

SELECTUSA Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): KUWAIT

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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.

\$1.3 Billion

Total 2024 stock of FDI from
Kuwait
to the United States

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

9,000

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



Investing in Innovative R&D

\$1.5 billion

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



Expanding U.S. Exports

\$2.0 million

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

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (latest available as of August 22, 2025), fDi Markets (Data from July 2015 - June 2025)

*Regional data is used when country-specific data has been suppressed or has not met a certain threshold.

Kuwaiti FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Position (UBO)	\$1,568	\$1,616	\$1,498	\$1,342	\$1,262
Flow	\$8	\$20	\$42	-\$28	-\$10

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)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Position	\$530	\$835	\$660	\$728	\$446
Flow	\$143	\$110	\$70	\$72	-\$79

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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