

South Korean FDI in the United States

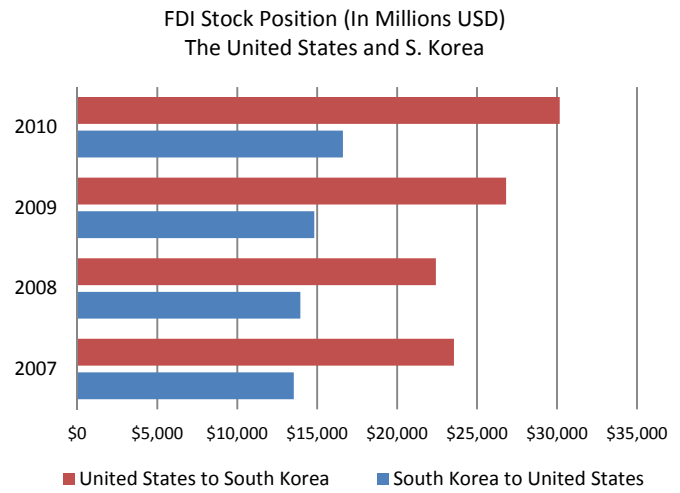
At the end of 2010, the total stock of FDI from South Korea to the United States stood at \$16.6 billion, making it among the largest sources of FDI in the Asia-Pacific region. In 2010 alone, firms from South Korea invested \$1.5 billion in the United States, up from \$501 million in the previous year.

Top sectors for FDI from South Korea in the United States include manufacturing – particularly machinery, transportation equipment and food – as well as the finance, wholesale and retail trade. In 2009, U.S. subsidiaries of South Korea-owned firms employed 28,000 U.S. workers and contributed \$10.7 billion to U.S. exports. The recent free trade agreement between the United States and South Korea can potentially increase these flows.

U.S.-South Korea Bilateral FDI (US \$ millions)

FDI STOCK POSITION	2007	2008	2009	2010
South Korea to United States	13,533	13,945	14,822	16,610
United States to South Korea	23,558	22,426	26,813	30,165
FDI FLOW	2007	2008	2009	2010
South Korea to United States	4,751	1,440	501	1,567
United States to South Korea	821	2,157	3,678	2,337

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis



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Recent Announcements of Greenfield FDI Projects from South Korea into the United States:

Between October 2003 and January 2012, 183 deals were announced with total capital expenditures of \$17.33 billion, creating approximately 33,692 jobs. Some recent examples of FDI:

November 2011 – Korea Electric Power (KEPCO) has announced plans to invest \$1 billion in Boulder City, NV to construct a 300 megawatt power plant, which will provide power to 80,500 homes.

September 2011 – Mando has announced plans to invest \$200 million in Hogansville, GA to open a high-tech automotive parts manufacturing facility, creating 426 jobs.

March, 2011 – Samsung Telecommunications America has announced plans to open a new packaging and distribution facility in Coppel, Texas. The facility, Samsung Mobile's largest U.S. cell phone distribution center, will house 500 employees to service its U.S. customers. The company estimates that the project will be \$131.4 million in capital investment.

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