

World Investment Report 2024

Investment Facilitation and Digital Government

Country Fact Sheet:

South Africa

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	
South Africa												
Inward	5 125	3 062	40 215	9 231	5 233	-43.3	8.5	6.6	72.6	16.0	9.1	
Outward	3 147	-1 951	139	2 162	-2 811	..	5.2	-4.2	0.3	3.8	-4.9	
<i>Memorandum</i>												
Angola												
Inward	-4 098	-1 866	-4 355	-6 599	-2 086	..	-23.1	-12.9	-23.4	-22.3	-9.5	
Outward	-2 349	91	-1 057	41	33	-18.8	-13.3	0.6	-5.7	0.1	0.2	
Nigeria												
Inward	2 305	2 385	3 313	895	1 873	109.3	2.1	2.1	2.8	0.9	2.1	
Outward	285	1 473	1 818	2 811	256	-90.9	0.3	1.3	1.6	2.9	0.3	
Southern Africa												
Inward	4 514	4 871	42 373	7 450	9 109	22.3	4.2	5.8	43.9	6.3	8.3	
Outward	1 529	-1 793	- 899	2 614	-2 751	..	1.5	-2.3	-1.0	2.3	-2.7	
Africa												
Inward	46 975	41 048	82 196	54 465	52 633	-3.4	8.0	7.4	13.8	8.6	8.6	
Outward	5 122	2 465	5 144	9 232	61	-99.3	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.7	-	
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	
South Africa												
Inward	145 246	133 127	174 783	172 210	124 025	-28.0	37.3	39.4	41.6	42.5	32.8	
Outward	214 998	250 964	223 830	207 954	157 764	-24.1	55.2	74.2	53.3	51.3	41.8	
<i>Memorandum</i>												
Angola												
Inward	18 879	21 595	20 861	14 262	12 177	-14.6	22.3	37.8	27.9	11.6	12.9	
Outward	4 839	4 840	5 218	5 259	5 292	0.6	5.7	8.5	7.0	4.3	5.6	
Nigeria												
Inward	84 627	87 013	87 525	86 239	73 375	-14.9	18.9	20.3	19.8	18.1	19.6	
Outward	12 217	12 271	15 572	18 297	17 663	-3.5	2.7	2.9	3.5	3.8	4.7	
Southern Africa												
Inward	249 505	238 475	284 707	279 354	234 100	-16.2	42.6	47.9	45.9	42.4	38.6	
Outward	224 164	260 165	233 081	216 775	166 352	-23.3	38.4	52.5	37.7	33.0	27.5	
Africa												
Inward	925 089	954 396	1 025 423	1 045 624	1 036 252	-0.9	36.0	38.5	37.0	35.1	36.3	
Outward	291 107	331 116	308 491	296 153	248 821	-16.0	12.5	14.8	12.3	11.0	9.8	
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 %
South Africa	2 239	280	4 760	6 946	45.9	-3 727	1 621	662	- 982	..
<i>Memorandum</i>										
Angola	-	- 600	-	-	..	-	39	-	-	..
Nigeria	417	- 713	417	317	-24.0	30	-	7	19	161.7
Southern Africa	2 273	-1 814	4 829	6 948	43.9	-3 708	1 746	689	- 982	..
Africa	3 334	-1 493	8 667	8 569	-1.1	-4 525	2 632	1 253	850	-32.2
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 %
South Africa	6 686	5 200	26 784	14 325	-46.5	3 112	3 154	1 710	3 283	91.9
<i>Memorandum</i>										
Angola	3 382	2 603	370	575	55.5	40	-	4	12	191.7
Nigeria	5 992	1 759	1 986	8 500	328.0	322	641	714	639	-10.4
Southern Africa	12 113	18 366	36 286	24 158	-33.4	3 191	3 516	1 908	3 614	89.4
Africa	50 249	52 211	195 957	174 745	-10.8	6 532	8 426	6 016	8 425	40.0
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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