

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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Fourth largest source of FDI
in the United States in 2020

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

1,252,300

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



Investing in Innovative R&D

\$7.1 billion

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



Expanding U.S. Exports

\$52.3 billion

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority UK-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)

UK FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Position (UBO)	\$587,407	\$608,289	\$586,094	\$504,189	\$480,787
Flow	\$88,081	\$47,838	-\$2,796	\$15,679	\$2,126

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

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Position	\$747,425	\$815,059	\$754,139	\$830,438	\$890,086
Flow	\$42,027	\$24,590	\$12,369	\$18,537	\$39,641

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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