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The International Investment Position of the United States at Yearend 2001

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In 2001, foreign-owned assets in the United States increased by a sizable amount while U.S.-owned assets abroad changed little, with direct investment valued at current cost (see the box "Current-Cost and Market-Value Methods of Valuing Direct Investment"). As a result, the net international investment position became more negative.

The net international investment position at current cost was -\$1,948.1 billion at yearend 2001, compared with -\$1,350.8 billion (revised) at yearend 2000 (table 1, chart 1). The previously published net international investment position for yearend 2000 was -\$1,842.7 billion; the revision reflects the incorporation of the U.S. Treasury Department's once-every-5-year Bench-

mark Survey of Foreign Portfolio Investment in the United States (see the box "Improvements in the Estimates"). In 2001, financial inflows into U.S. assets exceeded financial outflows into foreign assets, declines in stock market prices had a greater impact on U.S. assets abroad than on foreign assets in the United States, and exchange-rate depreciation of foreign currencies lowered the value of U.S. assets abroad more than it lowered the value of foreign assets in the United States.

The net international investment position with direct investment valued on an alternative basis—at the current stock market value of owners' equity—also became more negative; it was –\$2,309.1 billion at yearend 2001, compared with –\$1,583.2 billion (revised) at

Current-Cost and Market-Value Methods of Valuing Direct Investment

Since 1991, in the series of annual articles on the international investment position of the United States, two measures of valuing direct investment positions—the current-cost method and the market-value method—have been discussed and presented as two alternatives to the historical-cost valuation. The current-cost method values the U.S. and foreign parents' shares of their affiliates' investment in plant and equipment, using the current cost of capital equipment; in land, using general price indexes; and in inventories, using estimates of their replacement cost. The market-value method values the owners' equity share of direct investment using indexes of stock market prices. (For additional information, see J. Steven Landefeld and Ann M. Lawson, "Valuation of the U.S. Net International Investment Position," Survey OF CURRENT BUSINESS 71 (May 1991): 40-49.)

In this article, BEA emphasizes the current-cost method, because the estimates prepared using the current-cost method are comparable with BEA's current-cost estimates of total U.S. reproducible tangible wealth and with the Federal Reserve Board's estimates of domestic net worth (the sum of tangible assets located in the United States, including plant and equipment, inventories, and land). Furthermore, BEA's calculation of direct investment income includes a current-cost adjustment to depreciation; this adjustment converts depreciation as

reported on company financial statements to the preferred economic accounts measure, which is based on the current cost, rather than on the historical cost, of assets.

The estimates of direct investment in the international investment position continue to be presented on both current-cost and market-value bases in order to highlight that different methods of valuing direct investment may be appropriate for different circumstances and that depending on the valuation method used, the resulting estimates may differ substantially. All of the categories in the international investment position accounts except direct investment positions can be directly estimated with reference to readily observable market prices. For example, the value of positions in portfolio investment securities, gold, loans, currencies, and bank deposits can be directly estimated based on face values or market prices of recent transactions. In contrast, direct investment positions typically involve illiquid ownership interests in companies that may possess many unique attributes-such as customer base, management, and ownership of intangible assets—whose values in the current period are difficult to determine, because there is no widely accepted standard for revaluing company financial statements at historical cost into prices of the current period.

yearend 2000. Foreign-owned assets increased, though not as much as on the current-cost basis, while U.S.-owned assets decreased substantially, reflecting the greater impact of the declines in stock market prices on the market-value basis.

In the following discussion, the current-cost estimates of direct investment are featured, and the market-value estimates of direct investment are discussed only when there is a substantial difference between the two valuation measures. The differences between these

valuation measures are limited to differences in direct investment valuation adjustments, to differences in direct investment positions, and to differences in higher level aggregates that include these accounts. All financial flows and all asset and liability positions except direct investment are identical under both of these valuation measures.

With direct investment valued at current cost, U.S.-owned assets abroad increased slightly to \$6,196.1 billion at yearend 2001 from \$6,191.9 billion at yearend

Improvements in the Estimates

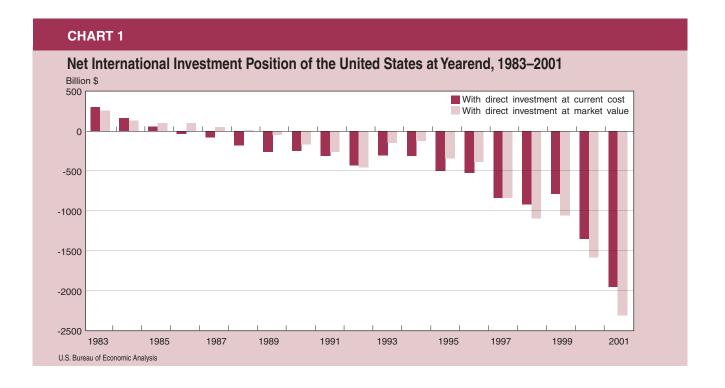
As is customary each July, the estimates of the U.S. international investment position incorporate newly available source data and methodological improvements that relate to the changes incorporated in the annual revision of the U.S. international transactions accounts.

This year, the estimates of foreign portfolio holdings of U.S. securities for 1995–2000 were revised to incorporate results from the U.S. Treasury Department's Benchmark Survey of Foreign Portfolio Investment in the United States, which covered foreign ownership of U.S. securities with an original maturity of more than 1 year as of March 2000. As a result, the net international investment positions are less negative than previously indicated. For yearend 2000, the net position was revised from –\$1,842.7 billion to –\$1,350.8 billion with direct investment at current cost and from –\$2,187.4 billion to

-\$1,583.2 billion with direct investment at market value.

The benchmark survey results were used by BEA to revise its estimates of the international investment position, as well as its estimates of financial inflows and associated flows of interest and dividend payments in BEA's international transactions accounts. In addition, BEA has used information from the benchmark survey and other sources to develop and implement new estimation methodologies that will improve future estimates of positions and of financial and income flows.

In addition, estimates of U.S. direct investment positions on a market-value basis for 1993–2000 were revised to incorporate improved source data. For additional information. See "Annual Revision of the U.S. International Accounts, 1993–2001" in this issue.



2000 (table A).

- •Net financial outflows increased the value of U.S. investments abroad by \$371.0 billion in 2001, down 39 percent from a record \$606.5 billion in 2000 (table B). U.S. nonbanks' claims on foreigners, mostly deposits overseas, slowed substantially. U.S. direct investment abroad slowed as U.S. acquisitions of foreign companies fell. U.S. banks' claims on foreigners declined from last year's record but remained strong. U.S. investors shifted to net sellers of foreign bonds but continued as net purchasers of foreign stocks.
- Negative valuation adjustments reduced the value of U.S. investments abroad by \$366.8 billion. Price depreciation of foreign stocks diminished the value of U.S. holdings of foreign stocks. Exchange-rate depreciation, principally on U.S.-held foreign stocks and on U.S. direct investment abroad, reflected depreciation of most foreign currencies against the U.S. dollar from yearend 2000 to yearend 2001 (table B).
- •With direct investment on a market-value basis, U.S.-owned assets decreased to \$6,862.9 billion from \$7,350.9 billion. Negative valuation adjustments reduced the value of U.S. investments abroad more on this basis (\$858.9 billion) than on a current-cost basis (\$366.8 billion), reflecting large declines in foreign stock market prices in 2001.

With direct investment valued at current cost, foreign-owned assets in the United States increased to \$8,144.3 billion at yearend 2001 from \$7,542.7 billion at yearend 2000 (table A).

Table A. U.S. Net International Investment Position at Yearend

[Billions of dollars]

	1999	2000	2001
Net position: At current cost	-784.1	-1,350.8	-1,948.1
	-1,053.6	-1,583.2	-2,309.1
U.Sowned assets abroad: At current costAt market value	5,959.0	6,191.9	6,196.1
	7,387.0	7,350.9	6,862.9
Foreign-owned assets in the United States: At current cost At market value	6,743.1	7,542.7	8,144.3
	8,440.5	8,934.0	9,172.1

Table B. Changes in U.S.-Owned Assets Abroad, 2001
[Billions of dollars]

	At current cost	At market value
Total change	4.2	-487.9
Financial flows	371.0	371.0
Valuation adjustments Price changes Exchange rate changes Other valuation changes	-124.7	-858.9 -715.8 -163.9 20.8

- Net financial inflows increased the value of foreign investments in the United States by \$752.8 billion in 2001, down 26 percent from a record \$1,016.0 billion in 2000. Foreign direct investment in the United States slowed substantially as a result of a large drop in foreign acquisitions of U.S. companies. Net foreign purchases of U.S. securities other than U.S. Treasury securities also slowed but included record net purchases of U.S. bonds. Inflows reported by U.S. nonbanks slowed significantly, but inflows reported by U.S. banks remained strong.
- Negative valuation adjustments reduced the value of foreign-owned assets in the United States by \$151.3 billion. Price depreciation of U.S. stocks reduced the value of foreign holdings of U.S. stocks.
- With direct investment on a market-value basis, foreign-owned assets in the United States increased to \$9,172.1 billion from \$8,934.0 billion. Negative valuation adjustments reduced the value of foreign investments in the United States more on this basis (\$514.8 billion) than on a current-cost basis (\$151.3 billion), reflecting large declines in U.S. stock market prices in 2001 (table C).

Table C. Changes in Foreign-Owned Assets in the United States, 2001

[Billions of dollars]

	At current cost	At market value
Total change	601.5	238.0
Financial flows	752.8	752.8
Valuation adjustments. Price changes	-151.3 -141.8 -21.3 11.8	-514.8 -500.4 -18.3 3.9

This article presents the major changes in U.S. assets abroad and in foreign assets in the United States in 2001. Tables 1 and 2 at the end of this article present detailed estimates of the yearend positions.

Changes in U.S.-Owned Assets Abroad

Bank and nonbank claims

U.S. claims on foreigners reported by U.S. banks increased \$164.7 billion, to \$1,416.8 billion, in 2001 (table D). The increase reflected high international demand for U.S. bank credit as deteriorating conditions in the international securities and commercial paper markets forced many borrowers to shift to bank credit. U.S. banks' own claims payable in dollars increased \$161.4 billion, to \$1,053.6 billion, largely as a result of banks funding their overseas offices. Asset growth at foreign-owned banks in the United States remained strong but slowed, reflecting slowdowns in syndicated lending and in overseas merger and acquisi-

Table D. U.S. Claims Reported by U.S. Banks and U.S.
Nonbanks at Yearend

[Billions of dollars]

	1999	2000	2001
Total bank-reported claims	1,100.3	1,252.1	1,416.8
Banks' own claims, payable in dollars	793.1 529.7 97.2 166.2 219.0 88.2 677.5	892.2 623.1 91.1 178.0 278.9 81.0	1,053.6 747.8 100.6 205.2 271.7 91.5 830.1

tion activity. U.S.-owned banks continued funding their offshore branches, primarily in Western Europe and the Caribbean. U.S. banks' claims on other foreigners increased, largely reflecting U.S. securities dealers' lending to international bond funds in the Caribbean and Western Europe, partly to finance increased foreign purchases of U.S. bonds.

U.S. banks' domestic customers' claims payable in dollars decreased \$7.2 billion, to \$271.7 billion, as U.S. investors reduced their holdings of foreign commercial paper as a result of falling short-term yields and heightened concerns about credit risk. U.S. banks' claims payable in foreign currencies increased \$10.5 billion, to \$91.5 billion, a significant rebound after 3 years of decline.

U.S. claims on foreigners reported by U.S. nonbanking concerns increased \$8.5 billion, to \$830.1 billion, largely reflecting a substantial slowdown in U.S. deposits in Western Europe and Caribbean banking centers (table D).

Foreign securities

U.S. holdings of foreign securities decreased \$278.9 billion, to \$2,110.5 billion, in 2001. Net U.S. purchases of \$94.7 billion were more than offset by large negative valuation adjustments as a result of declines in foreign stock prices and of exchange-rate depreciation in most foreign currencies against the U.S. dollar.

U.S. holdings of foreign stocks decreased \$267.7 billion, to \$1,564.7 billion, in 2001. Net U.S. purchases of \$106.8 billion were more than offset by negative valuation adjustments of \$296.6 billion in stock-price depreciation and \$77.9 billion in exchange-rate depreciation. Exchanges of stocks associated with foreign acquisitions of U.S. companies decreased sharply and accounted for a smaller portion of total net outflows. In nonmerger-related transactions, net U.S. purchases of foreign stocks increased, mostly in the first half of the year before concerns heightened over declining stock prices, the September 11th events, and limited economic recovery abroad.

• U.S. holdings of Western European stocks decreased \$187.0 billion, to \$932.7 billion. The decrease was attributable to 18-percent price depreciation of European stocks and to a 6-percent exchange-rate depreciation of the euro against the U.S. dollar and smaller depreciations of other Western European currencies against the dollar (table E). These negative valuation adjustments were partly offset by net U.S. purchases of \$51.5 billion. Exchanges of stock associated with Western European acquisitions of U.S. companies accounted for 52 percent of net U.S. purchases in 2001, down from 114 percent in 2000.

- U.S. holdings of Japanese stocks decreased \$38.7 billion, to \$143.5 billion, as Japanese stock prices declined 20 percent and the yen depreciated 15 percent against the U.S. dollar. These negative valuation adjustments were partly offset by net U.S. purchases of \$19.9 billion, mostly in the first half of the year.
- •U.S. holdings of Canadian stocks decreased \$23.7 billion, to \$99.6 billion, reflecting 16-percent depreciation of Canadian stock prices, 6-percent exchange-rate depreciation of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar, and reduced net U.S. purchases of Canadian stocks.
- U.S. holdings of other foreign stocks, mostly emerging market stocks, decreased \$18.3 billion, to \$388.9 billion. Increases from price appreciation of most emerging market stocks and from net U.S. purchases were more than offset by losses from exchange-rate depreciation. In 2001, the Morgan Stanley Capital International Emerging Markets stock index rose 5.1 percent in local currency terms, but it fell 4.9 percent in U.S. dollar terms.

U.S. holdings of foreign bonds decreased \$11.2 billion, to \$545.8 billion, in 2001. A sharp swing to net sales of \$12.1 billion and exchange-rate depreciation of \$17.3 billion were partly offset by bond-price

Table E. U.S. Holdings of Foreign Stocks by Major Area and Country at Yearend

[Billions of dollars]

	1999	2000	2001
Total holdings Western Europe Of which: United Kingdom Finland France Germany Ireland Italy Netherlands Spain Sweden Switzerland Canada Japan Latin America Of which: Argentina Brazil Mexico Other Western Hemisphere Of which: Bermuda Netherlands Antilles Other countries Of which: Australia Hong Kong Singapore	2,026.6 1,167.8 374.8 58.4 183.2 117.6 18.2 53.5 141.9 35.7 74.8 64.3 100.7 273.7 89.1 11.3 28.9 30.2 129.0 45.9 26.7 266.3 39.2 38.7	1,832.4 1,119.7 365.7 183.3 94.7 16.8 50.1 137.8 30.7 65.9 75.5 123.3 182.2 73.7 25.1 144.2 36.3 34.4 189.3 35.1 34.3	1,564.7 932.7 335.0 39.4 140.4 91.0 114.4 38.2 103.8 24.8 53.0 57.2 99.6 60.2 8.1 120.0 141.7 34.8 28.3 187.0 37.9 32.2

appreciation of \$18.2 billion (table F). High returns on U.S. bonds relative to most other industrial countries' bonds and heightened uncertainty about the prospects for economic growth abroad encouraged a shift to dollar-denominated bonds. The depreciation of most foreign currencies against the U.S. dollar prompted continued U.S. selling of foreign-currency-denominated bonds. Net U.S. sales of foreign bonds occurred mainly in the third quarter, when investors further reduced their exposure in foreign markets.

U.S. direct investment abroad

U.S. direct investment abroad at current cost increased \$107.8 billion, to \$1,623.1 billion, in 2001; at market value, it decreased \$384.3 billion, to \$2,289.9 billion (table G). At current cost, net financial outflows were partly offset by negative valuation adjustments; at market value, net financial flows were more than offset by large negative valuation adjustments, mainly as a result of large price depreciation in most foreign stock markets (table H). Net outflows declined to \$127.8 billion, the lowest level since 1997, as U.S. acquisitions of foreign companies were reduced by the economic slowdowns in the United States and overseas. Net equity capital outflows decreased to \$49.8 billion; intercompany debt outflows shifted to inflows of \$1.7 billion; and reinvested earnings decreased to \$79.7 billion, reflecting a slowdown in overseas affiliates' earnings.

U.S. official reserve assets and other U.S. Government assets

U.S. official reserve assets increased \$1.6 billion, to \$130.0 billion, in 2001. The increase was more than accounted for by a \$3.0 billion increase in the U.S. reserve position at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), as large net U.S. dollar lending from the IMF's General Resources Account to Turkey, Argentina, and

Table F. U.S. Holdings of Foreign Bonds by Major Area and Country at Yearend

[Billions of dollars]

	1999	2000	2001
Total holdings Western Europe Of which: United Kingdom France. Germany Italy Netherlands Sweden Canada Japan Latin America Of which: Argentina Brazil Mexico Other Western Hemisphere Of which: Augman Islands Other countries Of which: Australia Korea, Republic of International organizations	556.7 195.8 61.0 12.7 43.9 12.6 12.4 12.2 104.4 27.4 104.6 26.2 19.6 38.7 26.3 14.0 83.5 28.7 12.7	557.0 203.3 67.8 13.6 49.2 11.5 16.8 11.8 93.4 25.4 115.6 20.2 36.5 26.0 9.3 80.0 27.3 10.7	545.8 186.2 62.1 15.4 51.3 11.7 17.8 22.4 23.2 121.1 20.2 22.9 34.6 28.1 11.8 83.1 26.5 88.1

Table G. U.S. Direct Investment Abroad at Yearend
[Billions of dollars]

	1999	2000	2001
U. S. direct investment abroad: At current cost	1,377.3	1,515.3	1,623.1
	2,805.2	2,674.2	2,289.9

Table H. U.S. Direct Investment Abroad, 2001
[Billions of dollars]

	At current cost	At market value
Total position	1,623.1	2,289.9
Total change Financial outflows. Equity capital Intercompany debt Reinvested earnings. Price changes. Exchange rate changes. Other valuation changes	107.8 127.8 49.8 -1.7 79.7 19.5 -17.7 -21.8	-384.3 127.8 49.8 -1.7 79.7 -438.0 -56.9 -17.2

Brazil exceeded repayments from Russia and the Republic of Korea. Partly offsetting was a \$2.3 billion decrease in the value of foreign currency holdings that was more than accounted for by exchange-rate depreciation.

U.S. Government assets, other than official reserve assets, increased \$0.5 billion, to \$85.7 billion, as new U.S. Government credits to foreigners slightly exceeded repayments. Both new credits and repayments slowed in 2001.

Changes in Foreign-Owned Assets in the United States

Bank and nonbank liabilities

U.S. liabilities to private foreigners and international financial institutions reported by U.S. banks increased \$144.8 billion, to \$1,298.2 billion, in 2001, largely as a result of U.S. banks' borrowing from their own foreign offices abroad to fund their liquidity needs and lending overseas (table I).

U.S. banks' own liabilities payable in dollars increased \$118.4 billion, to \$1,090.8 billion, as U.S. banks borrowed from their own foreign offices abroad, especially in the fourth quarter. Some of banks' borrowing in the fourth quarter was due to increased

Table I. U.S. Liabilities Reported by U.S. Banks and U.S. Nonbanks at Yearend

[Billions of dollars]

	1999	2000	2001
Total bank-reported liabilities	1,067.2	1,153.4	1,298.2
Banks' own liabilities, payable in dollars	873.9 609.2 119.3 145.4 104.8 88.5	972.4 678.8 135.7 157.9 104.8 76.2	1090.8 787.4 122.5 180.9 118.9 88.5
Total nonbank-reported liabilities	564.9	729.3	804.4

demand for liquidity in both domestic and international markets after the events of September 11th. U.S. banks' liabilities to other foreigners increased \$23.0 billion, to \$180.9 billion, as U.S. securities dealers stepped up their borrowing from Western Europe and the Caribbean to fund their activities in the U.S. securities markets. U.S. banks' custody liabilities payable in dollars increased \$14.1 billion, to \$118.9 billion. U.S. banks' foreign currency liabilities increased \$12.3 billion, to \$88.5 billion, mainly in the first half of the year, to finance an expansion in U.S. banks' foreign currency lending.

U.S. liabilities to foreigners reported by U.S. non-banking concerns increased \$75.1 billion, to \$804.4 billion, reflecting strong U.S. corporate borrowing from Western Europe and the Caribbean in the first quarter (table I).

U.S. Treasury securities

Foreign holdings of U.S. Treasury securities decreased \$12.2 billion, to \$388.8 billion, in 2001. Over the past 3 years, the relative attractiveness of higher yielding U.S. corporate and agency bonds and diminishing supplies of Treasury securities have led to sizable net foreign sales of Treasury bonds. However, net foreign sales slowed in 2001, partly because Treasury securities became more attractive after the disruptions in the world financial markets caused by the events of September 11th. (In table J, foreign private holdings and foreign official holdings are combined in order to avoid the disclosure of sensitive data on individual country holdings by foreign official agencies. These estimates incorporate results from the March 2000 U.S. Treasury Department's Benchmark Survey of Foreign Portfolio Investment in the United States.)

Table J. Foreign Official and Private Holdings of U.S. Treasury Securities by Selected Countries at Yearend [Billions of dollars]

	1999	2000	2001
Total holdings Japan China Germany Hong Kong Taiwan Korea, Republic of Middle East OPEC members Singapore France Switzerland	1,080.4	1,026.1	1,039.5
	301.0	325.6	331.3
	63.1	62.3	81.8
	58.9	50.7	50.3
	40.9	39.8	49.5
	42.7	34.5	37.0
	23.0	29.7	33.3
	18.4	19.8	22.0
	34.6	28.9	21.5
	35.4	25.4	21.1
	28.6	16.6	19.0

Other U.S. securities

Foreign holdings of U.S. securities other than U.S. Treasury securities increased \$233.0 billion, to \$2,856.7 billion, in 2001. Net foreign purchases of \$407.7 billion were partly offset by negative valuation adjustments of \$174.6 billion. Net foreign purchases of U.S. bonds rose to a record, while net foreign purchases of U.S.

stocks slowed substantially as a result of heightened concerns about slowing U.S. economic growth and sharply declining corporate earnings. (Estimates were revised to incorporate results from the March 2000 U.S. Treasury Department's Benchmark Survey of Foreign Portfolio Investment in the United States.)

Foreign holdings of U.S. corporate and U.S. agency bonds increased \$316.6 billion, to \$1,392.6 billion. The increase primarily resulted from record net foreign purchases of \$288.2 billion; purchases were spurred by high yields on these issues relative to U.S. Treasury bonds and by a record amount of highly rated U.S. corporate and agency bonds issued overseas. As of December 2001, the United Kingdom remained the largest holder of U.S. corporate and U.S. agency bonds with \$691.4 billion, or 50 percent of foreign holdings; the next largest were the Caribbean, with \$256.2 billion, and Japan, with \$120.6 billion (table K).

Foreign holdings of U.S. stocks decreased \$83.6 billion, to \$1,464.0 billion. Net foreign purchases of \$119.5 billion—down sharply from \$192.4 billion in 2000—were more than offset by stock-price depreciation of \$203.1 billion. Slowing U.S. economic growth and sharp declines in corporate earnings led to the first back-to-back annual losses in the U.S. stock market since 1974. The S&P 500 stock index dropped 13 percent in 2001 after a 10-percent drop in 2000. As of December 2001, foreign holdings of U.S. stocks were largest in Western Europe, which held \$969.5 billion, or 66 percent of foreign holdings (table L). The United

Table K. Foreign Private Holdings of U.S. Corporate and Agency Bonds by Major Area and Country at Yearend

[Billions of dollars]

	1999	2000	2001
Total holdings. Western Europe. Of which: United Kingdom. France. Germany. Italy Netherlands. Canada. Japan. Latin America. Other Western Hemisphere Other countries.	825.2	1,076.0	1,392.6
	568.4	712.5	912.0
	401.7	517.1	691.4
	9.9	11.2	15.8
	39.2	42.7	51.8
	2.7	4.0	2.2
	19.6	20.5	19.7
	14.4	24.0	25.1
	66.0	99.7	120.6
	10.1	18.7	24.7
	130.9	172.7	231.5
	35.4	48.4	78.7

Table L. Foreign Private Holdings of U.S. Corporate Stocks by Major Area and Country at Yearend

[Billions of dollars]

	1999	2000	2001
Total holdings. Western Europe. Of which: United Kingdom France Germany Italy Netherlands Canada Japan Latin America. Other Western Hemisphere. Other countries.	1,526.1	1,547.6	1,464.0
	948.7	1016.2	969.5
	356.8	381.0	368.9
	46.3	46.9	46.0
	91.1	111.0	104.9
	28.3	39.8	36.6
	103.3	97.4	95.6
	164.3	156.6	147.9
	143.3	134.4	123.4
	29.0	28.7	32.3
	159.0	125.1	102.4
	81.6	86.6	88.5

Kingdom, Canada, and Japan remained the three largest foreign holders of U.S. stocks.

U.S. currency

U.S. currency held by foreigners increased \$23.8 billion, to \$275.6 billion, in 2001. Currency shipments were mostly to Argentina in response to economic crisis and fears of devaluation.

Foreign direct investment in the United States

Foreign direct investment in the United States at current cost increased \$124.2 billion, to \$1,498.9 billion, in 2001; at market value, it decreased \$239.3 billion, to \$2,526.7 billion (table M). At current cost, net financial inflows more than accounted for the increase in the position. At market value, net financial inflows were more than offset by substantial price depreciation in owners' equity that resulted from the decline in U.S. stock market prices. Net financial inflows decreased sharply to \$130.8 billion, the lowest level since 1997, as slow economic growth abroad and price depreciation in stock markets worldwide deterred investment and contributed to a substantial reduction in foreign acquisitions of U.S. companies. Net equity capital inflows slowed to \$107.7 billion; net intercompany debt inflows slowed to \$42.8 billion; and reinvested earnings shifted to a negative \$19.7 billion (table N).

Table M. Foreign Direct Investment in the United States at Yearend

[Billions of dollars]

	1999	2000	2001
Foreign direct investment in the United States: At current cost	1,100.8	1,374.8	1,498.9
	2,798.2	2,766.0	2,526.7

Table N. Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, 2001

[Billions of dollars]

	At current cost	At market value
Total position	1,498.9	2,526.7
Total change Financial inflows. Equity capital. Intercompany debt Reinvested earnings. Price changes. Exchange rate changes. Other valuation changes.	124.2 130.8 107.7 42.8 -19.7 14.2 -3.0 -17.9	-239.3 130.8 107.7 42.8 -19.7 -344.4

Foreign official assets

Foreign official assets increased \$12.8 billion, to \$1,021.7 billion, in 2001. Net foreign purchases of U.S. securities were nearly offset by large net foreign withdrawals at U.S. banks. Price appreciation of bond holdings was nearly offset by price depreciation of stock holdings.

Tables 1 and 2 follow.

Table 1. International Investment Position of the United States at Yearend, 2000 and 2001

[Millions of dollars]

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			(Changes in po	sition in 2001		_	
Line		Position.		Attribut				
			Financial	Valu	ation adjustm	Total	Position,	
	Type of investment	2000	Financial flows	Price changes	Exchange rate changes ¹	Other changes ²	TOLAI	2001 -
			(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(a+b+c+d)	
1 2	Net international investment position of the United States: With direct investment positions at current cost (line 3 less line 24) With direct investment positions at market value (line 4 less line 25)	-1,350,791 -1,583,153	-381,845 -381,845	-116,510 -215,482	-103,402 -145,572	4,414 16,935	-597,343 -725,964	-1,948,134 -2,309,117
3 4	U.Sowned assets abroad: With direct investment positions at current cost (lines 5+10+15) With direct investment positions at market value (lines 5+10+16)	6,191,934 7,350,862	370,962 370,962	-258,272 -715,843	-124,662 -163,854	16,177 20,816	4,205 -487,919	6,196,139 6,862,943
5 6 7 8 9	U.S. official reserve assets Gold Special drawing rights. Reserve position in the International Monetary Fund Foreign currencies.	128,400 71,799 10,539 14,824 31,238	4,911 630 3,600 681	536 3 536	-3,879 -386 -555 -2,938	-7 4 -7	1,561 529 244 3,045 –2,257	129,961 72,328 10,783 17,869 28,981
10 11 12 13 14	U.S. Government assets, other than official reserve assets U.S. credits and other long-term assets 5 Repayable in dollars Other 4 U.S. foreign currency holdings and U.S. short-term assets	85,164 82,570 82,289 281 2,594	486 558 561 -3 -72				486 558 561 -3 -72	85,650 83,128 82,850 278 2,522
15 16	U.S. private assets: With direct investment at current cost (lines 17+19+22+23) With direct investment at market value (lines 18+19+22+23)	5,978,370 7,137,298	365,565 365,565	-258,808 -716,379	-120,783 -159,975	16,184 20,823	2,158 -489,966	5,980,528 6,647,332
17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Direct investment abroad: At current cost. At market value Foreign securities Bonds Corporate stocks U.S. claims on unaffiliated foreigners reported by U.S. nonbanking concerns U.S. claims reported by U.S. banks, not included elsewhere.	1,515,279 2,674,207 2,389,427 557,019 1,832,408 821,564 1,252,100	127,840 127,840 94,662 -12,147 106,809 14,358 128,705	19,533 -438,038 -278,341 18,214 -296,555	-17,713 -56,905 -95,228 -17,304 -77,924 -5,811 -2,031	-21,817 -17,178 	107,843 -384,281 -278,907 -11,237 -267,670 8,547 164,675	1,623,122 2,289,926 2,110,520 545,782 1,564,738 830,111 1,416,775
24 25	Foreign-owned assets in the United States: With direct investment at current cost (lines 26+33) With direct investment at market value (lines 26+34)	7,542,725 8,934,015	752,807 752,807	-141,762 -500,361	-21,260 -18,282	11,763 3,881	601,548 238,045	8,144,273 9,172,060
26 27 28 29 30 31 32	Foreign official assets in the United States U.S. Government securities U.S. Treasury securities Other Other U.S. Government liabilities ⁷ U.S. liabilities reported by U.S. banks, not included elsewhere Other foreign official assets	1,008,890 749,904 625,161 124,743 13,739 153,403 91,844	5,225 31,666 10,745 20,921 -1,882 -30,278 5,719	1,623 11,274 8,796 2,478 		6,000 6,000 6,001 -1	12,848 48,940 25,542 23,398 -1,882 -30,278 -3,932	1,021,738 798,844 650,703 148,141 11,857 123,125 87,912
33 34	Other foreign assets: With direct investment at current cost (lines 35+37+38+41+42+43) With direct investment at market value (lines 36+37+38+41+42+43)	6,533,835 7,925,125	747,582 747,582	-143,385 -501,984	-21,260 -18,282	5,763 -2,119	588,700 225,197	7,122,535 8,150,322
35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43	Direct investment in the United States: At current cost. At market value. U.S. Treasury securities. U.S. securities other than U.S. Treasury securities. Corporate and other bonds. Corporate stocks. U.S. currency. U.S. liabilities to unaffiliated foreigners reported by U.S. nonbanking concerns. U.S. liabilities reported by U.S. banks, not included elsewhere.	1,374,752 2,766,042 400,966 2,623,628 1,075,988 1,547,640 251,786 729,340 1,153,363	130,796 130,796 -7,670 407,653 288,200 119,453 23,783 82,353 110,667	14,214 -344,385 4,719 -162,318 40,741 -203,059	-2,978 -12,309 -12,309 -2,140 -3,833	-17,860 -25,742 -9,241 	124,172 -239,331 -12,192 233,026 316,632 -83,606 23,783 75,077 144,834	1,498,924 2,526,711 388,774 2,856,654 1,392,620 1,464,034 275,569 804,417 1,298,197

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1. Represents gains or losses on foreign-currency-denominated assets due to their revaluation at current exchange rates.

2. Includes changes in coverage, statistical discrepancies, and other adjustments to the value of assets.

3. Reflects changes in the value of the official gold stock from the foreign from the market price of gold.

4. Reflects changes in gold stock from U.S. Treasury sales of gold medallions and commemorative and bullion coins; also reflects replenishment through open market purchases. These demonetizations/monetizations are not

included in international transactions financial flows.

5. Also includes paid-in capital subscriptions to international institutions and resources provided to foreigners under foreign assistance programs requiring repayment over several years. Excludes World War I debts that are not being serviced.

6. Includes indebtedness that the borrower may contractually, or at its option, repay with its currency, with a third country's currency, or by delivery of materials or transfer of services.

7. Primarily U.S. Government liabilities associated with military sales contracts and other transactions arranged with or through foreign official agencies.

Table 2. International Investment Position

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Line	Type of investment	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
1 2	Net international investment position of the United States: With direct investment positions at current cost (line 3 less line 24) With direct investment positions at market value (line 4 less line 25)	164,832	171,440	206,423	316,926	360,838	339,767	328,954 235,947	298,304 257,393	160,695 134,088	54,343 96,886
3 4	U.Sowned assets abroad: With direct investment at current cost (lines 5+10+15) With direct investment at market value (lines 5+10+16)	456,964	512,278	621,227	786,701	929,806	1,001,667	1,108,436 961,015	1,210,974 1,129,673	1,204,900 1,127,132	1,287,396 1,302,712
5 6 7 8 9	U.S. official reserve assets Gold ¹ Special drawing rights Reserve position in the International Monetary Fund Foreign currencies	44,094 36,944 2,395 4,434 321	53,376 45,781 2,629 4,946 20	69,450 62,471 1,558 1,047 4,374	143,260 135,476 2,724 1,253 3,807	171,412 155,816 2,610 2,852 10,134	124,568 105,644 4,096 5,054 9,774	143,445 120,635 5,250 7,348 10,212	123,110 100,484 5,025 11,312 6,289	105,040 81,202 5,641 11,541 6,656	117,930 85,834 7,293 11,947 12,856
10 11 12 13 14	U.S. Government assets, other than official reserve assets U.S. credits and other long-term assets ² . Repayable in dollars Other ³ . U.S. foreign currency holdings and U.S. short-term assets	44,978 44,124 41,309 2,815 854	48,567 47,749 45,154 2,595 818	53,187 52,252 49,817 2,435 935	58,851 57,909 54,616 3,293 942	65,573 63,731 60,731 3,000 1,842	70,893 69,320 66,591 2,729 1,573	76,903 75,105 72,635 2,470 1,798	81,664 79,852 77,618 2,234 1,812	86,945 84,857 82,819 2,038 2,088	89,792 87,854 85,978 1,876 1,938
15 16	U.S. private assets: With direct investment at current cost (lines 17+19+22+23) With direct investment at market value (lines 18+19+22+23)	367,892	410,335	498,590	584,590	692,821	806,206	888,088 740,667	1,006,200 924,899	1,012,915 935,147	1,079,674 1,094,990
17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Direct investment abroad: At current cost ⁴	222,283 44,157 34,704 9,453 20,317 81,135	246,078 49,439 39,329 10,110 22,256 92,562	285,005 53,384 42,148 11,236 29,385 130,816	336,301 56,769 41,966 14,803 34,491 157,029	388,072 62,454 43,524 18,930 38,429 203,866	407,804 	374,059 226,638 74,046 56,604 17,442 35,405 404,578	355,643 274,342 84,723 58,569 26,154 131,329 434,505	348,342 270,574 88,804 62,810 25,994 130,138 445,631	371,036 386,352 119,403 75,020 44,383 141,872 447,363
24 25	Foreign-owned assets in the United States: With direct investment at current cost (lines 26+33) With direct investment at market value (lines 26+34)	292,132	340,838	414,804	469,775	568,968	661,900	779,482 725,068	912,670 872,280	1,044,205 993,044	1,233,053 1,205,826
26 27 28 29 30 31 32	Foreign official assets in the United States U.S. Government securities U.S. Treasury securities U.S. Treasury securities Others Other U.S. Government liabilitiess U.S. liabilities reported by U.S. banks, not included elsewhere Other foreign official assets 8	104,445 72,572 70,555 2,017 8,860 17,231 5,782	140,867 105,386 101,092 4,294 10,260 18,004 7,217	173,057 128,511 123,991 4,520 12,749 23,327 8,470	159,852 106,640 101,748 4,892 12,749 30,540 9,923	176,062 118,189 111,336 6,853 13,367 30,381 14,125	180,425 125,130 117,004 8,126 13,029 26,737 15,529	189,109 132,587 124,929 7,658 13,639 24,989 17,894	194,468 136,987 129,716 7,271 14,231 25,534 17,716	199,678 144,665 138,168 6,497 14,959 26,090 13,964	202,482 145,063 138,438 6,625 15,803 26,734 14,882
33 34	Other foreign assets in the United States: With direct investment at current cost (lines 35+37+38+41+42+43) With direct investment at market value (lines 36+37+38+41+42+43)	187,687	199,971	241,747	309,923	392,906	481,475	590,373 535,959	718,202 677,812	844,527 793,366	1,030,571 1,003,344
35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43	Direct investment in the United States: At current cost 10 At market value 10 U.S. Treasury securities 8 U.S. securities other than U.S. Treasury securities 9 Corporate and other bonds 8 Corporate stocks 8 U.S. currency. U.S. liabilities to unaffiliated foreigners reported by U.S nonbanking concerns 11 U.S. liabilities reported by U.S. banks, not included elsewhere.	47,528 7,028 54,913 11,964 42,949 11,792 12,961 53,465	55,413 	8,910 53,554 11,457 42,097 16,569 16,019 77,719	88,579 14,210 58,587 10,269 48,318 19,552 18,669 110,326	127,105 16,113 74,114 9,545 64,569 24,079 30,426 121,069	164,623 	184,842 130,428 25,758 92,988 16,709 76,279 31,265 27,532 227,988	193,708 153,318 33,846 113,811 17,454 96,357 36,776 61,731 278,330	223,538 172,377 62,121 128,477 32,421 96,056 40,797 77,415 312,179	247,223 219,996 87,954 207,868 82,290 125,578 46,036 86,993 354,497

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1. U.S. official gold stock is valued at market price.

2. Also includes paid-in capital subscriptions to international institutions and resources provided to foreigners under foreign assistance programs requiring repayment over several years. Excludes World War I debts that are not being serviced.

3. Includes indebtedness that the borrower may contractually, or at its option, repay with its currency, or by delivery of materials or transfer of services.

4. A break in series in 1994 reflects the reclassification of intercompany debt positions between parent companies and affiliates that are not depository institutions and that are primarily engaged in financial intermediation from the direct investment accounts. Estimates for 1976 forward are linked to the 1977, 1982, 1989, and 1994 benchmark surveys of U.S. direct investment abroad.

5. Estimates include results of the 1994 and 1997 Benchmark Surveys of U.S. Ownership of Foreign Long-term Securities conducted by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

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1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993 ^r	1994 ^r	1995 ^r	1996 ^r	1997 ^r	1998 r	1999 r	2000	2001 ^p	Line
-36,209	-80,007	-178,470	-259,506	-245,347	-309,259	-431,198	-306,956	-311,882	-495,966	-521,545	-833,158	-918,319	-784,094	-1,350,791	-1,948,134	1 2
100,782	50,529	10,466	-46,987	-164,495	-260,819	-452,305	-144,268	-123,736	-343,340	-386,514	-835,208	-1,094,156	-1,053,554	-1,583,153	-2,309,117	
1,469,396	1,646,527	1,829,665	2,070,868	2,178,978	2,286,456	2,331,696	2,753,648	2,998,633	3,451,983	4,012,746	4,567,906	5,091,058	5,959,014	6,191,934	6,196,139	4
1,594,652	1,758,711	2,008,365	2,350,235	2,294,085	2,470,629	2,466,496	3,091,421	3,326,650	3,930,269	4,631,276	5,379,128	6,174,452	7,386,970	7,350,862	6,862,943	
139,875	162,370	144,179	168,714	174,664	159,223	147,435	164,945	163,394	176,061	160,739	134,836	146,006	136,418	128,400	129,961	
102,428	127,648	107,434	105,164	102,406	92,561	87,168	102,556	100,110	101,279	96,698	75,929	75,291	75,950	71,799	72,328	
8,395	10,283	9,637	9,951	10,989	11,240	8,503	9,039	10,039	11,037	10,312	10,027	10,603	10,336	10,539	10,783	
11,730	11,349	9,745	9,048	9,076	9,488	11,759	11,818	12,030	14,649	15,435	18,071	24,111	17,950	14,824	17,869	
17,322	13,090	17,363	44,551	52,193	45,934	40,005	41,532	41,215	49,096	38,294	30,809	36,001	32,182	31,238	28,981	
91,850	90,681	87,892	86,643	84,344	81,422	83,022	83,382	83,908	85,064	86,123	86,198	86,768	84,224	85,164	85,650	10
90,923	89,900	87,163	86,057	83,716	79,776	81,352	81,435	81,884	82,802	83,999	84,130	84,850	81,654	82,570	83,128	11
89,271	88,344	85,768	84,734	82,602	78,814	80,498	80,660	81,389	82,358	83,606	83,780	84,528	81,364	82,289	82,850	12
1,652	1,556	1,395	1,323	1,114	962	854	775	495	444	393	350	322	290	281	278	13
927	781	729	586	628	1,646	1,670	1,947	2,024	2,262	2,124	2,068	1,918	2,570	2,594	2,522	14
1,237,671	1,393,476	1,597,594	1,815,511	1,919,970	2,045,811	2,101,239	2,505,321	2,751,331	3,190,858	3,765,884	4,346,872	4,858,284	5,738,372	5,978,370	5,980,528	15
1,362,927	1,505,660	1,776,294	2,094,878	2,035,077	2,229,984	2,236,039	2,843,094	3,079,348	3,669,144	4,384,414	5,158,094	5,941,678	7,166,328	7,137,298	6,647,332	16
404,818	478,062	513,761	553,093	616,655	643,364	663,830	723,526	786,565	885,506	989,810	1,068,063	1,196,207	1,377,263	1,515,279	1,623,122	17
530,074	590,246	692,461	832,460	731,762	827,537	798,630	1,061,299	1,114,582	1,363,792	1,608,340	1,879,285	2,279,601	2,805,219	2,674,207	2,289,926	18
158,123	188,589	232,849	314,294	342,313	455,750	515,083	853,528	948,668	1,169,636	1,467,985	1,751,183	2,052,929	2,583,326	2,389,427	2,110,520	19
85,724	93,889	104,187	116,949	144,717	176,774	200,817	309,666	321,208	392,827	465,057	543,396	576,745	556,688	557,019	545,782	20
72,399	94,700	128,662	197,345	197,596	278,976	314,266	543,862	627,460	776,809	1,002,928	1,207,787	1,476,184	2,026,638	1,832,408	1,564,738	21
167,392	177,368	197,757	234,307	265,315	256,295	254,303	242,022	322,980	367,567	450,578	545,524	588,322	677,498	821,564	830,111	22
507,338	549,457	653,227	713,817	695,687	690,402	668,023	686,245	693,118	768,149	857,511	982,102	1,020,826	1,100,285	1,252,100	1,416,775	23
1,505,605	1,726,534	2,008,135	2,330,374	2,424,325	2,595,715	2,762,894	3,060,604	3,310,515	3,947,949	4,534,291	5,401,064	6,009,377	6,743,108	7,542,725	8,144,273	
1,493,870	1,708,182	1,997,899	2,397,222	2,458,580	2,731,448	2,918,801	3,235,689	3,450,386	4,273,609	5,017,790	6,214,336	7,268,608	8,440,524	8,934,015	9,172,060	
241,226	283,058	322,036	341,746	373,293	398,538	437,263	509,422	535,227	682,873	820,823	873,716	896,174	945,594	1,008,890	1,021,738	26
178,916	220,548	260,934	263,612	291,228	311,199	329,317	381,687	407,152	507,460	631,088	648,188	669,768	693,781	749,904	798,844	27
173,310	213,713	252,962	257,201	285,911	305,994	322,600	373,050	396,887	489,952	606,427	615,076	622,921	617,680	625,161	650,703	28
5,606	6,835	7,972	6,411	5,317	5,205	6,717	8,637	10,265	17,508	24,661	33,112	46,847	76,101	124,743	148,141	29
17,993	15,667	15,200	15,374	17,243	18,610	20,801	22,113	23,678	23,573	22,592	21,712	18,386	15,647	13,739	11,857	30
27,920	31,838	31,520	36,495	39,880	38,396	54,967	69,721	73,386	107,394	113,098	135,384	125,883	138,847	153,403	123,125	31
16,397	15,005	14,382	26,265	24,942	30,333	32,178	35,901	31,011	44,446	54,045	68,432	82,137	97,319	91,844	87,912	32
1,264,379	1,443,476	1,686,099	1,988,628	2,051,032	2,197,177	2,325,631	2,551,182	2,775,288	3,265,076	3,713,468	4,527,348	5,113,203	5,797,514	6,533,835	7,122,535	33
1,252,644	1,425,124	1,675,863	2,055,476	2,085,287	2,332,910	2,481,538	2,726,267	2,915,159	3,590,736	4,196,967	5,340,620	6,372,434	7,494,930	7,925,125	8,150,322	34
284,701	334,552	401,766	467,886	505,346	533,404	540,270	593,313	617,982	680,066	745,619	824,136	919,804	1,100,777	1,374,752	1,498,924	35
272,966	316,200	391,530	534,734	539,601	669,137	696,177	768,398	757,853	1,005,726	1,229,118	1,637,408	2,179,035	2,798,193	2,766,042	2,526,711	36
96,078	82,588	100,877	166,541	152,452	170,295	197,739	221,501	235,684	330,210	440,832	550,613	562,036	462,761	400,966	388,774	37
309,803	341,732	392,292	482,864	460,644	546,008	599,447	696,449	739,695	969,849	1,165,113	1,512,725	1,903,443	2,351,291	2,623,628	2,856,654	38
140,863	166,089	191,314	231,673	238,903	274,136	299,287	355,822	368,077	459,080	539,308	618,837	724,619	825,175	1,075,988	1,392,620	39
168,940	175,643	200,978	251,191	221,741	271,872	300,160	340,627	371,618	510,769	625,805	893,888	1,178,824	1,526,116	1,547,640	1,464,034	40
50,122	55,584	61,261	67,118	85,933	101,317	114,804	133,734	157,185	169,484	186,846	211,628	228,250	250,657	251,786	275,569	41
90,703	110,187	144,548	167,093	213,406	208,908	220,666	229,038	239,817	300,424	346,810	459,407	485,675	564,873	729,340	804,417	42
432,972	518,833	585,355	637,126	633,251	637,245	652,705	677,147	784,925	815,043	828,248	968,839	1,013,995	1,067,155	1,153,363	1,298,197	43

^{6.} A break in series in 1983 reflects the introduction of data from the United Kingdom and from the Bank for International Settlements (B(S) for several European countries, Caribbean banking centers, and Asian banking centers. Additional coverage from BIS data was introduced in 1986, 1989, 1993, and 1994. In 1994, intercompany debt positions between parent companies and affiliates that are not depository institutions and that are primarily engaged in financial intermediation are reclassified from the direct investment accounts to the nonbank investment accounts.

7. A break in series in 1988 reflects the introduction of data on holdings of foreign commercial paper.

8. Estimates include results of 1978, 1984, 1989, 1994, and 2000 Benchmark Surveys of Foreign Portfolio Investment in the United States conducted by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

9. Primarily U.S. Government liabilities associated with military sales contracts and other transactions arranged with or

through foreign official agencies.

10. Estimates for 1976 forward are linked to the 1980, 1987, 1992, and 1997 benchmark surveys of foreign direct investment in the United States.

11. A break in series in 1983 reflects the introduction of data from the United Kingdom. A break in series in 1994 reflects the reclassification of intercompany debt positions between parent companies and affiliates that are not depository institutions and that are primarily engaged in financial intermediation from the direct investment accounts to the nonbank investment accounts. A break in series in 1996 reflects the introduction of data from the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) for several European countries.