



World Investment Report 2019
SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

Country fact sheet: Least developed countries

Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and per cent)

FDI flows	2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2015	2016	2017	2018	as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation			
						2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average)	2016	2017	2018
Least developed countries									
Inward	9 239	37 634	25 769	20 702	23 833	10.1	10.1	7.0	7.8
Outward	961	612	1 776	2 118	1 027	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.3
<i>Memorandum</i>									
LDCs: Africa									
Inward	6 388	29 220	17 169	9 469	12 017	11.6	12.9	6.4	8.1
Outward	907	415	1 611	1 827	860	1.0	1.1	1.3	0.5
LDCs: Latin America and the Caribbean									
Inward	87	106	105	375	105	6.0	4.2	15.0	3.8
Outward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LDCs: Asia									
Inward	2 661	8 247	8 432	10 790	11 661	7.6	6.9	7.6	7.6
Outward	46	191	163	283	157	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
LDCs: Oceania									
Inward	103	60	62	68	51	50.6	14.3	14.8	9.7
Outward	7	6	2	8	10	3.6	0.5	1.8	2.0
Developing and Transition economies									
Inward	515 573	879 242	832 675	823 558	843 725	12.2	7.5	7.1	6.8
Outward	266 785	591 269	498 838	584 159	552 387	5.8	4.7	4.9	4.2
World *									
Inward	1 414 425	2 033 803	1 918 679	1 497 371	1 297 153	11.4	10.2	7.5	6.0
Outward	1 450 912	1 682 584	1 550 129	1 425 439	1 014 173	11.7	8.3	7.1	4.7
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FDI stock	1995	2015	2016	2017	2018	as a percentage of gross domestic product			
						1995	2016	2017	2018
Least developed countries									
Inward	18 547	277 459	303 771	332 730	353 771	8.4	32.4	32.7	33.5
Outward	2 001	16 751	18 825	21 872	21 657	0.5	2.9	3.0	2.9
<i>Memorandum</i>									
LDCs: Africa									
Inward	14 189	215 071	233 346	252 982	263 585	11.2	45.1	45.2	46.8
Outward	1 797	15 053	16 986	19 631	19 296	0.6	5.3	5.4	5.3
LDCs: Latin America and the Caribbean									
Inward	33	1 265	1 370	1 745	1 850	1.2	16.8	20.3	19.4
Outward	1	2	2	2	2	-	-	-	-
LDCs: Asia									
Inward	4 291	60 067	67 984	76 819	87 150	4.4	16.5	17.3	18.1
Outward	203	1 622	1 762	2 153	2 266	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6
LDCs: Oceania									
Inward	34	1 055	1 071	1 184	1 185	8.0	47.6	49.3	45.8
Outward	-	74	75	86	93	-	3.4	3.7	3.7
Developing and Transition economies									
Inward	858 734	10 153 087	10 962 007	12 336 606	12 795 461	12.3	34.5	35.9	35.3
Outward	329 898	6 803 231	7 412 394	8 767 939	9 123 589	5.1	23.9	26.0	25.7
World *									
Inward	3 564 447	26 312 743	28 243 023	32 623 557	32 272 043	11.1	37.3	40.7	38.1
Outward	3 993 274	26 259 583	27 620 617	32 383 049	30 974 932	12.9	36.8	40.8	36.9

