



World Investment Report 2021
INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY

Country Fact Sheet: Asia

Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and per cent)

FDI flows	2005–2007 <i>(Pre-crisis annual average)</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020	As a percentage of gross capital formation				
						2005–2007 <i>(Pre-crisis annual average)</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020
Asia										
Inward	290 430	505 154	496 473	515 548	535 324	10.0	5.8	5.2	5.3	5.5
Outward	159 841	430 469	392 197	364 290	388 797	5.6	5.0	4.1	3.7	4.0
<i>Memorandum</i>										
East Asia										
Inward	139 078	271 049	266 520	241 976	291 836	8.5	4.5	3.9	3.5	4.1
Outward	86 697	291 478	281 697	237 822	282 448	5.3	4.8	4.1	3.4	3.9
South-East Asia										
Inward	61 712	154 607	145 909	181 047	135 945	20.0	18.9	16.5	20.1	16.9
Outward	38 339	88 762	52 020	72 469	61 111	12.6	11.3	6.1	8.3	8.0
South Asia										
Inward	25 789	51 643	52 262	59 115	70 997	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.5	5.9
Outward	11 943	11 493	11 632	13 275	11 736	2.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
West Asia										
Inward	63 851	27 855	31 782	33 410	36 547	16.1	4.6	6.0	6.4	6.7
Outward	22 862	38 737	46 847	40 725	33 503	5.9	5.6	7.1	6.1	5.3
South, East and South-East Asia										
Inward	226 578	477 299	464 691	482 138	498 777	9.1	5.9	5.2	5.3	5.4
Outward	136 979	391 732	345 349	323 566	355 295	5.5	4.9	3.9	3.6	3.9
World*										
Inward	1 425 287	1 647 312	1 436 732	1 530 228	998 891	10.9	7.9	6.4	6.7	4.5
Outward	1 463 539	1 604 697	870 715	1 220 432	739 872	11.4	7.8	3.9	5.3	3.4
FDI Stock	2005	2017	2018	2019	2020	As a percentage of gross domestic product				
						2005	2017	2018	2019	2020
Asia										
Inward	1 631 975	7 408 296	7 674 281	8 116 286	8 562 879	22.1	30.6	29.1	29.8	31.7
Outward	947 850	6 253 686	6 582 297	7 020 082	7 575 350	12.9	26.0	25.1	25.9	28.2
<i>Memorandum</i>										
East Asia										
Inward	922 240	3 796 685	3 968 613	4 045 408	4 249 364	24.3	25.5	23.9	23.7	24.4
Outward	675 908	4 308 890	4 574 199	4 834 983	5 197 113	17.8	29.0	27.5	28.4	29.9
South-East Asia										
Inward	433 765	2 345 925	2 463 871	2 755 778	2 913 722	43.8	82.2	80.5	85.1	94.5
Outward	219 537	1 405 973	1 394 234	1 510 232	1 671 334	22.7	50.6	46.8	47.8	55.9
South Asia										
Inward	77 476	503 678	513 627	558 518	615 871	6.0	13.3	13.2	13.4	15.1
Outward	11 518	162 771	174 285	187 553	199 320	0.9	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.9
West Asia										
Inward	198 495	762 008	728 171	756 582	783 921	15.0	28.3	25.8	27.0	32.3
Outward	40 887	376 051	439 579	487 314	507 583	3.1	14.2	15.8	17.7	21.2
South, East and South-East Asia										
Inward	1 433 480	6 646 288	6 946 110	7 359 704	7 778 958	23.6	30.9	29.5	30.1	31.7
Outward	906 963	5 877 635	6 142 718	6 532 768	7 067 767	15.0	27.4	26.2	26.9	28.9
World*										
Inward	11 525 332	33 162 200	32 784 110	36 377 437	41 354 249	24.2	41.1	38.2	41.7	49.0
Outward	12 000 476	32 851 106	31 218 577	34 350 816	39 247 013	25.4	41.0	36.6	39.6	46.8

Cross-border merger and acquisition (M&A) overview, 2005–2007 average, 2018–2020

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	Sales (net)				Purchases (net)			
	2005–2007 <i>(Pre-crisis annual average)</i>	2018	2019	2020	2005–2007 <i>(Pre-crisis annual average)</i>	2018	2019	2020
Asia	59 819	83 769	52 656	73 234	71 643	89 256	44 709	78 340
<i>Memorandum</i>								
East Asia	24 917	21 903	14 674	28 871	12 036	75 535	41 093	52 147
South-East Asia	10 435	17 311	9 822	-4 666	14 365	10 512	-4 109	23 877
South Asia	5 089	34 841	15 245	28 373	12 349	1 182	5 107	3 100
West Asia	19 378	9 714	12 914	20 655	32 893	2 027	2 617	- 784
South, East and South-East Asia	40 441	74 055	39 741	52 579	38 750	87 229	42 092	79 124
World*	729 178	815 726	507 396	474 864	729 178	815 726	507 396	474 864

Announced greenfield investment project overview, 2005–2007 average, 2018–2020

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	As destination				As source			
	2005–2007 <i>(Pre-crisis annual average)</i>	2018	2019	2020	2005–2007 <i>(Pre-crisis annual average)</i>	2018	2019	2020
Asia	290 304	398 001	265 117	169 743	152 975	294 086	241 752	129 565
<i>Memorandum</i>								
East Asia	118 655	138 244	75 953	40 421	57 624	173 793	111 438	89 950
South-East Asia	67 945	120 359	81 995	68 255	24 336	59 884	57 947	20 877
South Asia	48 979	68 960	65 133	26 526	17 799	12 494	8 727	4 164
West Asia	54 725	70 439	42 036	34 541	53 217	47 915	63 640	14 573
South, East and South-East Asia	235 579	327 563	223 082	135 202	99 758	246 171	178 112	114 991
World*	744 467	982 455	845 921	563 857	744 467	982 455	845 921	563 857

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2021* (<https://unctad.org/wir> or <https://unctad.org/fdistatistics>).

*Excluding Caribbean offshore financial centres.

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<https://unctad.org/wir>

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