



Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): GERMANY

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Third largest source of FDI
in the United States in 2024

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

925,100

Number of U.S. workers employed by U.S. affiliates of majority German-owned firms in 2023.



Investing in Innovative R&D

\$12.3 billion

Value of research and development (R&D) spending by U.S. affiliates of majority German-owned firms in 2023.



Expanding U.S. Exports

\$55.3 billion

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority German-owned firms operating in the United States in 2023.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (latest available as of February 20, 2026), fDi Markets (Data from January 2016 - December 2025)

German FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Position (UBO)	\$546,544	\$602,388	\$608,487	\$656,171	\$677,327
Flow	\$24,471	\$46,305	\$25,864	\$52,756	\$29,779

U.S. FDI in Germany (in USD millions)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Position	\$152,278	\$162,114	\$179,026	\$201,345	\$226,826
Flow	\$9,136	\$14,412	\$12,609	\$13,526	\$24,943

TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS

By # of announced German FDI projects in the USA

- #1 Industrial Equipment
- #2 Software & IT Services
- #3 Transportation
- #4 Auto Components
- #5 Electronic Components
- #6 Chemicals

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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