

# 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.

# \$1.6 Billion

Total 2021 stock of FDI from  
Kuwait  
to the United States

(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 2020.



Investing in Innovative R&D  
**\$1.6 billion**

Value of research and development (R&D)  
spending by U.S. affiliates of majority  
Middle Eastern-owned firms  
in 2020.\*



Expanding U.S. Exports  
**\$4.4 billion**

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority  
Middle Eastern-owned firms  
operating in the United States in 2020.\*

Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis (latest available as of February 22, 2023), fDi Markets (data from January 2013 - December 2022)

\*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)

|                       | 2017    | 2018    | 2019    | 2020    | 2021           |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|
| <b>Position (UBO)</b> | \$1,509 | \$1,674 | \$1,594 | \$1,567 | <b>\$1,593</b> |
| <b>Flow</b>           | -\$10   | \$158   | -\$138  | \$8     | <b>\$18</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)

|                 | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  | 2021         |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| <b>Position</b> | \$407 | \$499 | \$399 | \$492 | <b>\$587</b> |
| <b>Flow</b>     | N/A   | \$101 | \$15  | \$136 | <b>\$98</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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