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Foreign Direct Investment Strengthens KENTUCKY'S ECONOMY

HIGH-QUALITY JOBS

153,700 workers in Kentucky are employed as a result of international investment.

MANUFACTURING

98,800 workers in Kentucky - **64 percent** of all FDI jobs in the state - are in the **manufacturing sector**.

GLOBALLY CONNECTED

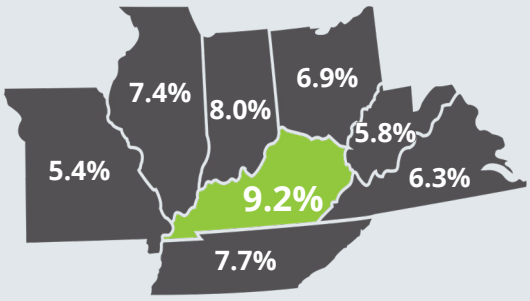
Among all international employers, those from **Japan**, **Germany** and the **United Kingdom** support the largest number of jobs in Kentucky.

MANY EMPLOYERS

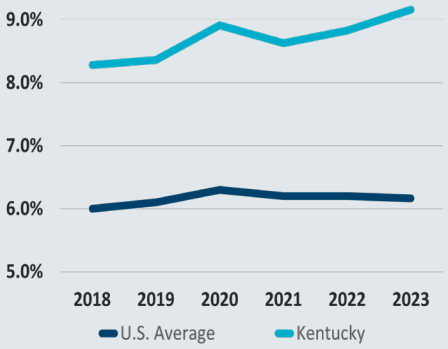
848 international employers have operations in Kentucky.

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT CONTRIBUTES TO KENTUCKY'S ECONOMY

Kentucky vs. Its Neighbors
FDI Jobs as a % of Total Employment



Kentucky vs. USA
FDI Jobs as a % of Total Employment



Kentucky beats the national average in its portion of jobs supported by international investment.

From 2018 to 2023, Kentucky's FDI employment...

13%

while the state's overall private-sector employment

2%

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Over 200 international companies comprise GBA's membership, representing a slice of the U.S. economy that provides 8.7 million high-quality jobs that pay an average of seven percent higher compensation than the economy-wide average. Our members are some of the largest international employers in the country. Browse through our membership list using the QR code.

Figures based on the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Survey of Current Business, *Activities of U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Multinational Enterprises in 2023*, released December 2025, and the Global Business Alliance's *Economic Bedrock Report*, released Fall 2018.