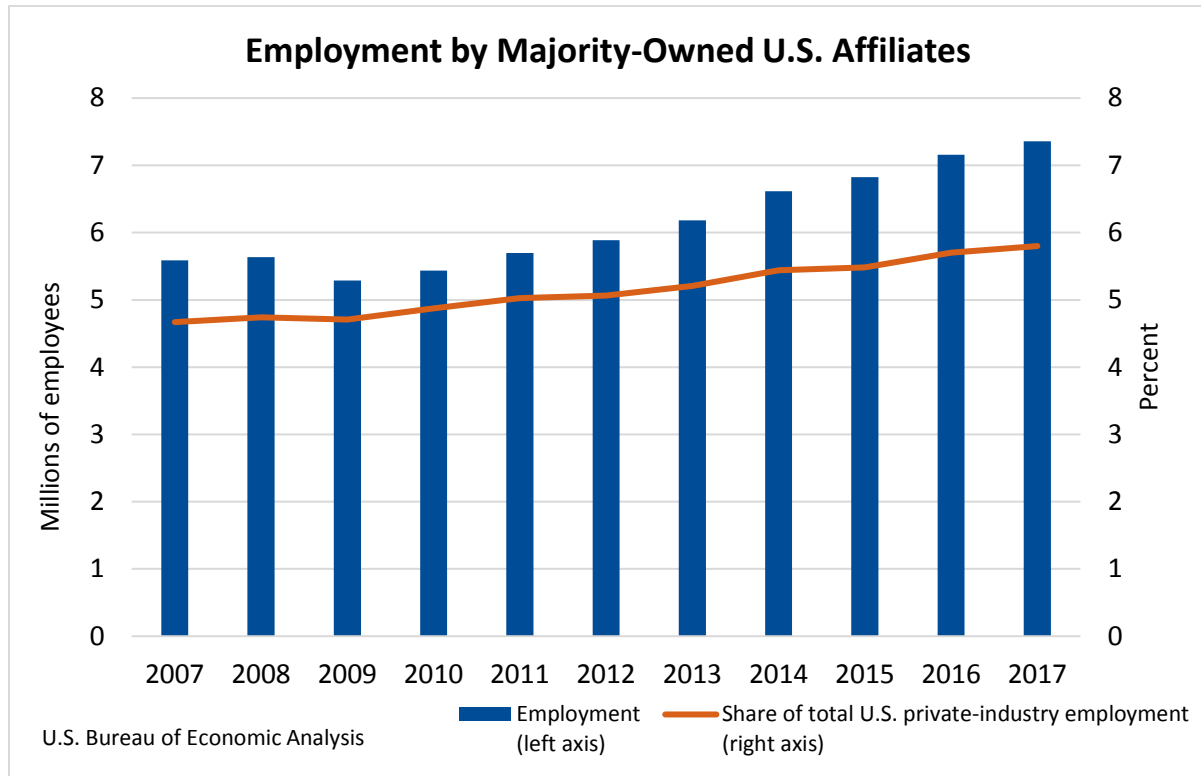


Activities of U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Multinational Enterprises, 2017

Majority-owned U.S. affiliates (MOUSAs) of foreign multinational enterprises (MNEs) **employed 7.4 million workers** in the United States in 2017, a 2.8 percent increase from 7.2 million in 2016, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis.



Highlights of the statistics on MOUSAs in 2017:

- MOUSAs accounted for 5.8 percent of total private-industry employment in the United States.
- Current-dollar **value added** of MOUSAs, a measure of their direct contribution to U.S. gross domestic product (GDP), increased 8.3 percent to \$1.0 trillion.
- **Expenditures for property, plant, and equipment** by MOUSAs increased 2.2 percent to \$258.6 billion.
- **Research and development (R&D) performed** by MOUSAs increased 8.1 percent to \$62.6 billion.
- By **state**, private-industry employment accounted for by MOUSAs was highest in Kentucky (8.5 percent), South Carolina (8.3 percent), and New Jersey (8.1 percent).

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