

# SELECTUSA Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): IRELAND

## 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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Fifth largest source of FDI  
in the United States in 2024

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

## 380,000

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



Investing in Innovative R&D

## \$5.9 billion

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



Expanding U.S. Exports

## \$12.8 billion

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

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

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Position (UBO)</b>	\$302,396	\$330,157	\$344,375	\$352,216	<b>\$389,744</b>
<b>Flow</b>	-\$3,759	\$40,949	\$332	\$11,653	<b>\$9,217</b>

## U.S. FDI in Ireland (in USD millions)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Position</b>	\$379,886	\$455,878	\$414,541	\$465,961	<b>\$466,848</b>
<b>Flow</b>	\$39,776	\$36,388	-\$36,562	\$4,226	<b>\$292</b>

## TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS

By # of announced Irish FDI projects in the USA

- #1 Software & IT Services
- #2 Business Services
- #3 Industrial Equipment
- #4 Pharmaceuticals
- #5 Healthcare
- #6 Building Materials

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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