



World Investment Report 2019
SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

Country fact sheet: Latin America and the Caribbean*

Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and per cent)

| FDI flows | 2005–2007 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|-------|-------|-------|
| | (Pre-crisis annual average) | | | | | 2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average) | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| Latin America and the Caribbean* | | | | | | | | | |
| Inward | 89 312 | 155 912 | 135 349 | 155 405 | 146 720 | 14.1 | 14.4 | 15.7 | 15.1 |
| Outward | 28 418 | 24 898 | 11 132 | 36 380 | 6 515 | 4.5 | 1.2 | 3.7 | 0.7 |
| <i>Memorandum</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| South and Central America | | | | | | | | | |
| Inward | 86 239 | 152 500 | 131 933 | 151 027 | 143 742 | 14.0 | 14.4 | 15.6 | 15.2 |
| Outward | 28 080 | 24 765 | 10 836 | 36 243 | 6 348 | 4.6 | 1.2 | 3.7 | 0.7 |
| South America | | | | | | | | | |
| Inward | 53 653 | 105 539 | 90 394 | 107 741 | 100 855 | 13.9 | 14.8 | 16.5 | 16.4 |
| Outward | 20 659 | 12 969 | 9 419 | 31 806 | -1 117 | 5.4 | 1.5 | 4.9 | -0.2 |
| Central America | | | | | | | | | |
| Inward | 32 586 | 46 961 | 41 540 | 43 286 | 42 887 | 14.1 | 13.7 | 13.8 | 13.0 |
| Outward | 7 421 | 11 796 | 1 417 | 4 437 | 7 465 | 3.2 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 2.3 |
| Caribbean* | | | | | | | | | |
| Inward | 3 073 | 3 412 | 3 416 | 4 377 | 2 979 | 16.9 | 14.8 | 18.0 | 11.4 |
| Outward | 337 | 133 | 296 | 137 | 167 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Caribbean | | | | | | | | | |
| Inward | 40 611 | 117 446 | 115 147 | 89 821 | 106 443 | 22.1 | 19.5 | 20.9 | 14.7 |
| Outward | 39 247 | 152 317 | 54 087 | 84 189 | 96 826 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| 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 |
| FDI stock | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1995 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | as a percentage of gross domestic product | | | |
| | | | | | | 1995 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| Latin America and the Caribbean* | | | | | | | | | |
| Inward | 179 917 | 1 746 193 | 1 894 366 | 2 040 797 | 2 116 095 | 9.6 | 37.7 | 37.6 | 40.6 |
| Outward | 67 853 | 570 874 | 608 419 | 687 278 | 658 698 | 3.8 | 12.6 | 13.2 | 13.2 |
| <i>Memorandum</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| South and Central America | | | | | | | | | |
| Inward | 176 282 | 1 690 150 | 1 835 471 | 1 977 481 | 2 049 905 | 9.6 | 37.4 | 37.2 | 40.3 |
| Outward | 67 523 | 569 769 | 607 060 | 685 912 | 657 164 | 3.8 | 12.7 | 13.3 | 13.3 |
| South America | | | | | | | | | |
| Inward | 127 889 | 1 071 645 | 1 234 434 | 1 347 670 | 1 414 501 | 8.9 | 34.4 | 34.6 | 39.3 |
| Outward | 63 170 | 414 137 | 449 050 | 500 737 | 491 704 | 4.5 | 13.0 | 13.4 | 14.3 |
| Central America | | | | | | | | | |
| Inward | 48 393 | 618 504 | 601 037 | 629 811 | 635 404 | 12.2 | 45.4 | 44.4 | 42.6 |
| Outward | 4 353 | 155 632 | 158 010 | 185 175 | 165 460 | 1.1 | 11.9 | 13.1 | 11.1 |
| Caribbean* | | | | | | | | | |
| Inward | 3 636 | 56 043 | 58 895 | 63 316 | 66 191 | 11.3 | 50.6 | 52.1 | 51.6 |
| Outward | 330 | 1 106 | 1 359 | 1 366 | 1 535 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.2 |
| Caribbean | | | | | | | | | |
| Inward | 8 739 | 1 069 285 | 1 183 106 | 1 272 854 | 1 379 185 | 7.9 | 167.9 | 159.8 | 196.5 |
| Outward | 14 623 | 964 560 | 1 018 540 | 1 102 601 | 1 199 429 | 17.5 | 161.2 | 153.1 | 200.5 |
| 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 |

Cross-border merger and acquisition overview, 2005–2007 average, 2016–2018

(Millions of dollars)

| Region/economy | Sales (net) | | | | Purchases (net) | | | |
|---|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average) | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average) | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| Latin America and the Caribbean* | 13 808 | 18 099 | 29 535 | 39 148 | 20 479 | 272 | 5 426 | 3 469 |
| <i>Memorandum</i> | | | | | | | | |
| South and Central America | 13 101 | 17 978 | 29 435 | 39 076 | 20 353 | 285 | 5 219 | 3 023 |
| South America | 9 909 | 12 652 | 26 383 | 35 366 | 11 453 | -3 176 | 1 058 | - 270 |
| Central America | 3 192 | 5 326 | 3 051 | 3 710 | 8 900 | 3 461 | 4 161 | 3 292 |
| Caribbean* | 706 | 121 | 100 | 72 | 126 | - 13 | 207 | 446 |
| Caribbean | 706 | 121 | 100 | 72 | 4 712 | - 1 065 | 2 840 | 922 |
| World * | 729 177 | 886 901 | 693 962 | 815 726 | 729 177 | 886 901 | 693 962 | 815 726 |

Announced greenfield investment project overview, 2005–2007 average, 2016–2018

(Millions of dollars)

| Region/economy | As destination | | | | As source | | | |
|---|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average) | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2005–2007 (Pre-crisis annual average) | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| Latin America and the Caribbean* | 58 834 | 70 244 | 67 092 | 78 124 | #VALUE! | #VALUE! | #VALUE! | #VALUE! |
| <i>Memorandum</i> | | | | | | | | |
| South and Central America | 55 881 | 67 240 | 64 814 | 75 947 | 7 888 | 7 038 | 7 292 | 18 937 |
| South America | 39 413 | 38 193 | 33 177 | 45 427 | 6 098 | 4 640 | 4 236 | 10 632 |
| Central America | 16 468 | 29 047 | 31 637 | 30 519 | 1 790 | 2 399 | 3 056 | 8 306 |
| Caribbean* | 2 953 | 3 004 | 2 277 | 2 177 | 259 | 321 | 70 | 79 |
| Caribbean | 3 271 | 3 204 | 2 911 | 2 644 | 577 | 542 | 715 | 539 |
| World * | 748 044 | 806 779 | 697 734 | 980 669 | 748 044 | 806 779 | 697 734 | 980 669 |

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2019*; <http://unctad.org/wir> or <http://unctad.org/fdistatistics>.

* Excluding Caribbean offshore financial centres.

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