



Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): UAE

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\$44.7 Billion

Total 2020 stock of FDI from the United Arab Emirates to the United States

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

17,700

Number of U.S. workers employed by U.S. affiliates of majority Emirati-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

\$1.3 billion

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority Emirati-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

Emirati FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Position (UBO)	\$24,904	\$30,463	\$33,350	\$35,220	\$44,725
Flow	-\$432	\$4,265	\$3,450	\$3,024	-\$118

U.S. FDI in the United Arab Emirates (in USD millions)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Position	\$13,699	\$16,881	\$18,055	\$18,441	\$19,468
Flow	-\$2,335	\$3,386	\$946	-\$547	\$419

TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS

By # of announced Emirati FDI projects in the USA

- #1 Financial Services
- #2 Transportation
- #3 Food & Beverages
- #4 Aerospace
- #5 Business Services
- #6 Software & IT Services

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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