

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): SAUDI ARABIA

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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.

\$16.3 Billion

Total 2024 stock of FDI from Saudi Arabia to the United States

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

11,000

Number of U.S. workers employed by U.S. affiliates of majority Saudi Arabian-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 billion

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority Saudi Arabian-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.

Saudi Arabian FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Position (UBO)	\$10,880	\$10,305	\$10,137	\$17,751	\$16,259
Flow	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$6,331	-\$1,214

U.S. FDI in Saudi Arabia (in USD millions)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Position	\$11,188	\$11,241	\$11,187	\$11,890	\$13,230
Flow	\$16	\$1,068	-\$161	\$861	\$1,289

TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS

By # of announced Saudi Arabian FDI projects in the USA

- #1 Automotive OEM
- #2 Transportation
- #3 Communications
- #4 Real Estate
- #5 Plastics
- #6 Aerospace

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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