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Foreign direct investment (FDI) overview, selected years

(Millions of dollars and percentages)

FDI flows	1990-2000 (Annual average)	2004	2005	2006	2007	<i>as a percentage of gross fixed capital formation</i>			
						1990-2000 (Annual average)	2005	2006	2007
Barbados									
Inward	13	- 12	62	92	51	4.4	9.9	12.4	6.4
Outward	2	4	9	14	10	0.6	1.5	1.9	1.2
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Brazil									
Inward	12 000	18 146	15 066	18 822	34 585	9.8	10.7	10.6	15.0
Outward	1 048	9 807	2 517	28 202	7 067	0.9	1.8	15.9	3.1
Trinidad and Tobago									
Inward	457	998	940	788	1 035	38.3	40.9	22.1	25.4
Outward	68	25	341	370	280	-	14.8	10.4	6.9
Caribbean									
Inward	6 795	31 045	7 351	24 634	22 647	44.2	34.0	95.8	78.2
Outward	7 809	8 833	15 720	18 347	25 405	69.1	85.8	88.0	107.5
Latin America and the Caribbean									
Inward	47 117	94 443	76 412	92 945	126 266	13.2	15.4	15.4	18.0
Outward	13 487	28 027	35 765	63 281	52 336	3.8	7.3	10.6	7.5
Developing economies									
Inward	130 755	283 641	316 444	412 990	499 747	9.2	11.4	12.5	12.6
Outward	52 928	120 008	117 579	212 258	253 145	3.8	4.3	6.5	6.4
World									
Inward	492 605	717 695	958 697	1 411 018	1 833 324	7.7	9.7	12.9	14.8
Outward	492 535	920 151	880 808	1 323 150	1 996 514	7.9	9.0	12.2	16.2
FDI stocks						<i>as a percentage of gross domestic product</i>			
	1990	1995	2000	2006	2007	1990	2000	2006	2007
Barbados									
Inward	171	227	308	543	595	10.0	12.0	15.8	15.9
Outward	23	33	41	70	79	1.4	1.6	2.0	2.1
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Brazil									
Inward	37 143	47 887	122 250	236 186	328 455	8.5	19.0	22.0	25.0
Outward	41 044	44 474	51 946	113 925	129 840	9.4	8.1	10.6	9.9
Trinidad and Tobago									
Inward	2 365	3 870	7 280	12 440	13 475	46.7	89.3	68.5	65.1
Outward	21	21	293	1 419	1 699	0.4	3.6	7.8	8.2
Caribbean									
Inward	8 570	11 279	77 976	158 633	181 254	14.3	86.7	109.8	111.5
Outward	2 120	14 927	89 654	180 640	206 059	14.4	305.3	394.6	401.2
Latin America and the Caribbean									
Inward	110 547	185 123	502 900	945 029	1 140 007	9.9	24.5	30.3	32.4
Outward	58 133	88 172	204 668	430 021	493 213	5.5	10.3	14.2	14.5
Developing economies									
Inward	528 638	851 534	1 738 255	3 303 169	4 246 739	13.6	25.2	26.7	29.8
Outward	144 862	329 400	861 842	1 702 304	2 288 073	4.0	12.9	14.2	16.5
World									
Inward	1 941 252	2 914 356	5 786 700	12 470 085	15 210 560	9.1	18.1	25.5	27.9
Outward	1 785 267	2 941 198	6 148 211	12 756 149	15 602 339	8.5	19.4	26.3	28.9

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Cross-border merger and acquisition overview, 1990-2007

(Millions of dollars)

Region/economy	Sales				Purchases			
	1990-2000 (Annual average)	2005	2006	2007	1990-2000 (Annual average)	2005	2006	2007
Barbados	68	-	1 515	1	5	123	-	-
<i>Memorandum</i>								
Brazil	1 354	7 329	14 166	16 613	385	5 343	24 582	9 858
Trinidad and Tobago	54	30	-	-	140	30	155	-
Caribbean	1 054	3 385	9 433	5 318	630	3 804	2 279	8 027
Latin America and the Caribbean	8 571	29 132	46 138	51 238	4 384	15 244	39 270	47 625
Developing economies	16 531	122 473	171 811	179 221	12 806	90 479	151 605	178 438
World	159 269	929 362	1 118 068	1 637 107	159 269	929 362	1 118 068	1 637 107

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