

Worldwide Activities of U.S. Multinational Enterprises: Revised Results From the 2014 Benchmark Survey

General Notes to the Tables

- The statistics are on a fiscal year basis. An affiliate's fiscal year is defined as the financial reporting year that ended in that calendar year. Unless otherwise specified, all balances are as of the close of fiscal year 2014.
- Detail may not add to totals because of rounding.
- An asterisk “(*)” indicates a nonzero value that rounds to zero.
- A “(D)” indicates that the data have been suppressed to avoid the disclosure of the data of individual companies. For employment cells that have been suppressed, a letter in the data cell indicates an employment size range that is listed below the tables.
- A “U.S. parent” is the person, resident in the United States, that owns or controls 10 percent or more of the voting securities of an incorporated foreign business enterprise or an equivalent interest in an unincorporated foreign business enterprise. “Person” is broadly defined to include any individual, branch, partnership, associated group, association, estate, trust, corporation or other organization (whether or not organized under the laws of any state), or any government entity. The U.S. parent is the fully consolidated U.S. domestic business enterprise that consists of (1) the U.S. business enterprise whose voting securities are not owned more than 50 percent by another U.S. business enterprise and (2) proceeding down each ownership chain from that U.S. business enterprise, any U.S. business enterprise (including Foreign Sales Corporations in the United States) whose voting securities are more than 50 percent owned by the U.S. business enterprise above it. A U.S. parent comprises the domestic (U.S.) operations of a U.S. multinational enterprise.
- A “foreign affiliate” is a foreign business enterprise in which there is U.S. direct investment, that is, in which a U.S. person directly or indirectly owns or controls 10 percent of the voting securities or the equivalent. Foreign affiliates comprise the foreign operations of a U.S. multinational enterprise over which the U.S. parent is presumed to have a degree of managerial influence.
- A “majority-owned foreign affiliate” is a foreign affiliate in which the combined direct and indirect ownership interest of all U.S. parents exceeds 50 percent.
- The designation “by country” in a table title indicates that data are disaggregated by country of foreign affiliate.

- Some tables present statistics for a group of countries or industries rather than for each country or each industry. For example, the statistics for several European countries are often combined in “Other Europe,” and the statistics for several industries are often combined as “Other industries.” For a list of these countries, see table I.A1 or II.A1. For the industries, see table I.A2 or II.A2. See also BEA’s *Guide to Industry and Foreign Trade Classifications for International Surveys*.
- The European Union (28) comprises Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.
- OPEC is the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. In 2014, its members were Algeria, Angola, Ecuador, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Venezuela.
- The “United Kingdom Islands, Caribbean” consists of the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat, and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

All footnotes follow the last table.