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Introduction

The annual publication on foreign direct investment estimates is one of the essential reports issued by the Statistics Center - Abu Dhabi. It is one of the economic statistical indicators that constitute an important input into the comprehensive sustainable planning and development process that supports decision-making.

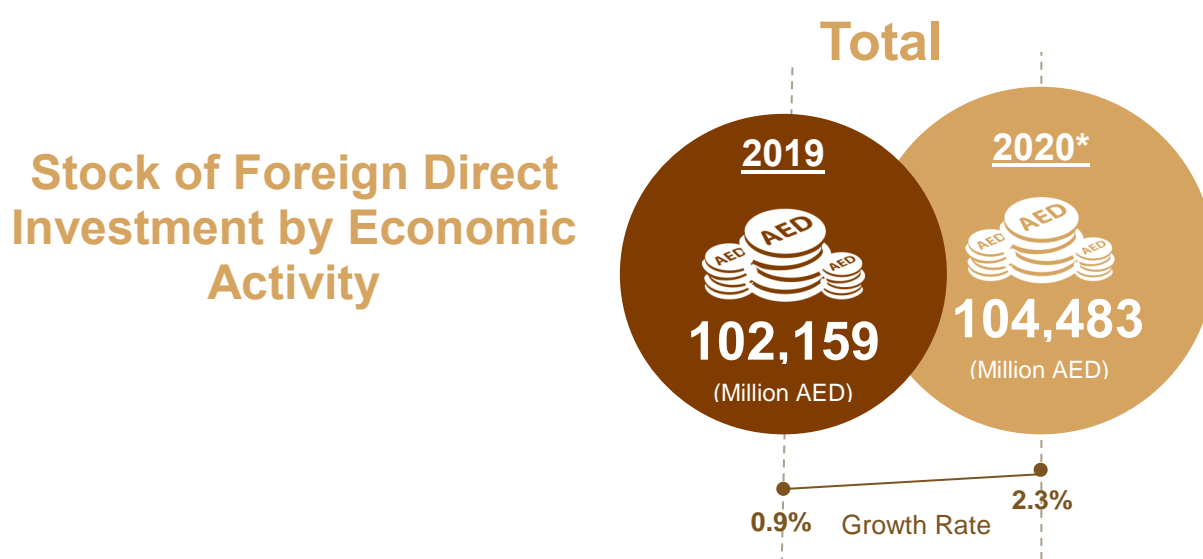
The publication presents estimates of the foreign direct investment stock for 2020 according to economic activity and its growth rates. The report also includes estimates of the contribution of economic activities in the stock of foreign direct investment. The importance of the publication comes from the fact that it consists of the most recent estimates of the stock of foreign direct investment by economic activity for 2020. It provides statistical information about the directions of these investments to study them in a more specialized and in-depth manner and to analyze their effects on the economy. It supports developing integrated plans and strategies to achieve sustainable growth in line with the Abu Dhabi Plan.

This publication provides a descriptive analysis of the estimates of the stock of foreign direct investment according to economic activity, along with tables and graphs.

Key points

- The most common activities are 'Real estate activities and include real estate sales to non-residents', contributing to foreign investment about 29% of the total foreign direct investment stock in 2019 and 2020, respectively.
- Followed by the most active activities in attracting foreign direct investment to Abu Dhabi, which are investments in the activity of 'Mining and quarrying (includes crude oil and natural gas)', with a contribution of 21.0% according to 2020 estimates of 21,985 million AED, after it was 21,563 million AED in 2019.
- 'Manufacturing' contributed to foreign direct investment by 14.5%, which amounted to 15,126 million AED in 2020, compared to 15,458 million AED in 2019.
- Then followed by 'Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management' among the important activities with a 12.7% contribution to the foreign direct investment stock, which amounted to 13,256 million AED in 2020, after it was 12,815 million AED in 2019.

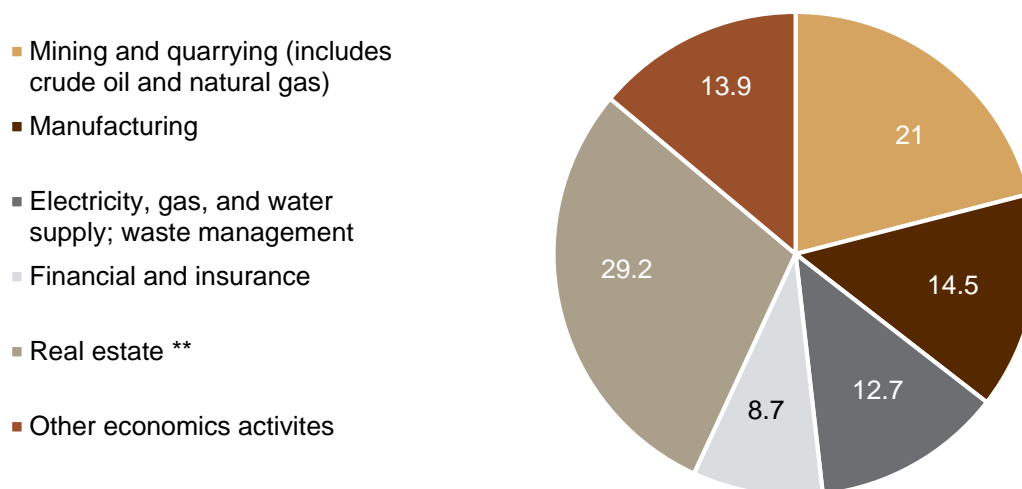
Figure 1: Total stock of foreign direct investment and growth rate 2019-2020*



Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

* Preliminary estimates

Figure 2: Contribution of the five largest economic activities to the total foreign direct investment, 2020 *

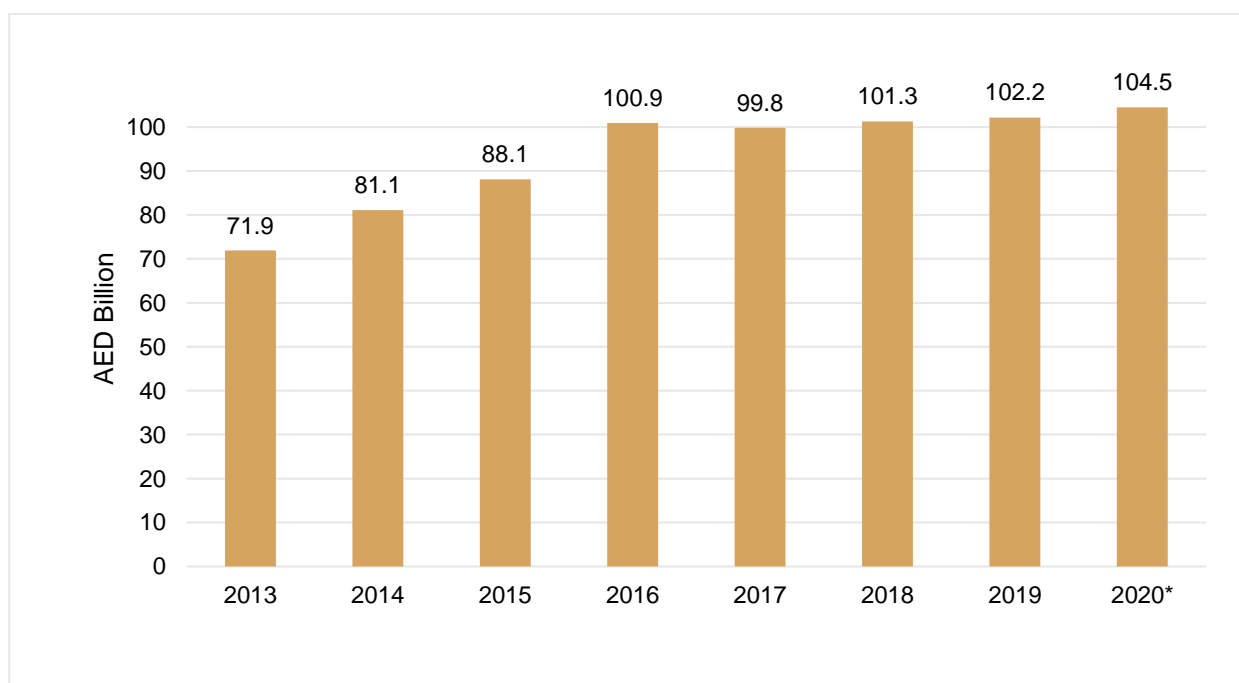


Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

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** Includes real estate sales to non-residents

Figure 3: The total stock of foreign direct investment timeseries, 2013-2020*



Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

* Preliminary estimates

Statistical tables

Table 1: Total estimate stock of foreign direct investment by economic activity 2020*

Activities	Stock of foreign direct investment Million AED	Growth rate %	Percentage distribution%
Total	104,483	2.3	100
Mining and quarrying (include crude oil and natural gas)	21,985	2.0	21.0
Manufacturing	15,126	-2.1	14.5
Electricity, gas, and water supply; waste management	13,265	3.5	12.7
Construction	6,312	3.4	6.0
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	2,267	7.6	2.2
Transportation and storage	1,575	19.6	1.5
Accommodation and food services	37	111.2	0.0
Information and communication	346	53.1	0.3
Financial and insurance	9,132	5.2	8.7
Real estate **	30,510	0.7	29.2
Professional, scientific and technical	3,560	4.0	3.4
Administrative and support services	115	8.5	0.1
Education	240	424.3	0.2
Human health and social work	13	1525.0	0.0
Arts, recreation and other services	0	0	0

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Note1: Figures may not sum to totals due to rounding

*Preliminary estimates

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Technical notes

Framework

The methodology used to estimate FDI was based on:

- Statistics and actual data for the time series available in the Statistics center- Abu Dhabi for foreign investment data for the period from 2007 to 2019.
- Available data on the annual disclosures to some foreign investment companies.

Data sources

Foreign investment survey data for the previous years, which included establishments known for all foreign investments in the "Emirate of Abu Dhabi" and administrative data available at the Statistic Centre – Abu Dhabi.

Classification

The International Standard Industrial Classification, fourth revision (ISIC4) was used to classify statistics by economic activity.

Review Policy

The statistics in this version are preliminary estimates. These annual estimates of foreign direct investment statistics are updated from the annual foreign investment survey data and other administrative data sources. The Foreign Investment Survey is the main source for collecting annual foreign investment data for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. This survey provides the best and most comprehensive data collected from institutions directly. Where foreign investment survey data are produced and issued ten months after the end of the reference year.

Once statistics are produced from foreign investment survey data, they are considered final estimates for that year and are not revised unless other preliminary data are available from new sources. This is an international standard practice in producing and improving quality official statistics continuously by making revisions over time when official statistical centers have important new evidence available.

Next release

The actual foreign investment statistics for 2020 will be published after the completion of the foreign investment survey and extracting its annual results ten months after the end of the reference period.

Glossary

Foreign direct investment: Foreign direct investment is defined as a type of international investment that reflects a resident entity in one economy obtaining a permanent interest in a resident institution in another economy. The resident entity is referred to as the "direct investor", and the institution is referred to as the "direct investment institution", and the permanent interest means a long-term relationship between the direct investor and the direct investment institution, and a large degree of influence on the part of the investor in the management of the institution.

The change in the estimated value of foreign direct investment in economic activity "real estate and business services" from the end of the previous reference year to the end of the current reference year reflects the change in real estate sales for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi from residents to non-residents during the reference year. In this report, the estimated value of foreign direct investment in real estate at the end of each reference year excludes the change in real estate ownership for non-residents of the Abu Dhabi Emirate to residents, in addition to excluding adjustments to price changes.

Initial Estimates: Estimates calculated using the available data and the methodology used in the estimation. Therefore, we would like to inform the users of this data that these preliminary estimates will be revised again after the data is available from its primary sources for the period of time concerned.

Stock of foreign direct investment: It is the net foreign direct investment at the end of the year after adding the annual foreign direct investment flows during the year compared to the previous year.

Change in the balance of foreign direct investment: It is the value of the annual change in the stock of the value of foreign direct investment compared to the previous year.

Contribution ratio: The relative importance of the activity in the total foreign direct investment compared to other activities.

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