TEXAS & SOUTH KOREA TRADE & FDI

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Texas is the #1 exporting state in the country and the leading state for foreign direct investment over the last two decades. In 2025, Texas topped U.S. exports for the 24th year in a row. With more than 2,170 international firms operating in the state, Texas attracts companies from across the globe. Thanks to trading and investment partners, like South Korea, Texas upholds its reputation as a leader in the global economy. Find more on Texas' strong economic relationship with South Korea below.

TRADE

- In 2025, trade between Texas and South Korea totaled $32.5 billion, ranking South Korea as Texas' fifth-largest trading partner.
- South Korea was Texas' fourth-largest export destination in 2025 with $21.8 billion in exports.
- South Korea was Texas' seventh-largest import source country in 2025 with $10.7 billion in imports.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau

FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT

- Over the past 10 years, South Korean companies reported 72 investment projects in Texas, expected to create nearly $5.3 billion in capital investment and more than 15,400 new jobs.
- During the same period, Texas companies reported 18 investment projects in South Korea, expected to create nearly $4.2 billion in capital investment and more than 4,600 new jobs.
- South Korea is the #1 source country for capital investment created by FDI in Texas, the fifth-largest source for new jobs created by FDI and eighth for total FDI projects.

Source: fDi Markets (Jan. 2016-Dec. 2025)

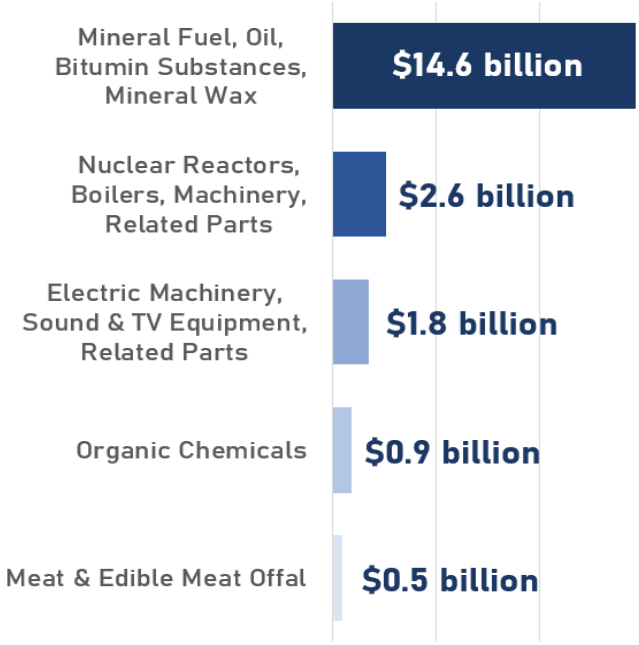
SOUTH KOREAN COMPANIES IN TEXAS

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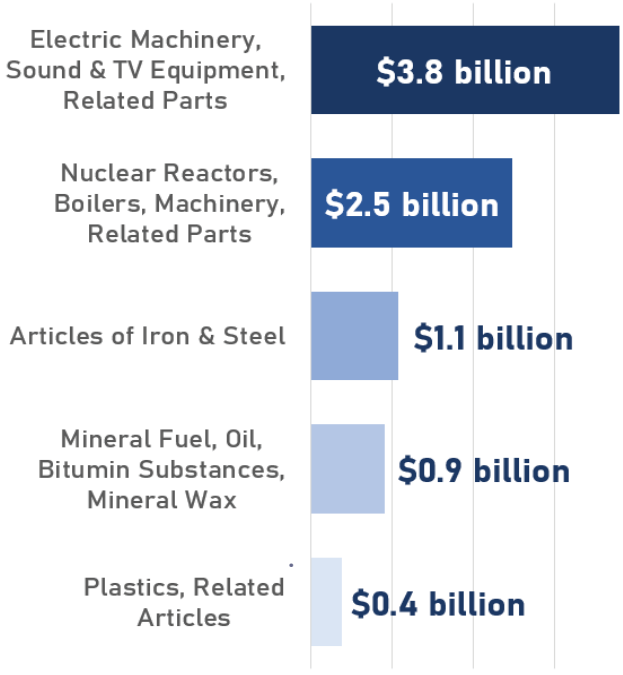
ECONOMIC COMPARISON

	Texas	South Korea
Land Area	261,231 sq. miles (676,585 sq. km)	37,684 sq. miles (97,600 sq. km)
Population	31.7 million (2025)	51.7 million (2025)
Population Growth Rate	1.3% (2025)	-0.09% (2025)
GDP (Nominal)	$2.9 trillion (2025)	$1.9 trillion (2025)
GDP Rank	8th (If Texas were a country)	13th
Labor Force	15.9 million (2025)	29.8 million (2025)
Annual Average Unemployment Rate	4.2% (2025)	2.8% (2025)
Exports	$448.2 billion (2025)	$709.0 billion (2025)
Imports	$411.2 billion (2025)	$631.6 billion (2025)
Airports	484	111
Railways	14,771 miles (23,722 km)	247,792 miles (39,900 km)
Paved Public Roadways	83,035 centerline miles (200,723 lane miles)	57,660 miles (92,795 km)

2025 TOP 5 EXPORTS TO SOUTH KOREA



2025 TOP 5 IMPORTS FROM SOUTH KOREA



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The Texas Economic Development & Tourism Office (EDT) serves as the state's leading economic development organization marketing Texas as the world's premier business investment destination. The Office pursues business expansion and relocation prospects, with the goal of developing job creation and export opportunities for the Texas business community.

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