



Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): UAE

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\$35.3 Billion

Total 2024 stock of FDI from the United Arab Emirates to the United States

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

33,200

Number of U.S. workers employed by U.S. affiliates of majority Emirati-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

\$2.6 billion

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

Emirati FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Position (UBO)	\$31,674	\$31,541	\$38,280	\$36,257	\$35,317
Flow	\$2,931	\$709	\$5,945	-\$1,357	\$446

U.S. FDI in the United Arab Emirates (in USD millions)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Position	\$16,054	\$15,000	\$15,724	\$15,879	\$15,243
Flow	\$501	\$200	\$1,800	\$557	\$684

TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS

By # of announced Emirati FDI projects in the USA

- #1 Transportation
- #2 Business Services
- #3 Software & IT Services
- #4 Communications
- #5 Energy
- #6 Real Estate

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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