

SELECTUSA Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): SOUTH KOREA

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Seventh fastest-growing source of FDI
in the United States in 2024

(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 August 22, 2025), fDi Markets (Data from July 2015 - June 2025)

South Korean FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Position (UBO)	\$59,617	\$65,648	\$65,407	\$80,674	\$93,217
Flow	\$4,974	\$5,062	-\$1,032	\$9,196	\$13,761

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

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Position	\$37,550	\$38,181	\$29,726	\$34,355	\$36,387
Flow	-\$209	\$712	\$1,533	\$3,377	\$3,176

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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