

TEXAS & ISRAEL

TRADE & FDI

Texas Economic Development & Tourism Office | Office of the Governor

Texas is the #1 exporting state in the country and the leading state for foreign direct investment over the last two decades. In 2024, Texas topped U.S. exports for the 23rd year in a row. With more than 2,170 international firms operating in the state, Texas attracts companies from across the globe. Thanks to trading and investment partners, like Israel, Texas upholds its reputation as a leader in the global economy. Find more on Texas' strong economic relationship with Israel below.

TRADE

- In 2024, trade between Texas and Israel totaled \$4 billion, making Israel a valued trade partner for Texas.
- Exports from Texas to Israel totaled \$757.9 million in 2024.
- Imports from Israel to Texas totaled \$3.2 billion in 2024.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT

- In the last decade, Israeli companies reported 34 investment projects into Texas, \$3.2 billion in capital investment and more than 4,200 new jobs.
- During that same time period, Texas companies reported seven investment projects into Israel, \$178.6 million in capital investment and more than 545 new jobs.
- Israel is the 19th-largest source country for FDI projects into Texas and the 17th-largest source for new jobs created by FDI.

Source: fDi Markets (Jan. 2015 - Dec. 2024)

ISRAEL FDI IN TEXAS

Israeli companies with the highest capital investment and other select firms operating in Texas over the last 10 years:



ECONOMIC COMPARISON

	Texas	Israel
Land Area	261,231 sq. miles (676,585 sq. km)	8,300 sq. miles (21,497 sq. km)
Population	31.3 million (2024)	9.97 million (2024)
Population Growth Rate	1.8% (2024)	1.58% (2024)
GDP (Nominal)	\$2.7 trillion (2024)	\$540.3 billion (2024)
GDP Rank	8th (If Texas were a country)	29th
Labor Force	15.6 million (2024)	4.71 million (2024)
Annual Average Unemployment Rate	4.1% (2024)	3.0% (2024)
Exports	\$454 billion (2024)	\$60.3 billion (2024)
Imports	\$346.7 billion (2024)	\$91.9 billion (2024)
Airports	400+	40
Railways	14,771 miles (23,722 km)	930 miles (1,497 km)
Paved Public Roadways	83,035 centerline miles (200,723 lane miles)	12,151 miles (19,555 km)

ISRAEL DOING BUSINESS IN TEXAS

Much like Texas, Israel's start-up environment and innovative ecosystem is a top economic driver. As one of Texas' strongest trade and investment partners in the Middle East, Israel and Texas share many key industries:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Aerospace, Aviation & Defense
- Agriculture
- Energy
- Information & Communication Technology
- Life Sciences & Biotechnology

TEXAS/ISRAEL ENGAGEMENTS

Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Economic Development & Tourism Office have frequently engaged and provided support for Israeli businesses. Notably, Governor Abbott has participated in shared leadership forums and has led an economic development mission, among other visits, to Israel to further strengthen the pair's economic and cultural partnership.

Doubling down on Texas' commitment to working with Israeli businesses and growing exports to Israel, the State of Texas Israel Office was approved during the 89th Legislative Session in 2025 with plans to launch in early 2026.



November 2023, Governor Greg Abbott meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other Israeli officials in Jerusalem to discuss ways Texas can support the people of Israel in their fight for freedom and economic prosperity.



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The Texas Economic Development & Tourism Office (EDT) serves as the state's leading economic development organization marketing Texas as the world's premier business investment destination. The Office pursues business expansion and relocation prospects, with the goal of developing job creation and export opportunities for the Texas business community.

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