

World Investment Report 2025

International investment in the digital economy

Country Fact Sheet:

Lebanon

Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and per cent)

FDI flows							As a percentage of gross fixed capital formation				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Growth rate, 2023-2024 %	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Lebanon											
Inward	1 607	600	561	1 067	1 843	72.7	52.3	14.7	10.5	19.1	26.0
Outward	29	-1 339	34	121	391	222.8	0.9	-32.9	0.6	2.2	5.5
<i>Memorandum</i>											
Syrian Arab Republic											
Inward	-	-	-	-	-	..	-	-	-	-	-
Outward	-	-	-	-	-	..	-	-	-	-	-
Türkiye											
Inward	7 507	11 260	13 372	10 547	10 591	0.4	3.8	4.9	5.1	2.9	2.6
Outward	3 236	5 036	4 522	5 853	5 939	1.5	1.6	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.4
West Asia											
Inward	30 490	69 166	69 507	78 392	82 082	4.7	5.9	10.9	8.7	8.6	8.3
Outward	38 283	57 502	86 736	60 565	66 688	10.1	6.4	8.9	10.6	6.7	6.6
Developing Asia											
Inward	505 590	672 890	676 707	622 329	604 517	-2.9	5.7	6.3	6.1	5.6	5.2
Outward	379 078	456 151	471 405	467 020	454 306	-2.7	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.2	3.9
Developing economies*											
Inward	640 943	899 486	929 609	865 408	867 162	0.2	6.2	7.3	7.2	6.6	6.4
Outward	380 053	504 286	547 939	517 428	491 478	-5.0	3.7	4.1	4.3	4.0	3.7
World*											
Inward	868 563	1 676 523	1 389 526	1 454 976	1 508 803	3.7	3.9	6.6	5.2	5.3	5.3
Outward	648 576	1 914 411	1 568 613	1 556 106	1 608 874	3.4	2.9	7.6	5.9	5.7	5.7

FDI Stock							As a percentage of gross domestic product				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Growth rate, 2023-2024 %	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Lebanon											
Inward	69 477	70 077	70 638	71 706	73 548	2.6	278.2	354.2	285.4	303.7	260.1
Outward	16 002	14 663	14 697	14 818	15 208	2.6	64.1	74.1	59.4	62.8	53.8
<i>Memorandum</i>											
Syrian Arab Republic											
Inward	10 743	10 743	10 743	10 743	10 743	..	-	-	-	-	-
Outward	5	5	5	5	5	..	-	-	-	-	-
Türkiye											
Inward	228 231	137 560	258 365	191 740	180 025	-6.1	31.8	17.0	28.5	17.0	13.6
Outward	49 877	51 417	53 671	62 831	69 435	10.5	7.0	6.4	5.9	5.6	5.3
West Asia											
Inward	831 711	796 997	978 781	989 771	1 054 917	6.6	32.5	26.6	29.0	28.1	28.0
Outward	531 558	582 023	661 925	720 677	788 728	9.4	21.0	19.7	18.3	19.2	19.7
Developing Asia											
Inward	8 270 169	10 400 842	10 675 499	11 176 326	11 784 268	5.4	32.0	34.1	33.7	34.7	35.1
Outward	7 000 498	7 514 453	7 688 665	8 166 120	8 668 698	6.2	27.3	24.8	24.3	25.3	25.8
Developing economies*											
Inward	11 394 020	13 819 118	14 398 133	15 325 263	15 812 885	3.2	34.8	35.9	35.5	36.7	36.7
Outward	8 087 927	8 633 936	8 815 011	9 287 453	9 878 183	6.4	25.2	22.9	22.0	22.5	23.1
World*											
Inward	41 278 103	46 509 216	43 733 573	48 097 605	50 907 355	5.8	48.2	47.6	43.1	45.3	46.2
Outward	40 048 460	42 226 844	39 492 629	42 596 581	43 594 995	2.3	47.1	43.5	39.0	40.3	39.7

Cross-border merger and acquisition (M&A) overview, 2021–2024

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	Sales (net)					Purchases (net)				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	Growth rate, 2023-2024 %	2021	2022	2023	2024	Growth rate, 2023-2024 %
Lebanon	3	-	-	-	..	- 429	94	-	-	..
<i>Memorandum</i>										
Syrian Arab Republic	-	-	-	-	..	-	-	-	-	..
Türkiye	1 028	2 516	820	763	-6.9	1 467	45	646	- 900	..
West Asia	31 062	39 171	3 388	- 140	..	7 642	24 336	23 084	11 710	-49.3
Developing Asia	107 830	88 441	58 280	24 800	-57.4	43 337	51 726	78 102	52 949	-32.2
Developing economies*	123 121	113 099	78 869	24 364	-69.1	39 686	49 168	76 156	51 499	-32.4
World*	759 152	725 459	387 066	442 692	14.4	759 152	725 459	387 066	442 692	14.4

Announced greenfield investment project overview, 2021–2024

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	As destination					As source				
	2021	2022	2023	2024	Growth rate, 2023-2024 %	2021	2022	2023	2024	Growth rate, 2023-2024 %
Lebanon	-	12	15	3	-77.8	518	239	308	266	-13.5
<i>Memorandum</i>										
Syrian Arab Republic	-	-	-	-	..	-	-	-	-	..
Türkiye	4 813	4 120	14 241	9 363	-34.3	4 009	3 327	6 374	14 506	127.6
West Asia	35 807	83 520	102 184	56 114	-45.1	30 930	128 997	124 083	116 798	-5.9
Developing Asia	179 993	302 270	469 694	362 822	-22.8	144 115	333 055	441 004	353 762	-19.8
Developing economies*	306 834	614 053	785 725	640 101	-18.5	161 743	352 570	467 005	377 578	-19.1
World*	889 325	1 302 481	1 412 978	1 337 922	-5.3	889 325	1 302 481	1 412 978	1 337 922	-5.3

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

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