

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	Spain	Canada	Brazil
FDI Potential Index (Rank)¹	1	24	6	32	3	18	31	25	4	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	25	83	6	31	65	49	8	125
Protecting Investors Index (Rank)⁴	5	15	88	88	9	70	53	88	5	70
Per Capita GDP (US\$)⁵	45,490	33,668	37,476	2,310	43,735	37,899	34,120	30,289	38,382	6,220
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	2	17	2	0	0	5	0
FDI Inflows 2007 (US\$M)⁹	232,865	22,549	50,925	83,521	223,966	157,970	40,199	53,385	108,655	34,585

Note: Countries ordered by GDP.

¹Inward FDI Potential Index 2004 to 2006 – UNCTAD; ²World Business/INSEAD 2007; ³Doing Business 2009 – The World Bank Group; ⁴Ibid; ⁵World Economic Outlook Database “2007 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 2008; ⁹UNCTAD FDI Database 2008.