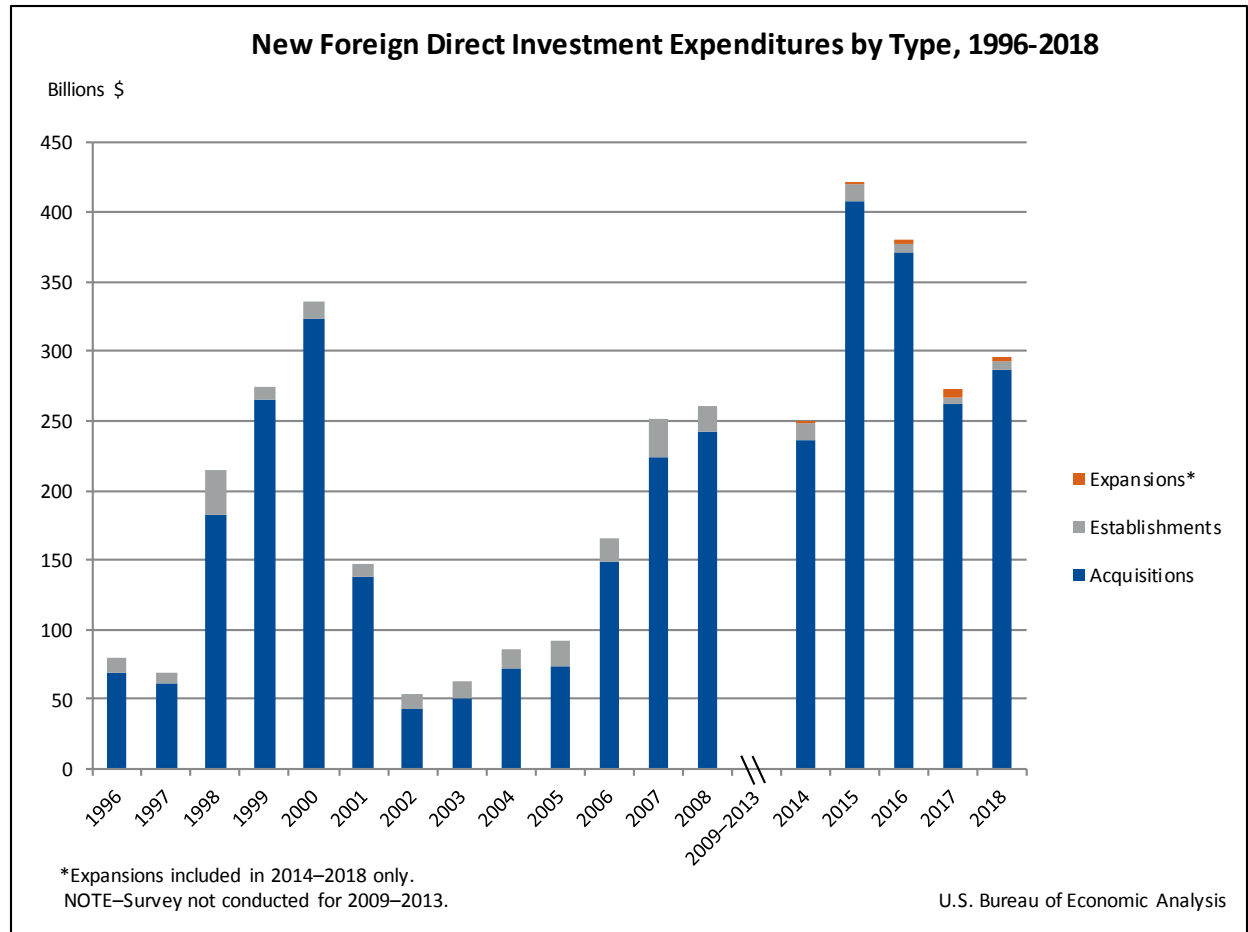


New Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, 2018

Expenditures by foreign direct investors to acquire, establish, or expand U.S. businesses totaled \$296.4 billion in 2018, up 8.7 percent from \$272.8 billion in 2017.



Additional highlights of the statistics on new foreign direct investment for 2018:

- Expenditures for acquisitions were \$287.3 billion, expenditures to establish new U.S. businesses were \$5.3 billion, and expenditures to expand existing foreign-owned businesses were \$3.8 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 2018, which include both first-year spending and planned spending in other years, totaled \$30.8 billion.
- Employment at newly acquired, established, or expanded foreign-owned businesses in the United States was 430,600 in 2018.

BEA statistics—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA website: www.bea.gov. [E-mail alerts](#) are also available.

NOTE: The next release in this series will present data for 2019 and will be available July 2020.