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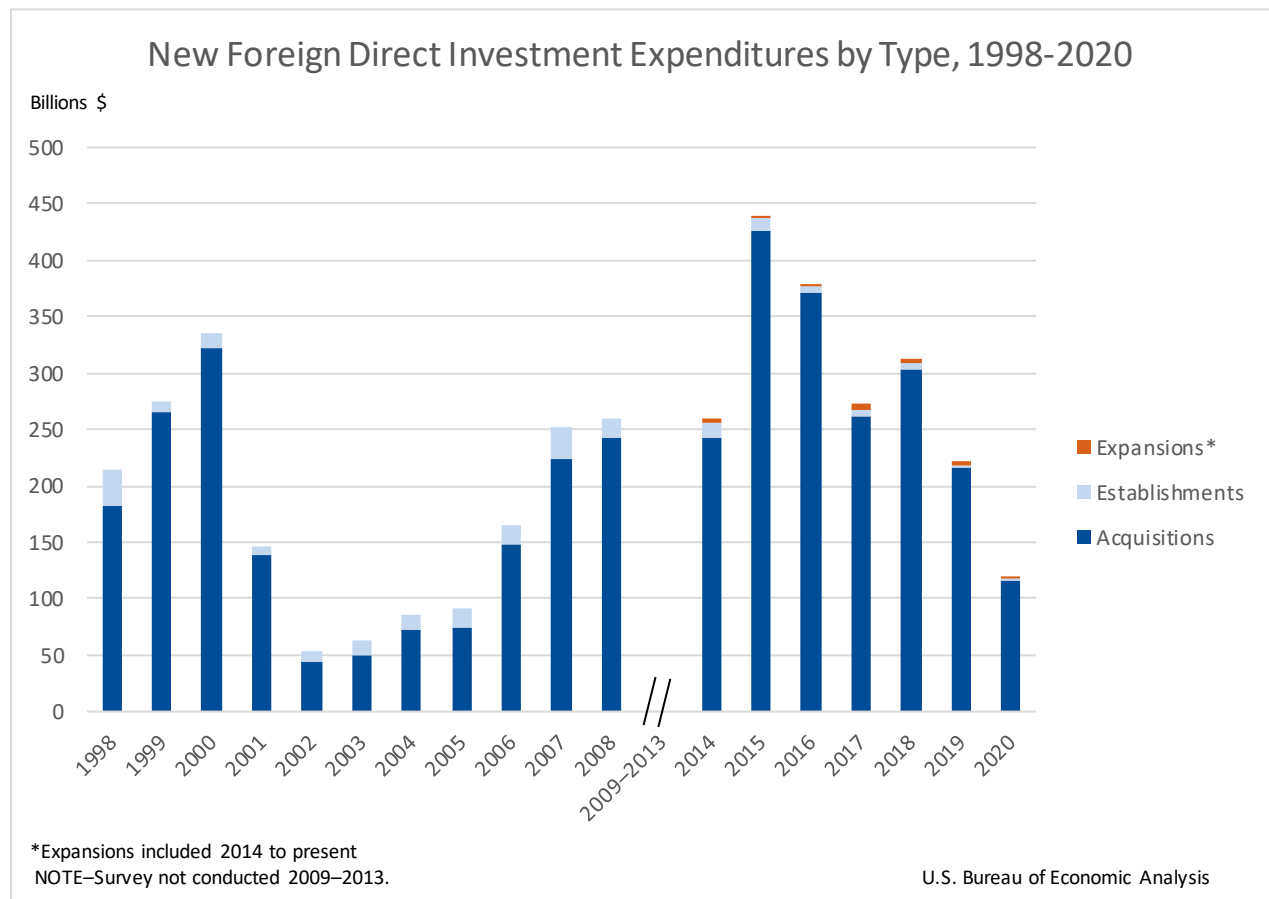
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New Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, 2020

Expenditures by foreign direct investors to acquire, establish, or expand U.S. businesses totaled \$120.7 billion (preliminary) in 2020. Expenditures were down 45.4 percent from \$221.2 billion (revised) in 2019 and below the annual average of \$314.4 billion for 2014-2019. As in previous years, acquisitions of existing businesses accounted for a large majority of total expenditures.



Statistics on direct investment and multinational enterprises (MNEs) include annual statistics on the [activities of U.S. MNEs](#) and [U.S. affiliates of foreign MNEs](#) as well as [detailed annual and quarterly statistics on direct investment](#).

The [international investment position \(IIP\) accounts](#) are released quarterly. The IIP is a statistical balance sheet that presents the dollar value of U.S. financial assets and liabilities with respect to foreign residents at a specific point in time.

The [international transactions accounts \(ITAs\)](#) are released quarterly. The ITAs are a statistical summary of economic activity between U.S. residents and the residents of other countries.

Statistics on [international services](#), released annually, include detailed annual information on trade in services and on services supplied through the channel of direct investment by affiliates of MNEs.

[U.S. international trade in goods and services](#), released by BEA and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides monthly statistics on trade in goods and services.

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