Activities of U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Multinational Enterprises, 2019

Majority-owned U.S. affiliates (MOUSAs) of foreign multinational enterprises (MNEs) employed 7.95 million workers in the United States in 2019, a 1.1 percent increase from 7.86 million in 2018, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis. MOUSAs accounted for 6.0 percent of total private-industry employment in the United States in 2019.

Highlights of the statistics on MOUSAs in 2019:

- **Current-dollar value added** of MOUSAs, a measure of their direct contribution to U.S. gross domestic product (GDP), increased 1.7 percent to $1.1 trillion. MOUSAs accounted for 7.0 percent of total U.S. business-sector value added.
- **Expenditures for property, plant, and equipment** by MOUSAs increased 3.9 percent to $284.6 billion. MOUSAs accounted for 15.7 percent of total U.S. private business capital expenditures.
- **Research and development (R&D) performed** by MOUSAs increased 2.5 percent to $71.4 billion. MOUSAs accounted for 15.8 percent of total U.S. business R&D in 2018, the latest year for which all-U.S. business R&D data are available.
- By state, private-industry employment accounted for by MOUSAs was highest in South Carolina (8.9 percent), New Hampshire (8.4 percent), and Kentucky (8.2 percent).

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