



World Investment Report 2021

INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY

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 <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
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean*</b>										
Inward	89 366	156 330	150 053	160 474	87 574	13.2	15.9	14.8	16.5	11.8
Outward	28 418	36 465	1 939	47 004	-3542	4.5	3.9	0.2	5.2	-0.5
<i>Memorandum</i>										
South and Central America										
Inward	86 293	151 967	147 339	156 529	85 062	13.2	15.7	14.9	16.6	11.8
Outward	28 081	36 430	1 861	46 444	-3718	4.5	3.9	0.2	5.1	-0.5
South America										
Inward	53 647	106 557	102 468	112 657	51 891	13.0	16.7	15.8	18.4	11.0
Outward	20 659	31 776	-6739	35 740	-10672	5.3	5.3	-1.1	6.2	-2.4
Central America										
Inward	32 646	45 410	44 870	43 872	33 172	13.4	13.9	13.2	13.4	13.1
Outward	7 421	4 654	8 600	10 704	6 954	3.1	1.4	2.5	3.3	2.7
Caribbean										
Inward	40 611	61 158	59 641	72 718	67 600	21.3	22.3	15.2	14.6	15.1
Outward	39 247	55 029	50 122	76 556	53 413	7.0	2.1	1.8	6.9	1.6
Caribbean*										
Inward	3 073	4 363	2 715	3 945	2 512	14.9	20.9	12.2	12.8	12.3
Outward	337	35	78	560	176	3.1	1.4	0.3	11.6	0.1
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
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean*</b>										
Inward	735 307	2 046 286	2 030 437	2 259 704	2 231 736	27.2	37.5	38.5	43.8	52.0
Outward	202 878	707 347	664 079	730 360	771 732	7.8	13.4	13.0	14.6	18.6
<i>Memorandum</i>										
South and Central America										
Inward	707 720	1 983 118	1 964 462	2 189 973	2 159 498	26.9	37.2	38.2	43.6	51.9
Outward	201 780	705 043	661 473	727 509	768 763	7.9	13.6	13.3	14.9	19.1
South America										
Inward	428 772	1 350 763	1 302 596	1 465 724	1 402 127	25.8	34.6	35.7	42.1	49.5
Outward	141 580	512 494	489 001	540 839	575 247	8.8	13.6	14.0	16.2	21.3
Central America										
Inward	278 948	632 354	661 866	724 249	757 371	28.6	44.6	44.5	46.9	57.0
Outward	60 200	192 548	172 472	186 670	193 517	6.3	13.6	11.6	12.1	14.6
Caribbean										
Inward	156 290	939 565	997 383	1 054 282	1 095 592	43.3	65.7	64.3	66.3	77.2
Outward	198 154	69 918	65 283	91 676	69 246	6.4	9.7	9.4	9.5	10.9
Caribbean*										
Inward	27 587	63 168	65 975	69 731	72 238	39.2	48.1	46.8	49.0	56.2
Outward	1 098	2 304	2 606	2 851	2 968	4.0	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.6
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
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean*</b>	13 808	39 148	23 625	7 808	20 479	3 469	5 972	2 829
<i>Memorandum</i>								
South and Central America	13 101	39 076	24 389	9 084	20 353	3 023	5 664	1 455
South America	9 909	35 366	20 029	5 805	11 453	- 270	3 588	2 755
Central America	3 192	3 710	4 359	3 278	8 900	3 292	2 076	-1 300
Caribbean	2 907	448	1 301	-1 128	6 272	4 936	1 499	1 446
Caribbean*	706	72	- 763	-1 276	126	446	308	1 375
<b>World*</b>	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
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean*</b>	58 807	78 520	112 315	56 540	8 149	18 874	18 453	7 921
<i>Memorandum</i>								
South and Central America	55 882	76 312	105 758	53 866	7 890	18 797	18 358	7 853
South America	39 409	45 533	72 765	36 223	6 095	10 813	8 447	4 550
Central America	16 473	30 779	32 992	17 643	1 795	7 984	9 910	3 303
Caribbean	3 267	2 743	6 891	2 840	595	518	769	132
Caribbean*	2 925	2 208	6 557	2 674	259	77	95	69
<b>World*</b>	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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