

Investing in the United States has many advantages. Whether evaluating legal protections for foreign investors or comparing the size of its consumer market, investing in the United States has a great return on investment. Furthermore, the American workforce ranks as one of the best educated, most productive, and most innovative in the world. As a place to do business, the United States offers a predictable and transparent legal system, outstanding infrastructure, and access to the world's most lucrative consumer market.



	USA	Japan	Germany	China	UK	France	Italy	Canada	Spain	Brazil
FDI Potential Index (Rank)¹	1	24	6	30	3	15	29	4	25	70
Global Innovation Index (Rank)²	1	4	2	29	3	5	24	8	27	40
Ease of Doing Business Index (Rank)³	3	12	20	83	6	31	53	7	38	122
Protecting Investors Index (Rank)⁴	5	12	83	83	9	64	51	5	83	64
Per Capita GDP (US\$)⁵	44,024	34,181	35,433	2,013	39,630	36,708	31,791	39,141	27,903	5,717
Services Output (US\$B)⁶	7,807	2,920	1,729	786	1,371	1,391	1,045	672	630	261
Manufacturing Output (US\$B)⁷	1,523	894	495	889	319	255	295	177	153	57
Top 100 Universities⁸	37	4	3	3	19	2	0	6	0	0
FDI Inflows 2006 (US\$M)⁹	175,394	-6,506	42,870	69,468	139,543	81,076	39,159	69,041	20,016	18,782

Note: Countries ordered by GDP.

¹Inward FDI Potential Index 2003 to 2005 – UNCTAD; ²World Business/INSEAD 2007; ³Doing Business 2008 – The World Bank Group; ⁴Ibid; ⁵World Economic Outlook Database “2006 GDP per Capita, Current Prices” - International Monetary Fund; ⁶“Pocket World in Figures 2007” – The Economist; ⁷Ibid;

⁸The World's Top 200 Universities - The Times Higher Education Supplement; ⁹UNCTAD FDI Database 2006.