

SELECTUSA Foreign Direct Investment (FDI): GERMANY

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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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Third largest source of FDI
in the United States in 2023

(by UBO)

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Supporting U.S. Jobs

871,400

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



Investing in Innovative R&D

\$12.8 billion

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



Expanding U.S. Exports

\$60.0 billion

Value of U.S. goods exports by majority
German-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)

German FDI in the USA (in USD millions)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Position (UBO)	\$499,845	\$546,544	\$602,388	\$611,576	\$657,842
Flow	\$29,216	\$24,471	\$46,305	\$23,537	\$51,664

U.S. FDI in Germany (in USD millions)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Position	\$139,457	\$152,278	\$162,114	\$178,597	\$193,179
Flow	\$16,870	\$9,136	\$14,412	\$12,500	\$16,157

TOP 6 INDUSTRY SECTORS

By # of announced German FDI
projects in the USA

- #1 Industrial Equipment
- #2 Software & IT Services
- #3 Transportation
- #4 Auto Components
- #5 Electronic Components
- #6 Chemicals

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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