

Central African Republic



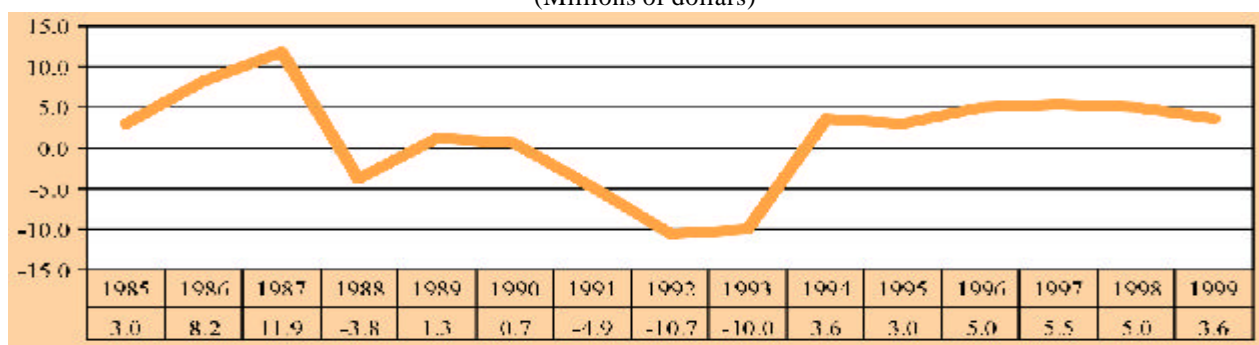
Area ('000 km²):		623.0
Population (millions):	2000	3.6
Capital city:		Bangui
Official language:		French and Sango
Currency:		CFA franc
Exchange rate (period average):	1999	CFAfr615.7=\$1
GDP in current prices (millions of dollars):	1999	1,052.8
Exports of goods and services (millions of dollars):	1996	200.8
Imports of goods and services (millions of dollars):	1996	230.6
Official development assistance (millions of dollars):	1999	59.1
External debt (millions of dollars):	1998	921.3

Inward FDI: geographical breakdown, by source (Millions of dollars)

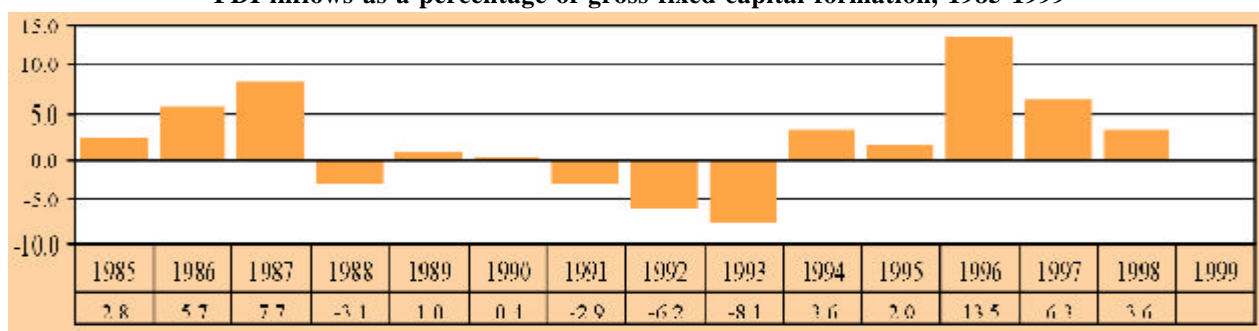
Region/economy	Inflows	Year	Inward stock	Year
Developed economies				
Belgium/Luxembourg	1.1	1998	..	..
France	3.0	1999	..	..
United States	-2.0	1986	2.0	1985
Developing economies				
China	..	..	1.8 ^a	1995
India	..	..	10.3	1992

^a Approval data.

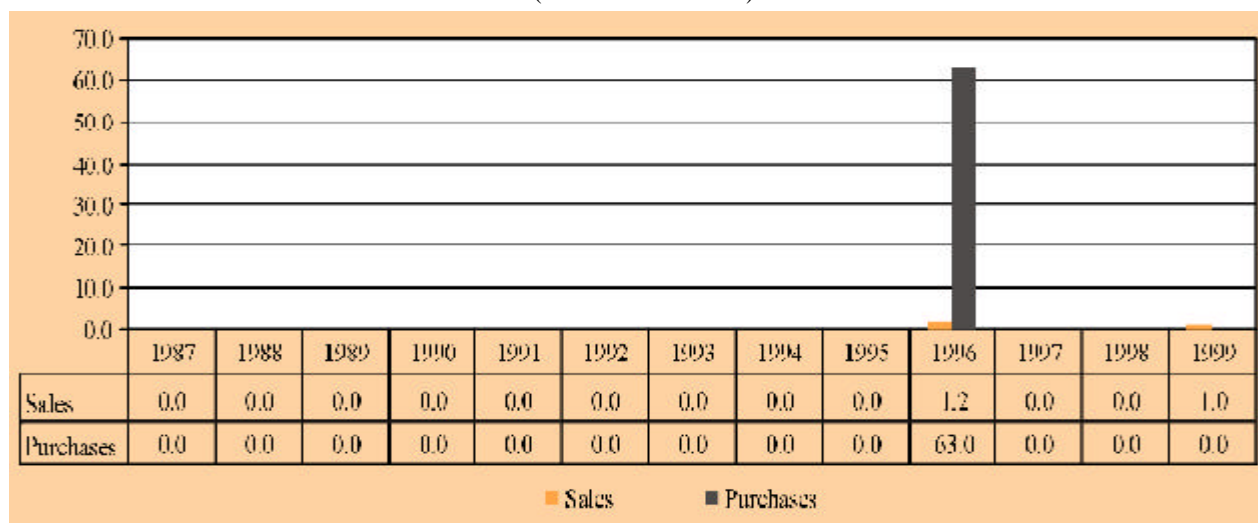
FDI inflows, 1985-1999 (Millions of dollars)



FDI inflows as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation, 1985-1999



Cross-border M&As, sales and purchases, 1987-1999
(Millions of dollars)



Largest cross-border M&A deals, 1987-1999

Acquired company	Industry	Acquiring company	Home economy	Value (\$ million)	Year
Banque Internationale	Commercial banks, bank holding companies	Banque Belgoise (Generale Bk)	Belgium	1.0	1999

BITs, 1 January 2000

Economy	Date of signature
France	13 August 1960
Germany	23 August 1965
Switzerland	28 February 1973

DTTs, 1 January 2000

Economy	Date of signature
France	13 December 1969

Largest foreign affiliates, 1999

Company	Home economy	Industry	Sales (\$million)	Employment	Year of establishment
Societe Centrafricaine Des Gaz Industriels SA	France	Industrial gases	2.1	27	..
Societe Centrafricaine De Cigarettes SA	France	Cigarettes	..	115	..
C F A O Centrafrique SA	France	Nondurable goods nec	..	..	..
Sodeca	France	..	..	..	..

Other relevant information

- **Membership of relevant international agreements as of April 2001:** CREFAA, ICSID, MIGA, TRIMS, GATS, TRIPS
- **Address and website of investment promotion agency:** Banque Centrafricaine d'Investissement (BCI) B.P. 93 Bangui - République Centrafricaine; Tel: (236) 61 0064
- **Fortune 500 investors:** Bouygues, Fortis, Groupe Pinault-Printemps.
- **Member of WAIPA as of March 2001:** No