

World Investment Report 2024

Investment Facilitation and Digital Government

Country Fact Sheet:

Lao People's Democratic Republic

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
Lao People's Democratic Republic											
Inward	756	968	1 072	636	1 668	162.4	-	-	-	-	-
Outward	-	-	-	-	-	..	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Memorandum</i>											
Cambodia											
Inward	3 663	3 625	3 483	3 579	3 959	10.6	32.6	34.1	32.3	27.0	40.2
Outward	102	127	92	151	151	0.5	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.5
Myanmar											
Inward	2 509	1 907	2 067	1 239	1 520	22.7	11.6	7.8	9.6	6.1	6.4
Outward	-	-	-	-	-	..	-	-	-	-	-
South-East Asia											
Inward	164 848	119 310	208 447	223 134	226 317	1.4	18.3	14.4	23.2	23.8	22.5
Outward	89 683	67 964	90 962	83 339	88 514	6.2	10.3	8.6	10.5	9.2	9.1
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
Lao People's Democratic Republic											
Inward	10 168	11 136	12 208	12 736	14 404	13.1	54.2	60.2	65.9	84.2	94.8
Outward	95	95	95	95	95	..	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
<i>Memorandum</i>											
Cambodia											
Inward	33 987	36 903	41 025	44 537	48 420	8.7	92.7	106.4	113.0	114.0	115.7
Outward	1 049	1 176	1 171	1 321	1 473	11.5	2.9	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.5
Myanmar											
Inward	33 215	35 122	37 189	38 427	39 948	4.0	48.3	45.1	54.6	62.2	61.9
Outward	-	-	-	-	-	..	-	-	-	-	-
South-East Asia											
Inward	2 764 661	3 076 358	3 356 848	3 506 027	3 869 160	10.4	85.0	99.2	98.6	95.6	101.5
Outward	1 600 393	1 875 706	2 028 482	2 126 097	2 319 939	9.1	50.5	62.3	61.0	59.2	62.1
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

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 %
Lao People's Democratic Republic	-	-	-	-	..	-	-7	-	-	..
<i>Memorandum</i>										
Cambodia	-	-	35	5	-85.1	-	-	-	-	..
Myanmar	-	-	-30	10	..	-	-	-	-	..
South-East Asia	-4 666	49 699	12 212	28 037	129.6	23 877	28 295	32 924	16 529	-49.8
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 %
Lao People's Democratic Republic	103	166	541	731	35.3	-	-	-	-	..
<i>Memorandum</i>										
Cambodia	1 556	391	1 050	2 554	143.2	120	-	1	414	29 485.7
Myanmar	4 275	149	89	105	19.1	-	29	11	1	-88.6
South-East Asia	69 838	67 874	112 964	175 217	55.1	38 937	25 295	36 168	44 221	22.3
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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<https://unctad.org/wir>

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