

# SELECTUSA Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): KUWAIT

## 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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Eighth fastest-growing source of FDI  
in the United States in 2020

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs  
**1,700**

Number of U.S. workers employed by  
U.S. affiliates of majority  
Kuwaiti-owned firms in 2019.



Investing in Innovative R&D  
**\$1.7 billion**

Value of research and development (R&D)  
spending by U.S. affiliates of majority  
Middle Eastern-owned firms  
in 2019.\*



Expanding U.S. Exports  
**\$4.3 billion**

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority  
Middle Eastern-owned firms  
operating in the United States in 2019.\*

Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis (latest available as of August 20, 2021), fDi Markets (data from July 2011 - June 2021)

\*Regional data is used when market-specific data has been suppressed or has not met a certain threshold

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

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Position (UBO)</b>	\$1,704	\$1,509	\$1,674	\$1,593	<b>\$1,563</b>
<b>Flow</b>	\$17	-\$10	\$158	-\$138	<b>\$7</b>

## TOP 2 INDUSTRY SECTORS

By # of announced Kuwaiti FDI  
projects in the USA

- #1 Transportation
- #2 Chemicals

## U.S. FDI in Kuwait (in USD millions)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Position</b>	\$345	\$407	\$499	\$514	<b>\$656</b>
<b>Flow</b>	\$18	N/A	\$101	\$17	<b>\$149</b>

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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