Foreign Direct Investment (FDI):
SOUTH KOREA

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$74.6 Billion

Total 2022 stock of FDI from
South Korea
to the United States

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs
88,100
Number of U.S. workers employed by U.S. affiliates of majority South Korean-owned firms in 2021.

Investing in Innovative R&D
$2.0 billion
Value of research and development (R&D) spending by U.S. affiliates of majority South Korean-owned firms in 2021.

Expanding U.S. Exports
$8.3 billion
Value of U.S. goods exports by majority South Korean-owned firms operating in the United States in 2021.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (latest available as of August 25, 2023), fDi Markets (data from July 2013 - June 2023)

South Korean FDI in the USA *(in USD millions)*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Position (UBO)	$56,783	$54,696	$59,617	$70,015	**$74,620**
Flow	$1,787	$4,208	$4,974	$9,565	**$4,687**

U.S. FDI in South Korea *(in USD millions)*

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Position	$37,282	$37,992	$37,550	$41,081	**$36,655**
Flow	-$1,664	$2,489	-$209	$890	**$1,743**

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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TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS
By # of announced South Korean FDI projects in the USA

#1   Auto Components

#2   Industrial Equipment

#3   Software & IT Services

#4   Electronic Components

#5   Consumer Electronics

#6   Food & Beverages