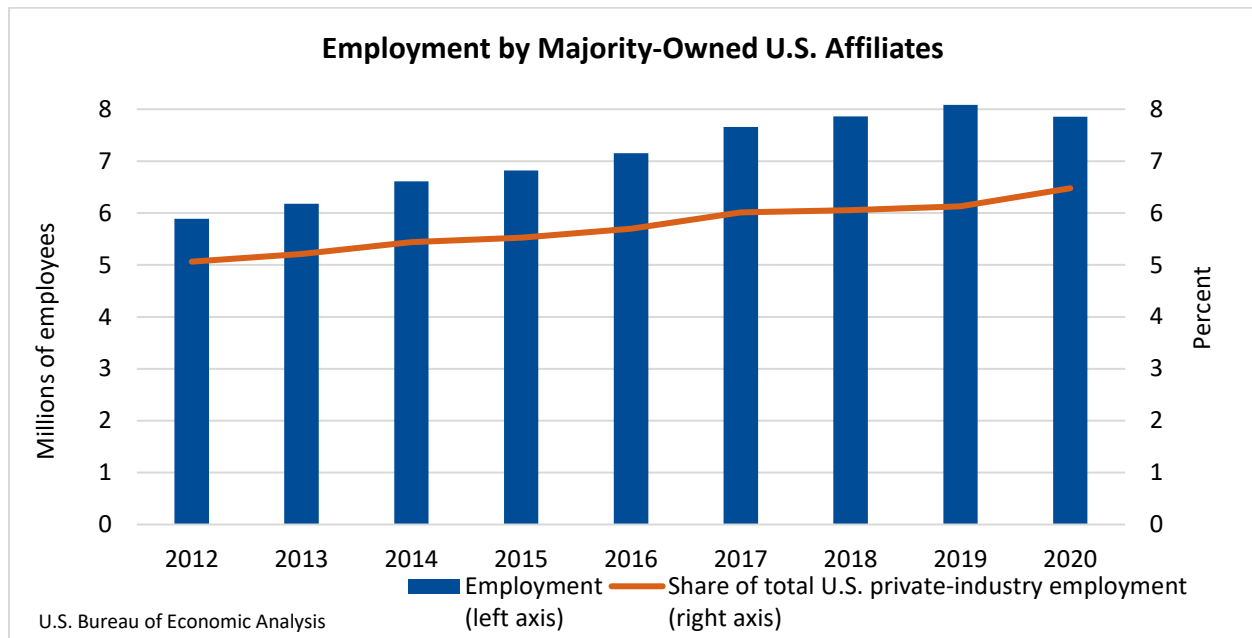


Activities of U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Multinational Enterprises, 2020

Majority-owned U.S. affiliates (MOUSAs) of foreign multinational enterprises **employed** 7.86 million workers in the United States in 2020, a 2.8 percent decrease from 8.08 million workers in 2019, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. MOUSAs accounted for 6.4 percent of total private-industry employment in the United States in 2020.



Highlights of the statistics on MOUSAs in 2020:

- Current-dollar **value added** of MOUSAs, a measure of their direct contribution to U.S. gross domestic product (GDP), decreased 7.0 percent to \$1.1 trillion. MOUSAs accounted for 6.8 percent of total U.S. business-sector value added.
- **Expenditures for property, plant, and equipment** by MOUSAs decreased 4.7 percent to \$281.8 billion. MOUSAs accounted for 17.6 percent of total U.S. private business capital expenditures.
- **Research and development (R&D) performed** by MOUSAs increased 3.0 percent to \$71.4 billion. MOUSAs accounted for 14.1 percent of total U.S. business R&D in 2019, 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 (9.4 percent), Hawaii (9.4 percent), and Michigan (9.1 percent).

The full economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic cannot be quantified in the statistics, because the impacts are generally embedded in source data and cannot be separately identified.

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Note. The next release in this series will present data for 2021 and will be available in August 2023.