

SELECTUSA Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): KUWAIT

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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.

\$844 Million

Total 2025 stock of FDI from
Kuwait
to the United States

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

8,600

Number of U.S. workers employed by
U.S. affiliates of majority
Kuwaiti-owned firms in 2024.



Investing in Innovative R&D

\$1.7 billion

Value of research and development (R&D)
spending by U.S. affiliates of majority
Middle Eastern-owned firms
in 2024.*



Expanding U.S. Exports

\$2.0 million

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority
Kuwaiti-owned firms
operating in the United States in 2024.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (latest available as of August 05, 2026), fDi Markets (Data from July 2016 - June 2026)

*Regional data is used when country-specific data is zero or rounds to zero.

Kuwaiti FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Position (UBO)	\$1,616	\$1,740	\$1,002	\$881	\$844
Flow	\$20	\$13	-\$63	-\$34	-\$26

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)

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Position	\$835	\$660	\$740	\$456	\$290
Flow	\$110	\$70	\$72	-\$81	-\$151

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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