



TEXAS TRADE & FDI



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As the nation's leader in exports and a top global destination for foreign direct investment (FDI), Texas is an epicenter for global business and trade. There are already 2,170 foreign corporations doing business in the state—a number that only continues to grow as more and more international firms choose Texas for their next business investment. Furthermore, the state is the #1 destination in the U.S. for FDI capital expenditures over the last two decades and has led the nation in exports for 23 consecutive years.

Texas' strategic geographical location in the center of North America is complemented by robust transportation and logistical infrastructure. This unique combination of factors offers businesses direct access to global trade routes and the opportunity to easily reach customers worldwide. With 23 seaports, including 12 deep water ports, and the #1 port in the U.S. for waterborn foreign trade—Port Houston—in addition to 26 commercial airports and the most miles of public roadways, state highways and freight railways in the country, Texas gives companies the ability to quickly move their products across the state, the continent and the world. Texas also leads the nation with 35 total foreign trade zones (FTZs) and is home to the #1 international trade port in the U.S.—Port Laredo.

Texas isn't stopping there. The state continues to invest in new infrastructure projects, such as a 10-year, \$142 billion commitment to new state roadway projects and \$240 million for port development and seaport connectivity. With 5G infrastructure rolling out throughout the state, Texas is the future of global business and trade.



TEXAS IS A TRADE TITAN: Texas was the top exporting state in the nation in 2024 for the 23rd year in a row.



GATEWAY TO GLOBAL TRADE: Texas has more airports, miles of public roadways, state highways, freight railways and FTZs than any other state in the nation.



TOP IN TECH EXPORTS: For the 12th consecutive year in 2024, Texas led the country in high-tech exports and led semiconductor and other electronic component exports for 13 straight years.



TRADE SUPPORTS TEXAS JOBS: Texas leads the nation in jobs supported by exports, at more than 1 million.



SMALL BUSINESSES ARE BIG IN TRADE: Small businesses account for 92% of the more than 37,300 Texas exporters.



LEADING GLOBAL DESTINATION FOR FDI: Texas is the #1 U.S. destination for FDI capital expenditures over the last two decades. In the last 10 years, Texas has attracted more than 1,860 new FDI projects, expected to create \$189.6 billion in capital investment and more than 167,900 new jobs.

Texas' top export destinations in 2024

- 1 Mexico
- 2 Canada
- 3 Netherlands
- 4 South Korea
- 5 China

Texas' top import partners in 2024

- 1 Mexico
- 2 Canada
- 3 China
- 4 Taiwan
- 5 Vietnam

Top FDI project source countries in 2023

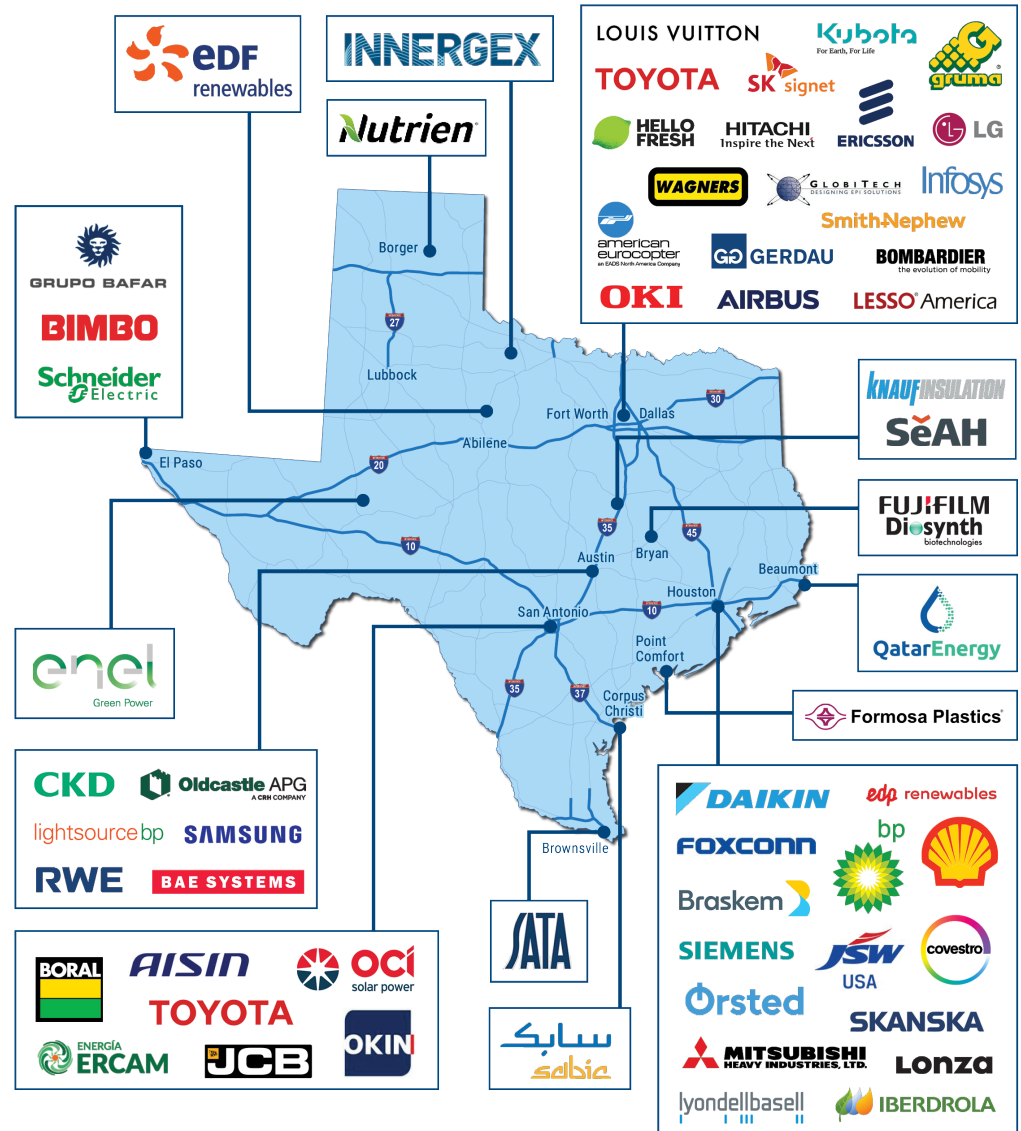
- 1 United Kingdom
- 2 Switzerland
- 3 Germany
- 4 Canada
- 5 Japan

Top FDI capital expenditures source countries in 2023

- 1 South Korea
- 2 Japan
- 3 Canada
- 4 France
- 5 Germany

TEXAS DOES BUSINESS ABROAD: In the past decade, Texas companies invested in nearly 1,900 projects internationally, generating \$219.4 billion in capital expenditures and more than 279,700 new jobs.

INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES CHOOSE TEXAS: There are nearly 2,170 foreign firms doing business in Texas and major international companies continue to choose Texas for significant new and expanded facility projects, including SeAH, GlobalWafers, JCB, Kubota, Toyota, Ericsson, Mitsubishi, Samsung and Aisin, just to name a few. A sampling of the largest international companies in Texas and recent FDI announcements are represented below.



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