

Central African Republic



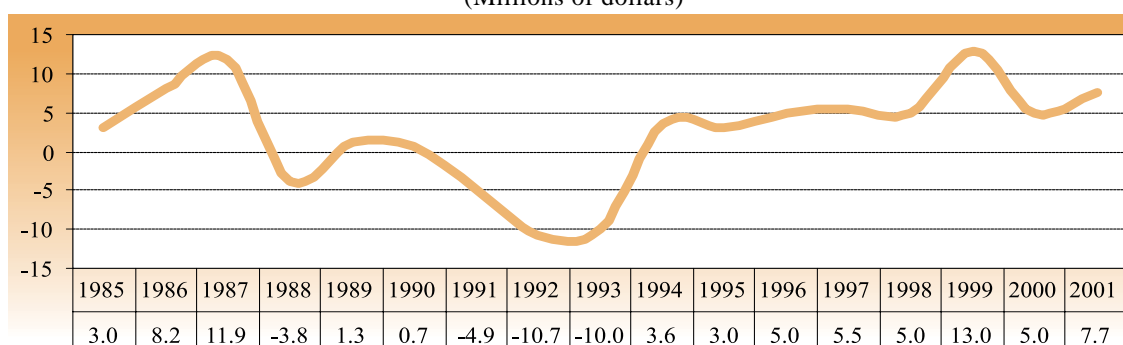
Area ('000 km ²):		623.0
Population (millions):	2001	3.8
Capital city:		Bangui
Official language:		French and Sango
Currency:		CFA franc
Exchange rate (period average):	2001	CFAfr738.51=\$1
GDP in current prices (millions of dollars):	2000	962.5
Exports of goods and services (millions of dollars):	1999	178.0
Imports of goods and services (millions of dollars):	1999	252.7
Official development assistance (millions of dollars):	2000	53.1
External debt (millions of dollars):	2000	872

Inward FDI: geographical breakdown, by source (Millions of dollars)

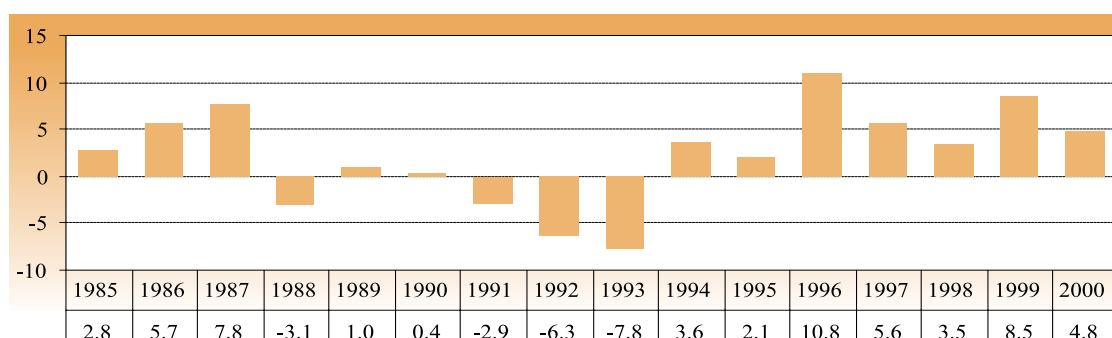
Region/economy	Inflows	Year	Inward stock	Year
Developed economies				
Belgium/Luxembourg	1.1	1998	..	..
France	3.0	1999	..	..
United States	-2.0	1986	2.0	1985
Developing economies				
China	..	..	1.8 ^a	1995
India	..	..	10.3	1992

^a Approval data.

FDI inflows, 1985-2001 (Millions of dollars)

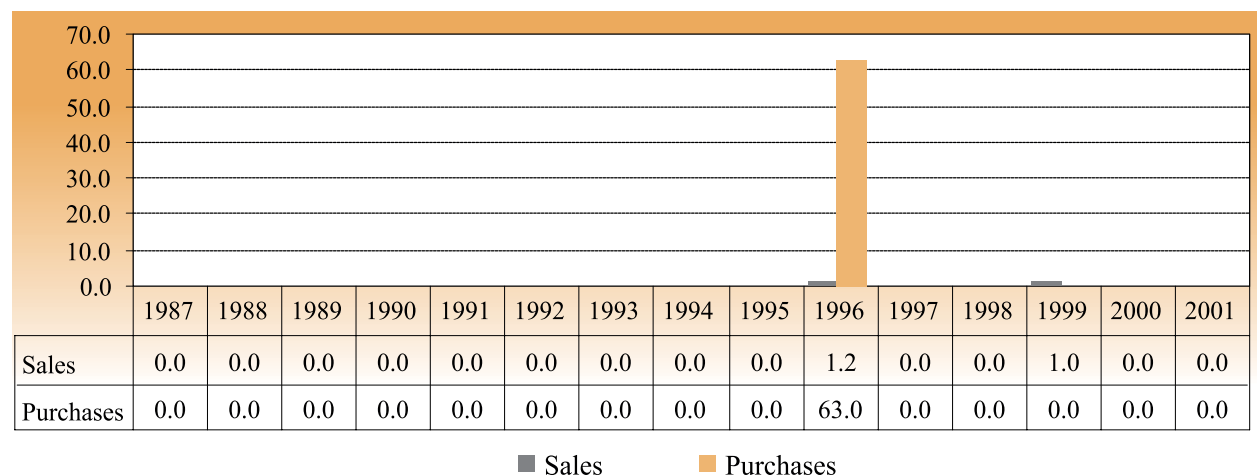


FDI inflows as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation, 1985-2000



Cross-border M&As, sales and purchases, 1987-2001

(Millions of dollars)



Largest cross-border M&A deals, 1987-2001

Acquired company	Industry	Acquiring company	Home economy	Value (\$ million)	Year
West African Batteries	Storage batteries	UTC Nigera	Nigeria	2.0	1993
Meridien-BIAO-Centrafricque	Banks, non-US chartered	Banque Belgoise (Generale Bk)	Belgium	1.2	1996
Banque Internationale	Commercial banks, bank holding companies	Banque Belgoise (Generale Bk)	Belgium	1.0	1999
Boungou River Pty(United) ^a	Metal mining services	United Reef Ltd	Canada	..	1995

^a The ultimate parent company is based in Canada.

BITs, 1 January 2002

Economy	Date of signature
France	13 August 1960
Germany	23 August 1965
Switzerland	28 February 1973

DTTs, 1 January 2002

Economy	Date of signature
France	13 December 1969

Largest foreign affiliates, 2001

Company	Home economy	Industry	Sales (\$ million)	Employment	Year of establishment
Société Centrafricaine Des Gaz Industriels SA	France	Industrial gases	2.1	27	..
Société Centrafricaine De Cigarettes SA	France	Cigarettes	..	115	..
C F A O Centrafrique SA	France	Nondurable goods	..	..	..
Sodeca	France	..	..	..	..
Sdv Centrafrique	France	..	..	..	..

Other relevant information

- **Membership of relevant international agreements as of June 2002:** CREFAA, ICSID, MIGA, TRIMs, GATS, TRIPS
- **Address and website of investment promotion agency:** Banque Centrafricaine d'Investissement (BCI) B.P. 93 Bangui - République Centrafricaine; Tel: (236) 61 0064
- **Fortune Global 500 investors:** Bouygues, Fortis, Groupe Pinault-Printemps.
- **Member of WAIPA as of June 2002:** No