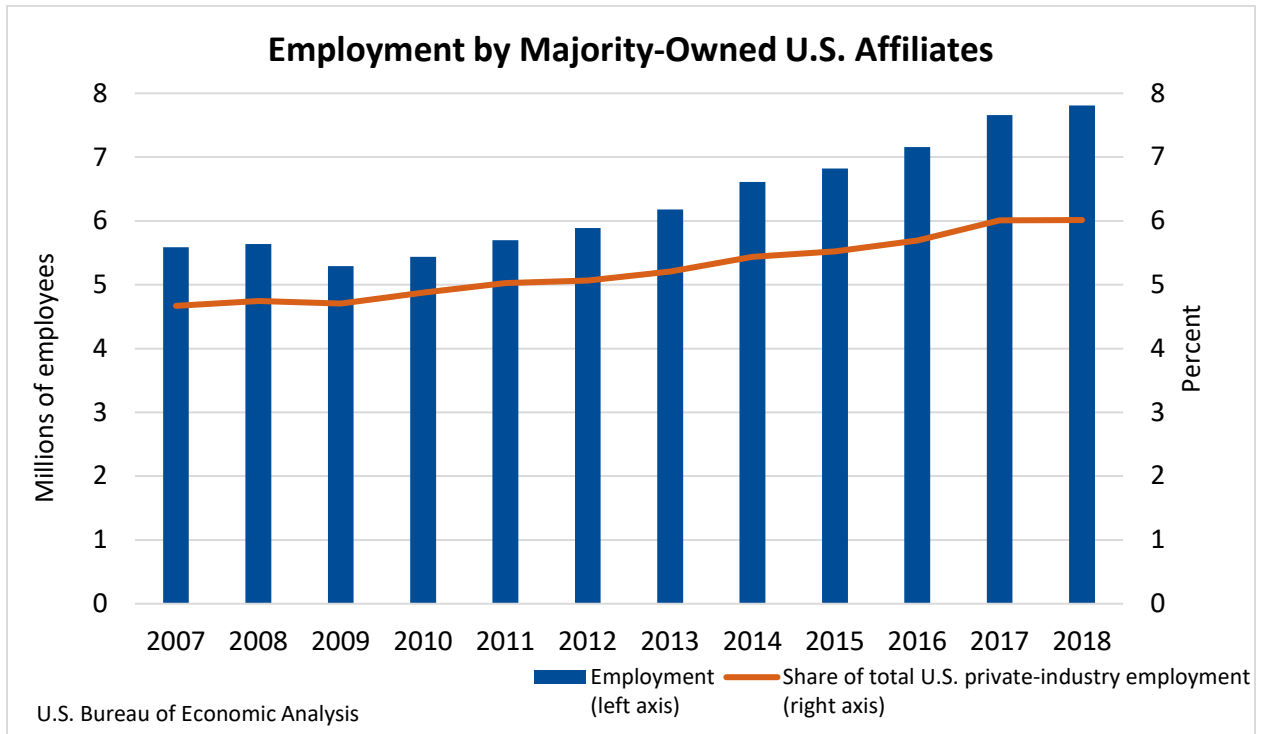


## Activities of U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Multinational Enterprises, 2018

Majority-owned U.S. affiliates (MOUSAs) of foreign multinational enterprises (MNEs) **employed 7.8 million workers** in the United States in 2018, a 1.9 percent increase from 7.7 million in 2017, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis.



Highlights of the statistics on MOUSAs in 2018:

- MOUSAs accounted for 6.0 percent of total private-industry employment in the United States.
- Current-dollar **value added** of MOUSAs, a measure of their direct contribution to U.S. gross domestic product (GDP), increased 8.4 percent to \$1.1 trillion.
- **Expenditures for property, plant, and equipment** by MOUSAs increased 4.0 percent to \$277.4 billion.
- **Research and development (R&D) performed** by MOUSAs increased 6.6 percent to \$66.9 billion.
- By **state**, private-industry employment accounted for by MOUSAs was highest in South Carolina (8.8 percent), Kentucky (8.4 percent), and Michigan (8.2 percent).

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