



World Investment Report 2021
INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY

Country Fact Sheet: Small island developing States

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
Small island developing States										
Inward	5 441	3 832	3 728	4 420	2 641	32.5	26.7	26.2	24.5	22.2
Outward	820	275	340	762	1 012	5.5	2.0	1.8	4.3	6.5
<i>Memorandum</i>										
SIDs-Oceania										
Inward	556	525	595	425	308	57.7	30.2	33.5	24.7	22.0
Outward	12	8	9	-26	24	1.1	0.4	0.5	-2.0	-
SIDs-Asia										
Inward	106	465	624	1 031	421	27.7	31.0	39.1	62.7	40.1
Outward	-	-	-	-	694	-	-	-	-	232.6
SIDs-LAC										
Inward	4 324	2 027	1 790	2 215	1 415	35.7	27.5	26.6	20.9	22.8
Outward	744	181	236	759	301	7.0	2.1	1.8	6.9	1.6
SIDs-Africa										
Inward	455	816	719	750	497	16.3	21.5	17.3	17.7	15.1
Outward	65	87	95	29	-8	2.7	2.4	2.4	0.7	-0.2
Developing economies										
Inward	456 589	759 291	749 406	792 157	727 650	10.7	6.9	6.3	6.4	6.0
Outward	234 328	533 810	452 575	492 616	440 306	5.2	4.7	3.6	3.7	3.5
World										
Inward	1 462 825	1 704 107	1 493 659	1 599 001	1 063 980	10.9	7.9	6.4	6.7	4.5
Outward	1 502 449	1 659 691	920 760	1 296 427	793 109	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
Small island developing States										
Inward	30 023	83 944	86 810	90 983	93 718	52.2	87.5	85.7	88.6	106.4
Outward	2 681	13 904	14 081	14 668	15 710	4.9	15.5	14.9	15.4	19.0
<i>Memorandum</i>										
SIDs-Oceania										
Inward	1 656	7 219	7 526	7 975	8 616	31.2	71.6	71.3	75.6	93.6
Outward	137	335	333	304	336	3.1	3.5	3.3	3.0	-
SIDs-Asia										
Inward	350	4 011	4 607	5 600	6 021	21.5	63.2	67.2	73.2	108.6
Outward	-	112	112	109	802	-	7.0	7.2	5.4	44.8
SIDs-LAC										
Inward	25 978	61 921	63 726	65 760	67 162	63.3	100.7	98.6	100.8	117.1
Outward	2 115	12 477	12 728	13 361	13 705	5.2	20.3	19.7	20.5	23.9
SIDs-Africa										
Inward	2 039	10 794	10 951	11 649	11 920	21.3	59.9	56.8	60.6	74.9
Outward	429	981	907	895	866	4.8	5.8	5.0	5.0	5.9
Developing economies										
Inward	2 780 691	11 231 269	11 553 973	12 331 422	12 827 282	23.6	32.5	31.2	32.6	35.1
Outward	1 392 264	7 373 475	7 629 439	8 130 022	8 741 149	10.9	23.3	22.6	23.4	26.2
World										
Inward	11 654 035	34 038 597	33 715 518	37 361 988	42 377 603	24.2	41.1	38.2	41.7	49.0
Outward	12 197 532	32 918 719	31 281 253	34 439 641	39 313 291	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
Small island developing States	1 841	834	750	15	1 787	2 860	1 811	- 351
<i>Memorandum</i>								
SIDs-Oceania	21	- 222	14	4	20	-	2 477	-
SIDs-Asia	-	- 350	- 650	-	-	-	-	-
SIDs-LAC	1 707	845	1 479	3	1 548	2 616	- 815	28
SIDs-Africa	113	562	- 94	8	219	244	149	- 378
Developing economies	84 966	126 767	85 238	84 601	112 520	99 317	23 853	79 658
World	739 052	820 139	514 172	479 244	739 052	820 139	514 172	479 244

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
Small island developing States	1 905	1 719	2 061	690	436	1 020	584	1 505
<i>Memorandum</i>								
SIDs-Oceania	179	92	77	-	204	-	-	1
SIDs-Asia	143	273	180	110	-	-	-	-
SIDs-LAC	1 378	802	1 267	140	219	228	267	69
SIDs-Africa	204	552	536	440	14	792	317	1 435
Developing economies	413 006	555 188	454 907	255 476	168 166	322 402	272 937	143 766
World	745 127	983 397	846 742	564 087	745 127	983 397	846 742	564 087

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

*Excluding Caribbean offshore financial centres.

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