



# Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): KUWAIT

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# \$1.3 Billion

Total 2024 stock of FDI from  
Kuwait  
to the United States

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

## 9,400

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



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 2023.\*



Expanding U.S. Exports

## \$2.0 million

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

\*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
<b>Position (UBO)</b>	\$1,568	\$1,616	\$1,498	\$1,342	<b>\$1,262</b>
<b>Flow</b>	\$8	\$20	\$42	-\$28	<b>-\$10</b>

## 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
<b>Position</b>	\$530	\$835	\$660	\$728	<b>\$446</b>
<b>Flow</b>	\$143	\$110	\$70	\$72	<b>-\$79</b>

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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