New Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, 2020

Expenditures by foreign direct investors to acquire, establish, or expand U.S. businesses totaled $120.7 billion in 2020, down 45.4 percent from $221.2 billion in 2019.

Additional highlights of the statistics on new foreign direct investment for 2020:

- Expenditures for acquisitions were $116.3 billion, expenditures to establish new U.S. businesses were $1.9 billion, and expenditures to expand existing foreign-owned businesses were $2.4 billion.
- Total planned greenfield investment expenditures—expenditures to establish new U.S. businesses and to expand existing foreign-owned U.S. businesses—for investments initiated in 2020, which include both first-year spending and planned spending in other years, totaled $19.5 billion.
- Employment at newly acquired, established, or expanded foreign-owned businesses in the United States was 197,500 in 2020.

NOTE: The next release in this series will present data for 2021 and will be available July 2022.

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