERMINOLOGY - UBO: Ultimate Beneficial Owner; the entity at the top of an affiliate's ownership chain.  
Position/Stock: Snapshot of cumulative FDI taken at year end. Flow: FDI coming into a country over a period of time.

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