

# SELECTUSA Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): UNITED KINGDOM

## 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.

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Fourth largest source of FDI  
in the United States in 2024

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs  
**1,223,000**

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



Investing in Innovative R&D  
**\$6.6 billion**

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



Expanding U.S. Exports  
**\$71.0 billion**

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority  
UK-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)

## UK FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Position (UBO)</b>	\$532,985	\$614,770	\$665,058	\$634,788	<b>\$667,312</b>
<b>Flow</b>	-\$27,831	\$62,606	\$47,865	-\$15,439	<b>\$29,083</b>

## U.S. FDI in the United Kingdom (in USD millions)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Position</b>	\$944,908	\$1,022,826	\$1,041,247	\$1,024,864	<b>\$1,024,596</b>
<b>Flow</b>	\$36,677	\$45,689	\$64,424	\$7,311	<b>\$20,620</b>

## TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS

By # of announced UK FDI  
projects in the USA

- #1 Business Services
- #2 Software & IT Services
- #3 Financial Services
- #4 Industrial Equipment
- #5 Communications
- #6 Energy

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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