

# Why Ireland



## Why Ireland for US Business

- Ireland has ranked among the top 15 most competitive economies globally for the last decade and is the most competitive country in the euro area
- Ireland is the core strategic bridge for US companies into the EU
- Ireland was ranked 10th globally for institutions, reflecting government effectiveness, regulatory quality and a stable business environment
- Ireland is the only English-speaking, common-law country in the EU



## A Highly Skilled, International Workforce

- Ireland has the highest labour productivity in Europe
- Ireland has the youngest average population in the EU
- More than 1 in 4 workers in Ireland are non-Irish nationals



## Innovation & R&D

- Ireland ranks among Europe's most innovative economies
- Business R&D expenditure grew by 81% between 2021 and 2023, reaching €7bn
- Ireland ranks 1st globally for ICT services exports and 2nd for intellectual property payments
- 51 research centres supporting industry-academia collaboration across multiple sectors



## A Stable, Pro-Business Policy Environment

- Ireland ranked 5th globally for government efficiency
- Ireland offers a 35% R&D tax credit
- Ireland has consistently had successive, pro-enterprise governments



## World Class Talent Pipeline

- Ireland ranks 2nd globally for third-level education attainment (OECD) and 1st in the EU for tertiary education
- Ireland has the highest per-capita STEM graduates in the EU among 20-29 year-olds
- 16% of third-level students in Ireland are international, reflecting strong year-on-year growth



## A Proven Investment Track Record

- 2025 was a record year for FDI in Ireland
- Ireland is among the top 5 global destinations for US FDI and also ranks among the top 5 countries investing in the US
- US MNCs in Ireland employed 245,000 people in 2025



## Global Industry Clusters & Regional Opportunity

- 9 of the top 10 US technology and software companies operate in Ireland
- 15 of the top 30 global semiconductor companies have operations in Ireland
- 90+ pharmaceutical companies operate in Ireland
- More than half of all FDI into Ireland in 2025 went to regional locations
- 88% of new jobs added in H1 2025 were located in regional areas



## Integrated Supply Chains & Global Market Access

- Ireland ranks 13th globally for infrastructure
- Ireland is the only country in Europe with US pre-clearance facilities
- All of Ireland's main airports reported record passenger numbers in 2025



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# Why AmCham



## About AmCham

The American Chamber of Commerce Ireland (AmCham) is the collective voice of US companies throughout Ireland and the leading international business organisation supporting the transatlantic business relationship.

Our members are the Irish operations of all the major US companies in every sector present in Ireland, Irish companies with operations in the United States and organisations with close linkages to US-Ireland trade and investment.

There are three key pillars to our work on behalf of AmCham members:

- **Advocacy** with Purpose
- **Connecting / Networking** with Purpose
- **Leadership Development** with Purpose



## AmCham Flagship Events 2026

### Global Business Conference

Croke Park, Dublin, 26 February

### Annual Dinner & US-Ireland Business Awards

Clayton Burlington Hotel, Dublin, 28 May

### Independence Day Lunch

Clayton Burlington Hotel, Dublin, 3 July

### West North West Conference & Dinner

Galway Bay Hotel, Galway, 10 September

### Southern Conference & Dinner

Maryborough Hotel, Cork, 24 September

### Mid West Conference & Dinner

Strand Hotel, Limerick, 22 October

### Thanksgiving Lunch

Clayton Burlington Hotel, Dublin, 26 November

Ireland is the **5<sup>th</sup>** largest source of FDI into the US, with Irish companies employing **over 200,000** people across all 50 States