

# Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): UNITED STATES

## 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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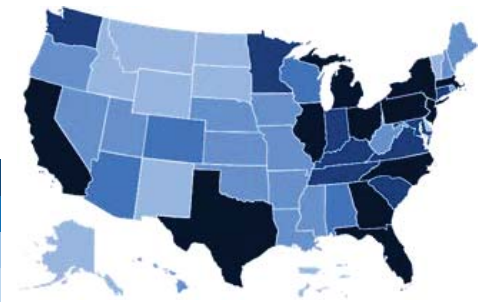
Home to the largest amount of FDI in the world

Source: UNCTAD (year end 2015)

## U.S. JOBS

Supported by FDI:

- 200-600 thousand
- 100-200 thousand
- 75-100 thousand
- 25-75 thousand
- 5-25 thousand



## Supporting U.S. Jobs

# 6,370,900

Number of U.S. workers employed by U.S. affiliates of majority foreign-owned firms in 2014.

## Investing in Innovative R&D

# \$57 billion

Value of research and development (R&D) spending by U.S. affiliates of majority foreign-owned firms in 2014.

## Expanding U.S. Exports

# \$425 billion

Total contribution to U.S. goods exports by majority foreign-owned firms operating in the United States in 2014.

## FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Position (UBO)	\$2,584,708	\$2,727,825	\$2,945,795	\$3,303,586	<b>\$3,725,418</b>
Flow	\$199,034	\$201,393	\$201,733	\$465,765	<b>\$457,125</b>

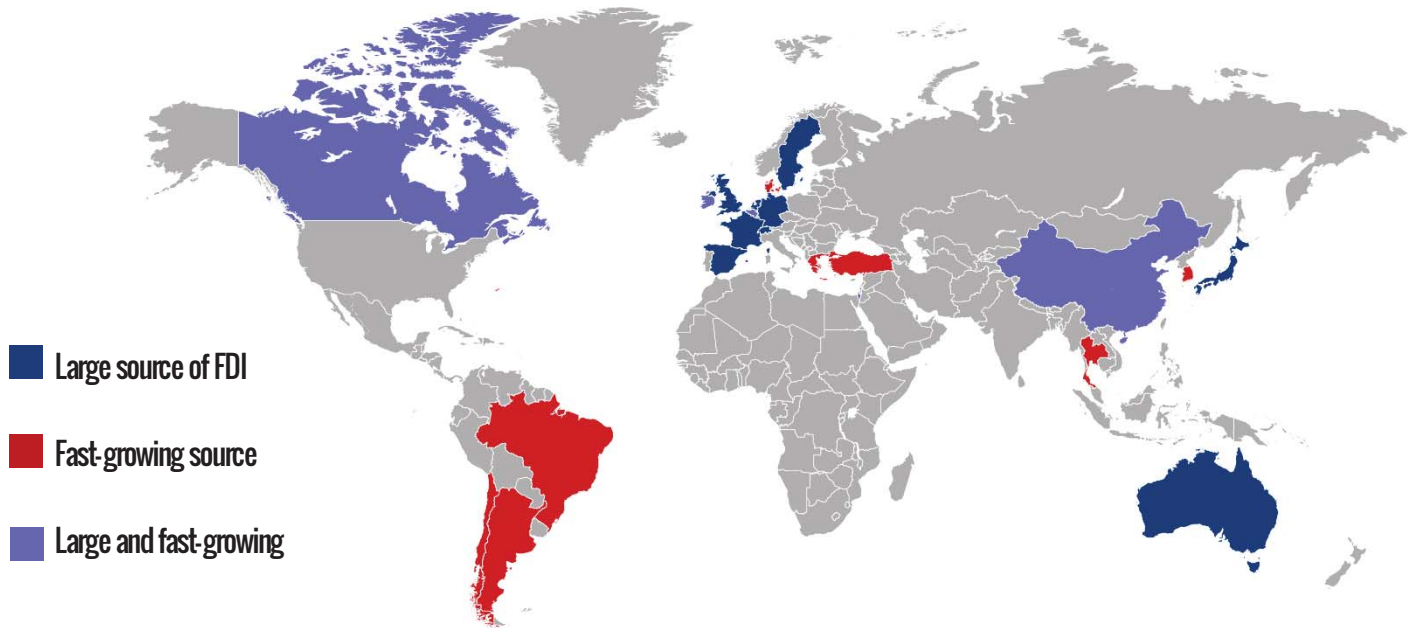
## U.S. FDI Abroad (in USD millions)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Position (UBO)	\$4,410,015	\$4,579,713	\$4,910,065	\$5,048,773	<b>\$5,332,225</b>
Flow	\$318,196	\$303,432	\$294,754	\$262,569	<b>\$280,681</b>

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (latest available as of July 2017)

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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## Largest Sources of FDI in the United States (by UBO)

Rank	Market	2016 Position In USD millions	Share Of total
1	United Kingdom	\$598,319	16.1%
2	Canada	\$453,641	12.2%
3	Japan	\$424,347	11.4%
4	Germany	\$372,778	10.0%
5	Ireland	\$279,647	7.5%
6	France	\$267,573	7.2%
7	Switzerland	\$196,595	5.3%
8	The Netherlands	\$191,937	5.2%
9	Singapore	\$73,677	2.0%
10	Spain	\$67,179	1.8%
11	China	\$58,154	1.6%
12	Belgium	\$55,940	1.5%
13	Israel	\$55,362	1.5%
14	Australia	\$54,307	1.5%
15	Sweden	\$52,730	1.4%

## Fastest-Growing Sources of FDI in the United States (by UBO)

Rank	Market	2016 Position In USD millions	CAGR 2011-2016
1	Thailand	\$2,082	55.5%
2	Argentina	\$4,935	46.4%
3	China	\$58,154	44.7%
4	Singapore	\$73,677	36.9%
5	Chile	\$2,614	30.4%
6	Ireland	\$279,647	28.1%
7	Brazil	\$36,869	24.1%
8	Israel	\$55,362	21.3%
9	Turkey	\$1,290	17.2%
10	Greece	\$1,057	16.2%
11	Bermuda	\$33,460	16.2%
12	Belgium	\$55,940	14.7%
13	South Korea	\$38,750	14.4%
14	Denmark	\$17,726	13.0%
15	Canada	\$453,641	12.9%

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis. UBO refers to Ultimate Beneficial Owner. CAGR refers to Compound Annual Growth Rate. Fastest-Growing Sources of FDI ranks markets with 2016 FDI stock in the United States greater than \$1 billion.