

Sierra Leone



Area ('000 km ²):		71.7
Population (millions):	2000	4.9
Capital city:		Freetown
Official language:		English
Currency:		Leone
Exchange rate (period average):	1999	Le1,804.2=\$1
GDP in current prices (millions of dollars):	1999	669.4
Exports of goods and services (millions of dollars):	1995	269.0
Imports of goods and services (millions of dollars):	1999	129.2
Official development assistance (millions of dollars):	1999	59.9
External debt (millions of dollars):	1998	1,243

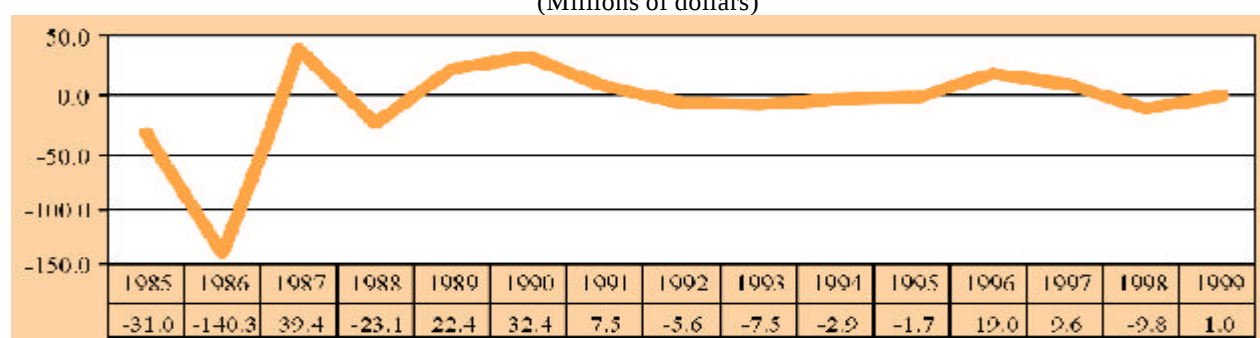
Inward FDI: geographical breakdown, by source (Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	Inflows	Year	Inward stock	Year
Developed economies				
Belgium/Luxembourg	-0.03	1998	..	..
France	0.2	1994	..	..
Japan	..	..	0.8 ^a	1998
Sweden	0.8	1999	..	..
United Kingdom	7.1	1988	3.1	1994
United States	-10.0	1998	60.0	1999
Developing economies				
China	..	..	1.1 ^b	1995

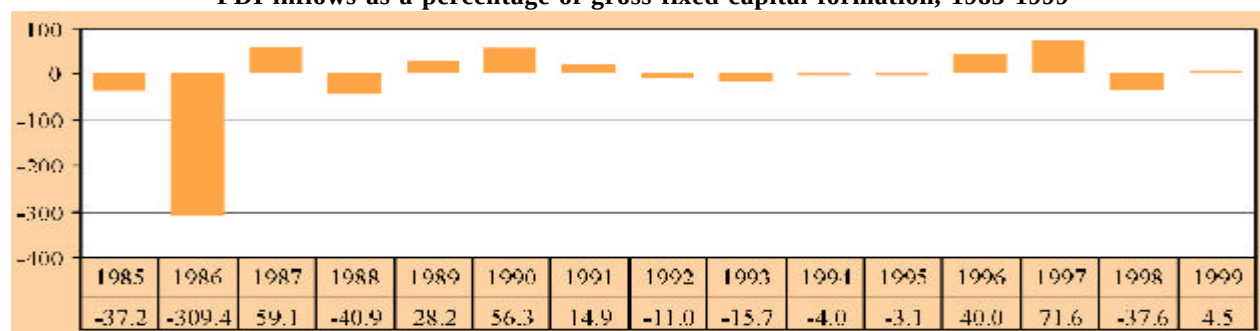
^a Approval/notified data.

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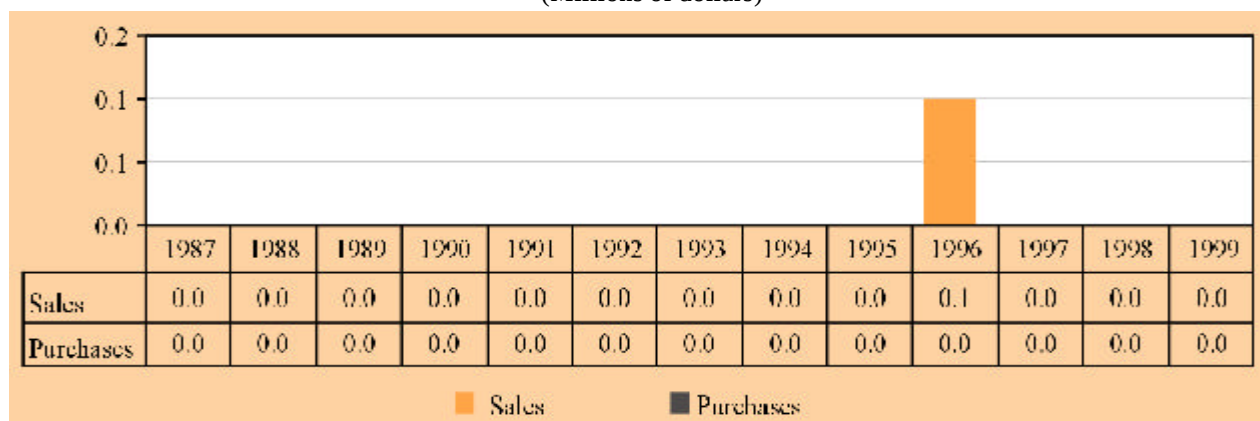
FDI inflows, 1985-1999 (Millions of dollars)



FDI inflows as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation, 1985-1999



Cross-border M&As, sales and purchases, 1987-1999
(Millions of dollars)



Largest cross-border M&A deals, 1987-1999

Acquired company	Industry	Acquiring company	Home economy	Value (\$ million)	Year
Bennimix Food Co (Sierra Leone) ^a	Food and kindred products	Marz Chemicals	Lebanon	0.1	1996
Gem World Ltd.	Mining	Gold King Consolidated Inc.	United States	..	1996
Sierra Rutile Ltd.	Mining	Renison Gold Corp.	Australia	..	1996

^a Privatization.

BITs, 1 January 2000

Economy	Date of signature
Germany	8 April 1965
United Kingdom	8 December 1981

DTTs, 1 January 2000

Economy	Date of signature
Denmark	22 December 1954
India	23 June 1956
Norway	18 May 1955
United Kingdom	19 December 1947

Largest foreign affiliates, 1999

Company	Home economy	Industry	Sales (\$ million)	Employment	Year of establishment
Person Zochonis Sierra Leone Ltd.	United Kingdom	..	..	..	..

Other relevant information

- **Membership of relevant international agreements as of April 2001:** ICSID, MIGA, TRIMs, GATS, TRIPS.
- **Address and website of investment promotion agency:** Ministry of Trade, Industry and State Enterprises
Ministerial Building, George Street, Freetown
Tel: (232-22) 22 65 22; Fax: (232-22) 22 83 73
- **Fortune 500 investors:** None
- **Member of WAIPA as of March 2001:** Yes