

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): MALAYSIA

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-\$1.2 Billion

Total 2024 stock of FDI from
Malaysia
to the United States

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

8,400

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



Investing in Innovative R&D

\$19.8 billion

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



Expanding U.S. Exports

\$20.0 million

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority Malaysian-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.

Malaysian FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Position (UBO)	\$342	-\$286	-\$523	-\$533	-\$1,250
Flow	\$216	\$6	\$130	\$39	\$102

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

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Position	\$13,788	\$11,349	\$25,477	\$20,994	\$23,915
Flow	\$968	\$776	\$9,765	-\$4,156	\$2,962

TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS

By # of announced Malaysian FDI projects in the USA

- #1 Business Services
- #2 Plastics
- #3 Industrial Equipment
- #4 Medical Devices
- #5 Minerals
- #6 Metals

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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