

# SELECTUSA Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): UNITED KINGDOM

## What is SelectUSA?

SelectUSA is the U.S. government program to promote and facilitate business investment in the United States.

## How do we help?

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.

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Fourth largest source of FDI  
in the United States in 2023

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

**1,223,000**

Number of U.S. workers employed by  
U.S. affiliates of majority  
UK-owned firms in 2022.



Investing in Innovative R&D

**\$6.6 billion**

Value of research and development (R&D)  
spending by U.S. affiliates of majority  
UK-owned firms  
in 2022.



Expanding U.S. Exports

**\$71.0 billion**

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority  
UK-owned firms  
operating in the United States in 2022.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (latest available as of February 12, 2025), fDi Markets (data from January 2015 - December 2024)

## UK FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Position (UBO)</b>	\$501,933	\$532,985	\$614,770	\$668,580	<b>\$635,630</b>
<b>Flow</b>	\$10,360	-\$27,831	\$62,606	\$63,400	<b>-\$7,824</b>

## U.S. FDI in the United Kingdom (in USD millions)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Position</b>	\$852,540	\$944,908	\$1,022,826	\$1,069,237	<b>\$1,057,592</b>
<b>Flow</b>	\$23,921	\$36,677	\$45,689	\$75,287	<b>\$20,573</b>

## TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS

By # of announced UK FDI  
projects in the USA

- #1 Business Services
- #2 Software & IT Services
- #3 Financial Services
- #4 Communications
- #5 Industrial Equipment
- #6 Transportation

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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