

World Investment Report 2026

International investment in a turbulent era

Fact Sheet: Latin America and the Caribbean*

Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and per cent)

As a percentage of gross capital formation

FDI flows	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %	As a percentage of gross capital formation					
							2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Latin America and the Caribbean*												
Inward	143 247	193 459	177 652	164 878	187 592	13.8	14.9	16.9	14.4	13.9	13.8	
Outward	40 553	62 506	35 845	31 437	57 344	82.4	4.2	5.5	2.9	2.7	4.4	
<i>Memorandum</i>												
South and Central America												
Inward	140 448	187 696	174 255	160 491	183 273	14.2	15.0	17.1	14.5	13.9	13.8	
Outward	39 575	61 140	34 958	30 956	58 246	88.2	4.3	5.7	3.0	2.7	4.5	
South America												
Inward	95 744	140 354	126 595	110 039	131 595	19.6	16.0	20.4	18.5	16.3	16.4	
Outward	40 705	44 968	26 554	23 787	47 415	99.3	7.1	6.9	4.1	3.6	6.1	
Central America												
Inward	44 704	47 342	47 661	50 452	51 678	2.4	13.3	11.5	9.2	10.6	9.8	
Outward	-1 130	16 172	8 404	7 169	10 831	51.1	-0.3	3.9	1.6	1.5	2.1	
Caribbean												
Inward	99 701	81 116	46 625	78 743	86 131	9.4	14.6	14.0	15.5	16.2	17.2	
Outward	93 163	62 793	69 298	36 423	71 992	97.7	0.5	0.6	2.1	1.2	0.7	
Caribbean*												
Inward	2 799	5 763	3 397	4 387	4 319	-1.6	10.7	10.9	11.7	12.5	13.9	
Outward	979	1 366	887	480	- 902	-	0.7	0.0	0.9	-0.1	-0.3	
World*												
Inward	1 777 123	1 437 432	1 320 858	1 531 691	1 624 259	6.0	6.7	5.2	4.6	5.3	2.8	
Outward	1 884 784	1 535 101	1 227 404	1 651 395	1 863 570	12.8	7.5	5.9	4.5	6.0	3.3	

As a percentage of gross domestic product

FDI Stock	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %	As a percentage of gross domestic product					
							2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Latin America and the Caribbean*												
Inward	2 335 476	2 636 937	3 068 120	2 904 797	3 341 522	15.0	45.8	45.3	46.8	43.2	50.3	
Outward	787 399	795 637	836 477	847 950	980 158	15.6	16.0	14.0	13.0	12.9	15.1	
<i>Memorandum</i>												
South and Central America												
Inward	2 255 504	2 549 898	2 977 800	2 810 392	3 240 745	15.3	45.6	45.2	46.7	43.0	50.3	
Outward	781 293	788 586	828 461	839 396	972 274	15.8	16.3	14.3	13.2	13.1	15.4	
South America												
Inward	1 497 335	1 708 246	1 990 549	1 903 589	2 202 863	15.7	44.9	44.3	47.2	44.4	50.9	
Outward	568 692	578 399	596 559	600 914	647 339	7.7	17.8	15.5	14.6	14.4	15.4	
Central America												
Inward	758 169	841 652	987 251	906 802	1 037 881	14.5	47.1	47.0	45.8	40.4	49.2	
Outward	212 601	210 188	231 902	238 482	324 935	36.3	13.2	11.7	10.7	10.6	15.4	
Caribbean												
Inward	1 690 251	1 772 520	1 818 738	1 896 064	1 983 545	4.6	71.1	65.9	65.9	64.8	64.7	
Outward	468 506	530 891	600 120	636 403	708 641	11.4	11.8	10.7	11.0	11.1	10.6	
Caribbean*												
Inward	79 972	87 039	90 320	94 405	100 778	6.7	51.6	48.5	48.7	48.0	48.1	
Outward	6 106	7 050	8 016	8 554	7 884	-7.8	4.6	4.4	4.8	5.0	4.5	
World*												
Inward	46 552 115	43 703 488	47 715 403	50 525 882	57 834 319	14.5	47.6	43.0	45.0	45.9	51.2	
Outward	37 556 504	35 775 838	38 253 953	39 493 293	46 022 250	16.5	38.7	35.4	36.2	36.0	40.9	

Cross-border merger and acquisition (M&A) overview, 2022–2025

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	Sales (net)					Purchases (net)				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %
Latin America and the Caribbean*	15 969	11 079	2 435	4 678	92.2	- 1 053	- 2 185	- 2 068	5 752	-
<i>Memorandum</i>										
South and Central America	14 574	11 039	2 774	4 675	68.5	343	- 2 711	- 2 481	5 397	-
South America	5 440	9 994	6 691	3 824	-42.9	- 1 254	- 487	- 3 866	4 485	-
Central America	9 134	1 045	- 3 917	851	-	1 597	- 2 224	1 385	911	-34.2
Caribbean	2 105	1 572	- 205	347	-	- 2 529	2 926	3 797	921	-75.7
Caribbean*	1 395	40	- 339	4	-	- 1 396	526	413	355	-14.0
World*	723 477	402 394	453 805	420 547	-7.3	723 477	402 394	453 805	420 547	-7.3

Announced greenfield investment project overview, 2022–2025

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	As destination					As source				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %	2022	2023	2024	2025	2024-2025 Growth rate %
Latin America and the Caribbean*	118 244	137 628	170 808	118 844	-30.4	15 182	18 127	14 365	9 235	-35.7
<i>Memorandum</i>										
South and Central America	114 336	135 667	168 625	115 434	-31.5	14 654	18 104	14 210	9 198	-35.3
South America	61 074	97 758	120 160	89 207	-25.8	10 223	16 315	11 513	7 142	-38.0
Central America	53 262	37 909	48 466	26 226	-45.9	4 431	1 789	2 697	2 056	-23.8
Caribbean	3 958	2 491	2 611	3 536	35.4	1 058	4 059	340	1 792	427.4
Caribbean*	3 908	1 961	2 183	3 411	56.3	528	24	155	37	-76.1
World*	1 330 871	1 422 369	1 378 521	1 393 023	1.1	1 330 871	1 422 369	1 378 521	1 393 023	1.1

*Excluding Caribbean offshore financial centres and special-purpose entities in reporting countries.

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