



World Investment Report 2021
INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY

Country Fact Sheet: Developed economies

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
Developed economies										
Inward	947 326	894 321	707 649	748 999	312 170	10.8	8.9	6.5	6.8	3.0
Outward	1 235 661	1 087 409	430 584	780 489	347 162	14.1	10.8	4.0	7.1	3.3
<i>Memorandum</i>										
Europe										
Inward	661 855	502 644	344 267	362 644	72 537	17.5	12.7	7.9	8.4	1.8
Outward	913 229	504 686	410 207	363 738	73 741	24.2	12.8	9.4	8.4	1.8
European Union										
Inward	459 621	301 457	347 437	380 281	103 190	15.0	9.5	9.9	10.9	3.2
Outward	663 698	345 219	313 807	407 516	91 722	21.6	10.9	8.9	11.6	2.8
Other developed Europe										
Inward	33 188	104 833	-68469	-63091	-50377	15.6	35.9	-22.2	-20.7	-16.0
Outward	81 016	17 094	54 976	-37697	15 428	38.0	5.8	17.8	-12.4	4.9
North America										
Inward	253 556	318 063	261 641	309 249	180 144	7.2	7.2	5.5	6.3	3.8
Outward	257 162	403 969	-136995	172 450	141 466	7.4	9.2	-2.9	3.5	3.0
Other developed economies										
Inward	31 915	73 614	101 741	77 106	59 489	2.1	4.3	5.8	4.3	3.4
Outward	65 270	178 754	157 372	244 302	131 955	4.3	10.5	8.9	13.8	7.6
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
As a percentage of gross domestic product										
FDI Stock	2005	2017	2018	2019	2020	2005	2017	2018	2019	2020
Developed economies										
Inward	8 622 823	21 987 053	21 363 658	24 125 386	28 680 229	24.5	47.2	43.2	48.3	59.0
Outward	10 662 680	25 100 929	23 251 212	25 845 207	30 135 440	30.3	53.9	47.1	51.7	62.0
<i>Memorandum</i>										
Europe										
Inward	4 741 448	12 180 204	12 057 201	12 460 757	15 461 119	31.2	65.7	60.2	63.5	81.3
Outward	5 705 306	13 576 094	13 305 366	13 983 843	17 295 338	37.6	73.2	66.4	71.2	91.0
European Union										
Inward	3 677 132	8 712 932	8 544 256	8 805 249	11 563 397	30.9	59.1	53.5	56.3	76.2
Outward	3 923 539	10 092 584	9 814 706	10 316 070	13 407 714	33.0	68.4	61.4	66.0	88.4
Other developed Europe										
Inward	276 167	1 585 797	1 582 460	1 610 448	1 691 520	37.0	140.6	131.9	138.5	149.5
Outward	542 471	1 633 754	1 702 436	1 701 861	1 832 211	72.7	144.8	141.9	146.4	162.0
North America										
Inward	3 456 620	8 700 234	8 178 239	10 461 131	11 902 541	24.3	41.1	36.6	45.1	52.7
Outward	4 330 283	9 403 101	7 755 544	9 370 389	10 092 922	30.5	44.4	34.7	40.4	44.7
Other developed economies										
Inward	424 754	1 106 615	1 128 219	1 203 498	1 316 569	7.3	16.1	16.0	16.8	18.7
Outward	627 091	2 121 734	2 190 302	2 490 976	2 747 180	10.8	30.9	31.1	34.9	39.1
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
Developed economies	634 894	688 859	423 539	378 888	604 617	701 976	476 536	386 070
<i>Memorandum</i>								
Europe	429 893	377 959	199 149	248 026	405 536	341 090	186 436	209 243
European Union	259 260	267 571	114 287	187 865	264 264	231 669	135 634	119 560
Other developed Europe	20 274	16 016	32 073	21 824	44 425	37 022	33 037	15 967
North America	174 796	223 734	182 515	109 342	155 321	316 495	151 147	152 546
Other developed economies	30 205	87 166	41 875	21 520	43 760	44 391	138 954	24 280
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
Developed economies	278 304	377 286	345 740	289 048	558 152	638 521	565 357	417 670
<i>Memorandum</i>								
Europe	187 714	215 490	201 710	176 495	313 512	366 415	344 773	255 607
European Union	157 232	172 880	162 137	136 192	232 585	298 495	260 153	189 203
Other developed Europe	3 908	3 760	3 495	4 261	25 326	23 424	36 428	32 276
North America	59 532	122 986	112 744	82 707	162 934	191 232	157 219	121 450
Other developed economies	31 058	38 810	31 286	29 847	81 706	80 874	63 366	40 614
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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