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Country fact sheet: **Benin**

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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
Benin									
Inward	40	64	53	53	48	13.0	6.3	5.8	4.6
Outward	7	- 1	-	- 2	- 1	-	-	- 0.2	- 0.1
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Angola									
Inward	602	1 449	- 1 304	- 38	- 1 500	32.7	- 52.7	- 0.6	- 17.8
Outward	..	35	219	191	331	..	8.9	3.1	3.9
Senegal									
Inward	57	77	45	220	78	5.9	2.0	9.1	2.7
Outward	6	13	- 8	10	9	0.6	- 0.3	0.4	0.3
West Africa									
Inward	2 106	3 790	5 652	15 766	15 553	20.4	21.3	52.7	45.2
Outward	470	532	651	547	601	5.5	2.8	2.1	2.0
Africa									
Inward	6 884	18 020	29 459	45 754	52 982	7.1	16.3	21.4	21.3
Outward	1 913	2 050	2 282	7 829	6 055	2.2	1.5	4.1	2.7
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
Benin									
Inward	..	49	213	385	433	..	9.0	8.2	8.0
Outward	2	5	11	14	13	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2
<i>Memorandum</i>									
Angola									
Inward	1 024	2 922	7 978	12 171	12 207	10.0	87.4	25.7	19.9
Outward	1	-	2	462	793	-	-	1.0	1.3
Senegal									
Inward	258	374	295	477	555	4.2	6.3	5.1	5.0
Outward	47	94	117	162	171	0.8	2.5	1.7	1.5
West Africa									
Inward	14 015	23 526	33 403	66 986	83 171	13.5	31.8	32.7	33.1
Outward	1 799	4 561	6 627	8 845	9 449	2.0	6.7	4.7	4.0
Africa									
Inward	59 004	87 638	152 614	335 435	393 429	11.5	25.2	30.8	31.0
Outward	19 826	31 501	44 156	66 762	72 752	4.5	8.1	6.9	6.5
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

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2008*; www.unctad.org/wir or www.unctad.org/fdistatistics
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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
Benin	..	-	-	-	..	-	-	-
<i>Memorandum</i>								
Angola	..	175	1	-	..	-	-	-
Senegal	..	-	-	-	..	22	-	-
West Africa	35	69	5 299	1 566	24	44	21	174
Africa	824	12 246	30 806	18 236	1 457	3 949	23 106	13 086
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

Source: UNCTAD, *World Investment Report 2008*; www.unctad.org/wir or www.unctad.org/fdistatistics

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Country rankings by Inward FDI Performance Index, Inward FDI Potential Index and Outward FDI Performance Index, 2005-2007^a

Economy	Inward FDI Performance Index		Economy	Inward FDI Potential Index		Economy	Outward FDI Performance Index	
	2006	2007		2005	2006		2006	2007
Algeria	116		118 Madagascar	130		131 Mozambique	110	111
Norway	106		119 Guinea	134		132 Kyrgyzstan	29	112
Senegal	112		120 Niger	129		133 Burkina Faso	117	113
Bangladesh	120		121 Ethiopia	135		134 Malta	120	114
Kenya	134		122 Rwanda	132		135 Cameroon	114	115
Benin	113		123 Nepal	137		136 Benin	116	116
Uzbekistan	117		124 Malawi	138		137 Niger	103	117
Niger	121		125 Benin	136		138 Guinea	119	118
Greece	119		126 Congo, Democratic R	140		139 Dominican Republic	118	119
Ecuador	108		127 Haiti	139		140 Georgia	125	120
Papua New Guinea	131		128 Zimbabwe	141		141 Namibia	122	121

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For details, see annex table A.I.10. in *WIR08*.

Note: Ranking is that of the latest year available. Covering 141 economies. The potential index is based on 12 economic and policy variables

^a Three-year moving averages, using data for the three previous years, including the year in question.

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