

World Investment Report 2024

Investment Facilitation and Digital Government

Country Fact Sheet: **United Arab Emirates**

Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and per cent)

FDI flows	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Growth rate, 2022-2023 %	As a percentage of gross fixed capital formation					
							2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
United Arab Emirates												
Inward	17 875	19 884	20 667	22 737	30 688	35.0	23.3	28.2	24.7	22.2	28.2	
Outward	21 226	18 937	22 546	24 833	22 328	-10.1	27.6	26.8	26.9	24.2	20.5	
<i>Memorandum</i>												
Qatar												
Inward	-2 813	-2 434	-1 093	76	- 474	..	-	-	-	-	-	
Outward	4 450	2 730	160	2 384	- 191	..	-	-	-	-	-	
Saudi Arabia												
Inward	3 079	1 621	23 112	28 055	12 319	-56.1	1.6	0.9	10.9	10.3	4.1	
Outward	14 553	5 411	24 674	26 962	16 071	-40.4	7.8	3.1	11.6	9.9	5.4	
West Asia												
Inward	33 293	30 659	64 156	71 857	65 220	-9.2	6.0	5.8	9.9	9.1	6.8	
Outward	42 944	38 280	57 503	87 255	58 883	-32.5	6.4	6.2	8.7	10.7	6.2	
Developing Asia												
Inward	497 788	513 069	666 542	677 829	621 144	-8.4	5.5	5.8	6.3	6.2	5.6	
Outward	346 416	382 427	457 597	470 637	440 419	-6.4	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.0	
Developing economies*												
Inward	704 489	646 983	889 965	929 551	867 417	-6.7	6.7	6.3	7.3	7.3	6.6	
Outward	398 849	383 471	505 827	551 567	491 261	-10.9	3.8	3.8	4.2	4.3	3.8	
World*												
Inward	1 729 239	984 578	1 621 808	1 355 749	1 327 648	-2.1	7.7	4.5	6.4	5.2	4.9	
Outward	1 444 809	779 507	1 881 922	1 574 724	1 542 472	-2.0	6.4	3.5	7.5	6.0	5.7	

FDI Stock	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Growth rate, 2022-2023 %	As a percentage of gross domestic product					
							2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
United Arab Emirates												
Inward	131 012	150 896	171 563	194 300	224 987	15.8	31.3	43.2	41.3	38.3	44.6	
Outward	184 790	192 501	215 047	239 880	262 208	9.3	44.2	55.1	51.8	47.3	52.0	
<i>Memorandum</i>												
Qatar												
Inward	31 061	28 627	27 534	27 610	27 136	-1.7	17.6	19.8	15.3	11.7	11.6	
Outward	44 780	47 510	47 670	50 054	49 862	-0.4	25.4	32.9	26.5	21.2	21.3	
Saudi Arabia												
Inward	236 376	241 775	261 061	268 947	215 524	-19.9	28.2	32.9	29.9	24.3	20.2	
Outward	125 026	130 437	154 673	187 068	203 768	8.9	14.9	17.8	17.7	16.9	19.1	
West Asia												
Inward	825 562	923 440	877 513	982 875	931 257	-5.3	28.0	36.2	29.3	29.1	24.6	
Outward	511 387	531 558	573 164	654 509	707 394	8.1	17.6	21.1	19.4	18.2	18.7	
Developing Asia												
Inward	8 157 739	8 767 205	10 889 510	11 052 894	11 674 477	5.6	31.6	34.3	36.2	35.5	36.8	
Outward	6 696 339	7 533 872	8 077 963	8 269 297	8 793 808	6.3	26.2	29.7	27.1	26.5	27.8	
Developing economies*												
Inward	11 343 075	11 886 195	14 300 663	14 783 189	15 696 192	6.2	33.7	36.6	37.6	36.9	38.1	
Outward	7 695 457	8 621 643	9 195 310	9 391 648	9 976 074	6.2	23.3	27.1	24.6	23.7	24.6	
World*												
Inward	36 150 805	41 892 770	47 156 148	44 375 102	49 130 846	10.7	41.4	49.2	48.7	44.2	47.0	
Outward	35 009 321	40 717 981	43 385 944	40 569 644	44 380 560	9.4	40.3	48.2	45.1	40.6	42.7	

Cross-border merger and acquisition (M&A) overview, 2020–2023

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	Sales (net)					Purchases (net)				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Growth rate, 2022-2023 %	2020	2021	2022	2023	Growth rate, 2022-2023 %
United Arab Emirates	16 392	1 520	6 975	1 582	-77.3	-2 810	6 079	6 770	7 293	7.7
<i>Memorandum</i>										
Qatar	-	- 103	-	-	..	451	- 483	68	-1 610	..
Saudi Arabia	359	24 452	15 789	- 162	..	14	501	6 090	16 554	171.8
West Asia	20 648	31 052	36 705	3 250	-91.1	-1 257	7 669	28 018	22 980	-18.0
Developing Asia	75 137	100 370	83 965	57 026	-32.1	70 098	43 559	57 856	73 795	27.5
Developing economies*	86 283	113 382	107 257	76 434	-28.7	68 402	40 083	58 226	72 595	24.7
World*	474 864	737 452	706 572	378 370	-46.4	474 864	737 452	706 572	378 370	-46.4

Announced greenfield investment project overview, 2020–2023

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	As destination					As source				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Growth rate, 2022-2023 %	2020	2021	2022	2023	Growth rate, 2022-2023 %
United Arab Emirates	9 266	7 058	11 590	15 589	34.5	8 892	17 698	89 992	70 102	-22.1
<i>Memorandum</i>										
Qatar	1 264	1 317	30 276	248	-99.2	464	558	1 165	11 714	905.8
Saudi Arabia	10 070	9 141	13 871	28 834	107.9	3 476	4 505	29 177	25 484	-12.7
West Asia	35 839	31 045	76 546	91 470	19.5	18 290	29 070	125 584	120 559	-4.0
Developing Asia	180 572	170 863	312 643	451 328	44.4	145 809	129 701	324 991	440 920	35.7
Developing economies*	296 731	292 835	622 048	749 412	20.5	159 087	147 205	344 596	466 243	35.3
World*	640 585	829 693	1 309 067	1 380 401	5.4	640 585	829 693	1 309 067	1 380 401	5.4

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2024* (<https://unctad.org/wir> or <https://unctad.org/fdistatistics>).

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

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