

# SELECTUSA Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): SOUTH KOREA

## 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.

# \$78.2 Billion

Total 2023 stock of FDI from  
South Korea  
to the United States

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

## 98,300

Number of U.S. workers employed by  
U.S. affiliates of majority  
South Korean-owned firms in 2022.



Investing in Innovative R&D

## \$2.7 billion

Value of research and development (R&D)  
spending by U.S. affiliates of majority  
South Korean-owned firms  
in 2022.



Expanding U.S. Exports

## \$12.4 billion

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority  
South Korean-owned firms  
operating in the United States in 2022.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (latest available as of February 12, 2025), fDi Markets (data from January 2015 - December 2024)

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Position (UBO)</b>	\$54,696	\$59,617	\$65,648	\$65,182	<b>\$78,202</b>
<b>Flow</b>	\$4,208	\$4,974	\$5,062	-\$791	<b>\$6,667</b>

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Position</b>	\$37,992	\$37,550	\$38,181	\$33,083	<b>\$35,642</b>
<b>Flow</b>	\$2,489	-\$209	\$712	\$1,891	<b>\$2,589</b>

## TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS

By # of announced South Korean FDI  
projects in the USA

- #1 Auto Components
- #2 Industrial Equipment
- #3 Electronic Components
- #4 Software & IT Services
- #5 Food & Beverages
- #6 Consumer Electronics

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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