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**Iran, Islamic Republic
of**

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Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and percentages)

FDI flows	1990-2000 (Annual average)	2004	2005	2006	2007	as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation			
						1990-2000 (Annual average)	2005	2006	2007
Iran, Islamic Republic of									
Inward	3	306	918	317	754	-	1.8	0.5	0.9
Outward	57	68	452	386	302	-	0.9	0.6	0.4
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Pakistan									
Inward	463	1 118	2 201	4 273	5 333	3.5	11.5	16.8	17.4
Outward	5	56	44	109	98	-	0.2	0.4	0.3
Turkey									
Inward	791	2 785	10 031	19 989	22 029	1.9	9.9	16.9	15.6
Outward	227	780	1 064	924	2 106	0.6	1.0	0.8	1.5
South Asia									
Inward	2 563	8 093	12 136	25 780	30 620	1.7	3.5	6.2	5.7
Outward	176	2 314	3 515	13 369	14 165	-	1.0	3.2	2.6
Asia and Oceania									
Inward	76 754	171 178	210 572	274 291	320 498	7.9	10.0	11.0	10.6
Outward	37 528	89 931	79 531	141 147	194 754	3.9	3.8	5.7	6.5
Developing economies									
Inward	130 755	283 641	316 444	412 990	499 747	9.2	11.4	12.5	12.6
Outward	52 928	120 008	117 579	212 258	253 145	3.8	4.3	6.5	6.4
World									
Inward	492 605	717 695	958 697	1 411 018	1 833 324	7.7	9.7	12.9	14.8
Outward	492 535	920 151	880 808	1 323 150	1 996 514	7.9	9.0	12.2	16.2
FDI stocks						as a percentage of gross domestic product			
	1990	1995	2000	2006	2007	1990	2000	2006	2007
Iran, Islamic Republic of									
Inward	2 039	2 287	2 433	4 540	5 295	2.3	2.4	1.9	1.8
Outward	572	1 171	1 473	..	0.6	0.5	0.5
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Pakistan									
Inward	1 892	5 408	6 919	13 682	20 086	3.3	8.8	10.9	14.0
Outward	245	266	489	1 010	1 002	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.7
Turkey									
Inward	11 194	14 977	19 209	88 309	145 556	5.6	7.2	16.6	22.2
Outward	1 157	1 425	3 668	8 866	12 210	0.6	1.4	1.7	1.9
South Asia									
Inward	7 809	16 334	32 525	78 877	111 023	1.5	4.5	5.6	6.5
Outward	422	826	3 075	18 381	32 303	0.1	0.4	1.3	1.9
Asia and Oceania									
Inward	359 088	578 774	1 082 741	2 022 704	2 713 303	16.0	25.5	24.8	28.6
Outward	66 904	209 727	613 018	1 205 521	1 722 108	3.2	14.8	15.1	18.5
Developing economies									
Inward	528 638	851 534	1 738 255	3 303 169	4 246 739	13.6	25.2	26.7	29.8
Outward	144 862	329 400	861 842	1 702 304	2 288 073	4.0	12.9	14.2	16.5
World									
Inward	1 941 252	2 914 356	5 786 700	12 470 085	15 210 560	9.1	18.1	25.5	27.9
Outward	1 785 267	2 941 198	6 148 211	12 756 149	15 602 339	8.5	19.4	26.3	28.9

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2008*; www.unctad.org/wir or www.unctad.org/fdistatistics
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Cross-border merger and acquisition overview, 1990-2007

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	Sales				Purchases			
	1990-2000 (Annual average)	2005	2006	2007	1990-2000 (Annual average)	2005	2006	2007
Iran, Islamic Republic of	..	-	-	-	..	-	-	-
<i>Memorandum</i>								
Pakistan	77	207	3 139	2 259	..	-	-	339
Turkey	112	12 889	16 058	16 468	39	1 733	1 814	1 585
South Asia	205	7 498	10 607	21 215	90	5 654	6 048	11 605
Asia and Oceania	7 136	81 094	94 868	109 747	6 965	71 286	89 229	117 728
Developing economies	16 531	122 473	171 811	179 221	12 806	90 479	151 605	178 438
World	159 269	929 362	1 118 068	1 637 107	159 269	929 362	1 118 068	1 637 107

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2008*; www.unctad.org/wir or www.unctad.org/fdistatistics

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Country rankings by Inward FDI Performance Index, Inward FDI Potential Index and Outward FDI Performance Index, 2005-2007^a

Economy	Inward FDI Performance Index		Economy	Inward FDI Potential Index		Economy	Outward FDI Performance Index	
	2006	2007		2005	2006		2006	2007
Papua New Guinea	131	128	Croatia	56	56	Guatemala	75	80
Bolivia	132	129	Mexico	58	57	Syrian Arab Republic	73	81
Korea, Republic of	126	130	Dominican Republic	57	58	Jordan	81	82
Australia	115	131	Bulgaria	60	59	Nigeria	71	83
Venezuela, Bolivarian Rep. of	127	132	Argentina	62	60	Viet Nam	86	84
Iran, Islamic Republic of	133	133	Iran, Islamic Republic	59	61	Iran, Islamic Republ	78	85
Kuwait	135	134	Venezuela, Bolivar	66	62	Zimbabwe	101	86
Japan	137	135	Thailand	61	63	Albania	82	87
Nepal	138	136	Azerbaijan	67	64	Moldova, Republic of	99	88
Ireland	141	137	Jordan	64	65	Algeria	84	89
Luxembourg	1	138	Tunisia	65	66	Kenya	91	90

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For details, see annex table A.I.10. in *WIR08*.

Note: Ranking is that of the latest year available. Covering 141 economies. The potential index is based on 12 economic and policy variables

^a Three-year moving averages, using data for the three previous years, including the year in question.

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