Extent of Foreign Direct Investment in New Zealand

$ Millions

% of GDP

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90

0 20,000 40,000 60,000 80,000 100,000 120,000


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Foreign Direct Investment ($ million) - left axis
Foreign Direct Investment as % GDP - right axis

Source: International Investment Position, National Accounts - Statistics New Zealand
Overseas ownership of the NZ Sharemarket
Foreign investment in New Zealand equity (shares) compared to value of all local equity

$ million


Private New Zealand owned
Government owned
Foreign owned

Source: Non-official estimates provided by Statistics New Zealand
New Zealand's wealth
Including overseas investment by NZ residents

$ million market value

Source: Statistics New Zealand, Treasury and Reserve Bank of New Zealand
Threshold rose from $10m to $100m, August 2005

Source: OIO
Land sales to overseas investors approved, 2001-15

Source: OIO

- Gross interests in land
- Net interests in land

Source: Overseas Investment Commission and Overseas Investment Office
Estimated overseas ownership of farmland
At least 8.7% of land under farming or 1.3 million hectares

Source: Calculations by Bill Rosenberg using data from Overseas Investment Commission and Overseas Investment Office and Statistics New Zealand
Overseas ownership of New Zealand companies by country, March 2015

- Australia, $51,441m
- United States of America, $7,955m
- Hong Kong (SAR), $5,546m
- United Kingdom, $5,426m
- Singapore, $5,178m
- Netherlands, $3,429m
- Canada, $3,967m
- Japan, $4,817m
- Virgin Islands, British, $3,043m
- Ireland, $1,947m
- Cayman Islands, $1,102m
- China, People's Republic of, $654m
- Switzerland, $472m
- Norway, $190m
- France, $163m
- Other countries, $4,269m

Total = $99,599m

Source: International Investment Position, Statistics New Zealand
Overseas ownership of New Zealand companies by industry, March 2015

Total = $99,599m

- Financial and insurance services, $32,108m
- Manufacturing, $14,728m
- Agriculture, forestry, and fishing, $5,909m
- Retail trade, $5,743m
- Wholesale trade, $4,983m
- Electricity, gas, water, and waste services, $4,725m
- Rental, hiring, and real estate services, $3,944m
- Professional, scientific, and technical services, $2,782m
- Mining, $2,271m
- Information media and telecommunications, $2,261m
- Health care and social assistance, $1,826m
- Accommodation and food services, $782m
- Transport, postal, and warehousing, $287m
- Suppressed or unallocated, $16,554m

Source: International Investment Position, Statistics New Zealand
Profits and other investment income leaving New Zealand

Investment income and the current account deficit

Sources: Balance of Payments, Key Statistics Table 7.04 - Value of principal exports (excl re-exports) - Statistics New Zealand
Employment by overseas companies in New Zealand

Source: Business demography statistics, Statistics New Zealand
Overseas Debt as percent of GDP 1989-2015

Note that some data is available only from 2001

Source: International Investment Position, National Accounts - Statistics New Zealand