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The International Investment Position of the United States at Yearend 2004

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THE net international investment position of the United States was -\$2,484.2 billion (preliminary) at yearend 2004, compared with -\$2,156.7 billion (revised) at yearend 2003, with direct investment valued at current cost (table 1, chart 1). The value of foreignowned assets in the United States continued to exceed the value of U.S.-owned assets abroad.

The -\$327.5 billion change in the net investment position from yearend 2003 to yearend 2004 was largely due to substantial net foreign purchases of U.S. Treasury securities and U.S. corporate bonds. The impact of these net purchases was partly offset by appreciation of most foreign currencies against the U.S. dollar, which raised the dollar value of U.S.-owned as-

sets abroad, especially of U.S.-owned foreign stocks. In addition, increases in stock market prices raised the value of U.S. holdings of foreign stocks somewhat more than they raised the value of foreign holdings of U.S. stocks.

On an alternative valuation basis with direct investment valued at the current stock market value of owners' equity, the net investment position was –\$2,542.2 billion (preliminary) at yearend 2004, compared with –\$2,372.4 billion (revised) at yearend 2003. This article features estimates valued at the current cost of direct investment; however, estimates valued at the stock market value of direct investment are mentioned when the two valuations of direct investment differ substan-

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 methodhave 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 the net stock of fixed assets and consumer durable goods 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. Virtually 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.

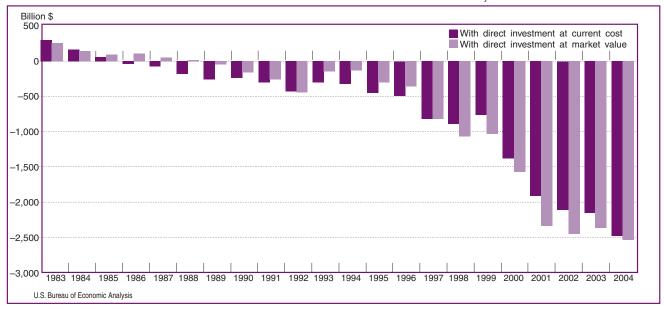
For detailed data on direct investment at historical cost by country and industry, see "Direct Investment Positions for 2004: Country and Industry Detail" in this issue. tially. The differences between the two methods are limited to the valuation of direct investment. All financial flows and all asset 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 to \$9,052.8 billion at yearend 2004 from \$7,641.0 billion at yearend 2003 (table A).

Table A. U.S. Net International Investment Position at Yearend
[Billions of dollars]

	2002	2003	2004
Net position:			
At current cost		-2,156.7	
At market value	-2,455.1	-2,372.4	-2,542.2
U.Sowned assets abroad: At current cost At market value	6,645.7 6,807.8		
Foreign-owned assets in the United States: At current cost	8,752.9 9,263.0	9,797.7 10,669.0	11,537.0 12,515.0

Chart 1. Net International Investment Position of the United States at Yearend, 1983–2004



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 improvements incorporated in the annual revision of the U.S. international transactions accounts.

This year, the estimates of U.S. holdings of foreign securities for 2002-2003 were revised to incorporate results from the U.S. Treasury Department's Annual Survey of U.S. Portfolio Investment Abroad as of December 31, 2003. In addition, the estimates of U.S. holdings of foreign bonds for 1998-2001 were revised to incorporate revised data from the U.S. Treasury Department's Benchmark Survey of U.S. Portfolio Investment Abroad as of December 31, 2001. The estimates of foreign holdings of U.S. securities for 2002–2003 were revised to incorporate results from the U.S. Treasury Department's Benchmark Survey of Foreign Portfolio Investment in the United States as of June 30, 2004. The estimates of foreign holdings of U.S. corporate bonds and stocks for 2002-2003 also include the incorporation of results from the U.S. Treasury Department's Annual Survey of Foreign Portfolio Investment in the United States as of June 30, 2003. The estimates of short-term U.S. Treasury liabilities and

other short-term debt instruments reported by U.S. banks for 2001–2003 were revised to incorporate results from the U.S. Treasury Department's Benchmark Survey of Foreign Portfolio Investment in the United States as of June 30, 2004, as well as results from the annual surveys as of June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003. The estimates of U.S. claims reported by U.S. banks for 1998–2003 were revised to incorporate new information on foreign commercial paper issued in the United States.

In addition to the above improvements, all estimates are revised as a result of the incorporation of newly available or revised quarterly source data. Revisions attributable to these updated source data are for 2001–2003. The net result of revisions from all sources raised the value of U.S.-owned assets abroad relative to the value of foreignowned assets in the United States for recent years. The net international investment position at yearend 2003 was revised to –\$2,156.7 billion from –\$2,430.7 billion with direct investment at current cost and to –\$2,372.4 billion from –\$2,651.0 billion with direct investment at market value.

For additional information, see "Annual Revision of the U.S. International Accounts, 1991–2004" in this issue.

- •Net financial transactions increased the value of U.S. investments abroad by \$855.5 billion in 2004 (table B), up sharply from \$328.4 billion in 2003. The increase was mostly accounted for by substantial increases in claims reported by U.S. banks and nonbanking concerns and in U.S. direct investment abroad.
- Valuation adjustments increased the value of U.S. investments abroad by \$556.3 billion (table B). Price appreciation of foreign stocks increased the value of U.S. holdings of foreign stocks, and exchange-rate appreciation of foreign currencies raised the dollar value of most U.S. investments abroad.

Table B. Changes in U.S.-Owned Assets Abroad, 2004
[Billions of dollars]

	At current cost	At market value
Total change	1,411.8	1,676.1
Financial flows	855.5	855.5
Valuation adjustments Price changes Exchange-rate changes Other valuation changes	556.3 227.4 228.6 100.3	820.6 430.7 308.2 81.7

With direct investment valued at current cost, foreign-owned assets in the United States increased to \$11,537.0 billion at yearend 2004 from \$9,797.7 billion at yearend 2003.

• Net financial transactions increased the value of foreign investments in the United States by \$1,440.1 billion in 2004 (table C), up from \$889.0 billion in 2003. The increase was mostly accounted for by substantial increases in net foreign purchases of U.S. securities and in liabilities reported by U.S. banks.

Table C. Changes in Foreign-Owned Assets in the United States, 2004
[Billions of dollars]

	At current cost	At market value
Total change	1,739.3	1,846.0
Financial flows	1,440.1	1,440.1
Valuation adjustments Price changes Exchange-rate changes Other valuation changes	299.2 170.2 37.9 91.2	405.9 284.2 36.0 85.8

• Valuation adjustments increased the value of foreign investments in the United States by \$299.2 billion (table C). Price appreciation of U.S. stocks increased the value of foreign holdings of U.S. stocks.

This article presents the major changes in U.S.-owned assets abroad and in foreign-owned assets in the United States in 2004. Tables 1 and 2 at the end of this article present estimates of the yearend positions by type of investment.

Changes in U.S.-Owned Assets Abroad

Bank and nonbank claims

U.S. claims on foreigners reported by U.S. banks and securities brokers increased a record \$414.7 billion, to \$2,174.0 billion, in 2004. The increase was mostly as a result of financial outflows of \$356.1 billion. U.S. banks' own claims denominated in dollars increased to \$1,658.1 billion from \$1,311.4 billion (table D). Most of the increase in claims reflected interoffice transfers of funds to meet increased demand abroad, probably related to a pickup in syndicated loans, mergers, and corporate debt refinancings. Claims on other foreigners, mostly securities brokers and dealers, also picked up as a result of increased foreign activities in the U.S. securities market; resale agreements with hedge funds in the Caribbean increased substantially.

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

[Billions of dollars]

	2002	2003	2004
Total bank-reported claims	1,559.5	1,759.3	2,174.0
Banks' claims for own accounts, denominated in dollars	1,185.4 970.3 162.9 52.2 266.4 107.6	1,311.4 977.4 276.1 57.9 344.9 103.0	1,658.1 1,192.4 388.4 77.4 360.6 155.2
Total nonbank-reported claims	902.0	597.0	801.5

U.S. banks' domestic customers' claims denominated in dollars increased to \$360.6 billion from \$344.9 billion. U.S. banks' claims payable in foreign currencies increased to \$155.2 billion from \$103.0 billion.

U.S. claims on foreigners reported by U.S. nonbanking concerns increased to \$801.5 billion from \$597.0 billion, reflecting a large increase in U.S. deposits, mostly in Caribbean banking centers (table D).

Foreign securities

U.S. holdings of foreign securities increased \$482.9 billion, to \$3,436.7 billion, in 2004. The increase was mostly accounted for by valuation adjustments of foreign stocks.

U.S. holdings of foreign stocks increased \$440.6 billion, to \$2,520.1 billion, in 2004. Stock price appreciation of \$210.1 billion, exchange-rate appreciation of \$147.4 billion, and net U.S. purchases of \$83.2 billion all contributed to the increase in U.S. holdings. Foreign stock prices (based on Morgan Stanley broad market indexes) appreciated 11 percent in local currency, the second consecutive year of double-digit appreciation, following 3 years of price depreciation. In U.S. dollars, foreign stock prices appreciated 18 percent, outperforming U.S. stock prices, which appreciated 9 percent.

•At yearend 2004, U.S. holdings of European stocks increased to \$1,382.7 billion from \$1,135.3 billion (table E). The increase was mostly attributable to a 9-percent increase in European stock prices (in local currency), a 7-percent exchange-rate appreciation of the euro and the pound against the U.S. dollar, and exchange-rate appreciation of other European currencies against the dollar. In dollar terms, European stocks appreciated 18 percent, or twice the rate of U.S. stocks. Net U.S. purchases of European stocks increased to \$57.6 billion in 2004 from \$38.7 billion in 2003.

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

[Billions of dollars]

	2002	2003	2004
Total holdings Europe	1,374.7 789.4 289.5 94.3 75.6 88.1 66.5 29.9 28.2 34.3 19.2 88.2 191.6 88.6 32.9 19.7 22.0 258.7 148.1 27.8 22.0 8.5	2,079.4 1,135.3 426.2 130.8 117.9 115.8 39.0 35.2 27.5 149.3 260.4 107.5 45.3 31.8 28.5 454.4 255.5 49.1 36.2 27.0	2,520.1 1,382.7 540.3 156.1 136.3 134.2 122.6 53.0 47.4 40.8 39.9 188.5 302.8 124.1 53.8 39.4 7575.3 333.3 60.9 39.5 35.5 22.5
Of which: South Africa	7.9 37.2 34.6	15.1 61.3 56.5	18.3 48.3 42.5

- •U.S. holdings of Japanese stocks increased to \$333.3 billion from \$255.5 billion, mostly as a result of a 10-percent increase in Japanese stock prices (in local currency) and a 4-percent exchange-rate appreciation of the Japanese yen against the dollar. Net U.S. purchases of Japanese stocks fell slightly to \$33.1 billion in 2004 from \$39.5 billion in 2003.
- •U.S. holdings of Canadian stocks increased to \$188.5 billion from \$149.3 billion, mostly as a result of a 12-percent appreciation of Canadian stock prices (in local currency) and a 7-percent exchangerate appreciation of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar. Net U.S. purchases of Canadian stocks increased to \$13.4 billion from \$2.7 billion.

U.S. holdings of foreign bonds increased \$42.3 billion, to \$916.7 billion, in 2004. The increase resulted from exchange-rate appreciation of \$21.0 billion, net U.S. purchases of \$19.2 billion, and price appreciation of \$2.1 billion. Strong net U.S. purchases of bonds

from the United Kingdom more than offset net U.S. sales of Asian and Latin American bonds. At yearend 2004, U.S. holdings of European bonds (mostly of Western European countries) were \$506.9 billion, up from \$442.4 billion at yearend 2003 (table F). U.S. holdings of Canadian and Australian bonds increased slightly to \$143.6 billion and \$31.3 billion, respectively. In contrast, U.S. holdings of Japanese bonds decreased to \$25.1 billion from \$37.2 billion.

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

[Billions of dollars]

	2002	2003	2004
Total holdings	705.2	874.4	916.7
Europe	343.2	442.4	506.9
Of which: United Kingdom	110.9	148.3	213.3
Germany	60.6	71.4	72.6
Netherlands	42.5	58.0	59.7
France	34.4	43.0	45.8
Italy	17.0	25.0	24.5
Belgium and Luxembourg	16.1	20.2	17.2
Sweden	11.1	12.8	13.3
Canada	131.9	139.4	143.6
Latin America and Caribbean	119.7	165.0	167.8
Of which: Cayman Islands	47.2	75.7	80.1
Mexico	23.8	27.6	27.4
Asia	66.0	69.3	38.2
Of which: Japan	38.3	37.2	25.1
Africa	5.3	6.6	5.1
Of which: South Africa	2.5	2.7	2.9
Other countries	39.1	51.7	55.1
Other countries	21.6	29.2	31.3
Of Which. Australia	21.0	29.2	31.3

U.S. direct investment abroad

U.S. direct investment abroad at current cost increased \$304.8 billion, to \$2,367.4 billion, in 2004, mostly as a result of net financial outflows (table G). At market value, U.S. direct investment abroad increased \$569.2 billion, to \$3,287.4 billion; the increase was attributable to net financial outflows, price appreciation in owners' equity resulting from an increase in foreign stock prices, and exchange-rate appreciation of most foreign currencies against the dollar (table H). Net financial outflows increased sharply to \$252.0 billion from \$140.6 billion, mostly as a result of a \$61.5 billion increase in net equity capital outflows that were dominated by a restructuring of a large Australian media company as a U.S. company in the fourth quarter of 2004. Reinvested earnings increased to \$176.5 billion from \$131.0 billion, reflecting a continued rise in earnings of affiliates overseas and an increase in the share of

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

	2002	2003	2004
U.S. direct investment abroad: At current cost	1,860.4	2,062.6	2,367.4
	2,022.6	2,718.2	3,287.4

earnings that were reinvested. Intercompany debt inflows slowed to \$5.2 billion from \$9.6 billion.

Table H. U.S. Direct Investment Abroad, 2004
[Billions of dollars]

	At current cost	At market value
Total position at yearend	2,367.4	3,287.4
Total change Financial outflows Equity capital Intercompany debt Reinvested earnings Price changes	304.8 252.0 80.7 -5.2 176.5 10.2	569.2 252.0 80.7 -5.2 176.5 213.5
Exchange-rate changes Other valuation changes	36.8 5.8	116.4 -12.7

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

U.S. official reserve assets increased \$6.0 billion, to \$189.6 billion, in 2004, as a result of price appreciation in the market value of the U.S. gold stock and exchange-rate appreciation of other reserve assets. The U.S. reserve position at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) decreased \$3.0 billion because of net financial inflows; repayments of U.S. dollar funds to the IMF from Brazil, Turkey, Argentina, Indonesia, and Russia exceeded new U.S. dollar lending. Exchangerate appreciation partly offset the financial inflows. U.S. official holdings of foreign currencies increased \$2.9 billion, reflecting exchange-rate appreciation of \$2.3 billion and financial outflows of \$0.6 billion. U.S. official holdings of special drawing rights increased \$1.0 billion as a result of exchange-rate appreciation and financial outflows.

U.S. Government assets other than official reserve assets decreased \$1.2 billion, to \$83.6 billion, as repayments of loans exceeded new U.S. Government credits. Both new credits and repayments accelerated in 2004.

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 \$383.5 billion, to \$2,304.6 billion, in 2004. The increase was mostly due to record financial inflows of \$322.6 billion.

U.S. banks' own liabilities denominated in dollars

increased to \$1,823.1 billion from \$1,527.0 billion, mostly as a result of interoffice transfers of funds from affiliates overseas to meet increased funding demand associated with considerable international credit growth (table I). Dollar liabilities of U.S. securities brokers and dealers to foreign nonbanks increased substantially, reflecting an upswing in repurchase activity, including transactions with hedge funds in the Caribbean. U.S. banks' customers' liabilities denominated in dollars increased \$62.6 billion, to \$389.8 billion. U.S. banks' foreign currency liabilities increased \$24.9 billion, to \$91.8 billion.

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

[Billions of dollars]

	2002	2003	2004
Total bank-reported liabilities	1,538.2	1,921.1	2,304.6
Banks' liabilities for own accounts, denominated in dollars	1,269.4 1,055.9 213.5 188.2 80.5	1,527.0 1,132.4 394.6 327.2 66.9	1,823.1 1,239.2 583.9 389.8 91.8
Total nonbank-reported liabilities	892.6	454.3	581.3

U.S. liabilities to foreigners reported by U.S. non-banking concerns increased to \$581.3 billion from \$454.3 billion, reflecting an increase in U.S. corporate borrowing, mostly from financial centers in Western Europe and in the Caribbean (table I).

Foreign official assets

Foreign official assets in the United States increased sharply to \$1,982.0 billion in 2004, from \$1,567.1 billion in 2003. The increase was mostly attributable to record financial inflows of \$394.7 billion. Price depreciation of \$7.3 billion reflected a decrease in prices of U.S. Treasury and agency bonds that more than offset an increase in prices of U.S. corporate bonds and stocks. Net foreign official purchases of U.S. Treasury securities increased to a record \$272.6 billion, amid intervention in the exchange market by several Asian monetary authorities in an attempt to slow the appreciation of their currencies against the U.S. dollar.

U.S. Treasury securities

Foreign holdings of U.S. Treasury securities, excluding foreign official holdings, increased \$96.5 billion, to

Of which: Australia.....

\$639.7 billion, in 2004. Sizable net foreign purchases of \$107.0 billion more than offset price depreciation of \$5.1 billion. Net foreign purchases remained strong despite the underperformance of U.S. Treasury bonds relative to major foreign government bonds except Japanese Government bonds in 2004. At yearend 2004, Japan remained by far the largest holder of Treasury securities, followed by China. Together, they accounted for nearly half of total foreign holdings (table J). (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.)

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

	2002	2003	2004
Total holdings Japan China. United Kingdom. Cayman Islands Taiwan Korea, Republic of Germany Hong Kong OPEC Asia Switzerland.	1,285.5 392.7 124.4 63.6 15.4 40.8 48.2 38.4 45.0 26.5 39.1	1,533.6 549.5 175.9 44.1 16.8 56.4 55.6 44.7 46.9 26.4 42.7	1,900.2 694.2 236.2 76.5 72.8 68.1 55.1 54.0 45.2 42.5 42.4

Other U.S. securities

Foreign holdings of U.S. securities other than U.S. Treasury securities, excluding foreign official holdings, increased \$579.7 billion, to \$3,987.8 billion, in 2004. The increase was attributable to net foreign purchases of \$369.8 billion, price appreciation of \$179.6 billion (mostly on U.S. stocks), and exchange-rate appreciation of \$24.2 billion on foreign-currency-denominated U.S. bonds.

Foreign holdings of U.S. corporate and agency bonds increased \$352.0 billion, to \$2,059.3 billion, in 2004, amid continued improvement in the credit quality of U.S. issuers and near-record low yields on U.S. Treasury bonds. The increase in foreign holdings was mostly accounted for by net foreign purchases of \$309.3 billion; net foreign purchases of U.S. corporate bonds were a record \$243.0 billion, up from the previous record of \$224.4 billion in 2003, and transactions in agency bonds shifted to net foreign purchases of \$66.3 billion from net foreign sales of \$33.4 billion. Foreign holdings of U.S. corporate and agency bonds are concentrated among several financial centers in the

United Kingdom, Belgium and Luxembourg, Japan, and the Caribbean (table K).

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

	2002	2003	2004
Total holdings	1,531.0	1,707.2	2,059.3
Europe	1,034.3	1,130.8	1,302.9
Of which: United Kingdom	566.4	489.8	517.1
Belgium and Luxembourg	301.0	414.3	487.0
Germany	31.4	44.6	66.6
Ireland	33.5	47.6	59.9
Netherlands	29.4	40.5	48.6
Switzerland	27.3	31.4	36.6
France	17.9	24.9	33.0
Canada	39.4	47.1	52.6
Latin America and Caribbean	202.0	279.8	374.8
Of which: Cayman Islands	97.7	144.4	201.6
Bermuda	59.1	78.6	94.5
Asia	240.3	234.3	309.4
Of which: Japan	167.2	159.8	215.6
Africa	1.4	1.6	1.8
Other countries	13.6	13.6	17.8

Foreign holdings of U.S. stocks increased \$227.6 billion, to \$1,928.5 billion, in 2004, as a result of price appreciation and net foreign purchases. U.S. stock prices appreciated 9 percent in 2004, much less than the 26-percent appreciation in 2003. Net foreign purchases in 2004 were boosted by stock swap transactions related to cross-border mergers and acquisitions and the restructuring of a large Australian media company as a U.S. company. Excluding these transactions, net foreign purchases were lower in 2004 than in 2003. At yearend 2004, the United Kingdom remained the largest holder of U.S. stocks at \$308.1 billion, followed by Canada, at \$221.2 billion, and Japan, at \$178.3 billion (table L).

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

2002 2003 2004 **1,248.**1 Total holdings 1,700.9 1,928.5 1,081.2 Of which: United Kingdom 199.5 246. 308.1 Belgium and Luxembourg. 103. Netherlands 96.4 136.9 Switzerland. Germany. 60.9 76.1 80.2 36.4 29.5 57.0 48.7 Ireland. 56.6 30.6 33.6 Italy. 35.4 Canada 148.9 178.9 221.2 Latin America and Caribbean 270.1 288.1 Of which: Cayman Islands Bermuda..... 64.8 38.6 15.0 114.0 51.7 121.2 55.3 Netherland Antilles 21.8 24 2 Asia Of which: Japan 116.5 155.7 178.3 5.3 68.0 Africa. Other countries 39 6

U.S. currency

U.S. currency held by foreigners increased \$14.8 billion, to \$332.7 billion, in 2004. Net U.S. currency shipments to foreigners slowed in 2004, partly reflecting a decline in demand for dollars as the use of euros expands.

Foreign direct investment in the United States

Foreign direct investment in the United States at current cost increased \$123.0 billion, to \$1,708.9 billion, in 2004, mostly as a result of net financial inflows (table M). At market value, foreign direct investment in the United States increased \$229.7 billion, to \$2,686.9 billion, as a result of price appreciation in owners' equity (resulting from an increase in U.S. stock prices) and net financial inflows. Net financial inflows increased to \$106.8 billion from \$67.1 billion, mainly as a result of an increase in reinvested earnings to \$56.0 billion from \$11.8 billion (table N). Intercompany debt outflows decreased to \$17.8 billion from \$31.7 billion, as U.S. affiliates' payables shifted to net inflows. In contrast, net equity capital inflows decreased for the

fourth consecutive year, to \$68.7 billion, well below the record \$259.6 billion in 2000.

Table M. Foreign Direct Investment in the United States at Yearend
[Billions of dollars]

	2002	2003	2004
Foreign direct investment in the United States: At current cost	1,517.4 2,027.4		1,708.9 2,686.9

Table N. Foreign Direct Investment in the United States, 2004
[Billions of dollars]

	At current cost	At market value
Total position at yearend	1,708.9	2,686.9
Total change	123.0	229.7
Financial inflows	106.8	106.8
Equity capital	68.7	68.7
Equity capitalIntercompany debt	-17.8	-17.8
Reinvested earnings	56.0	56.0
Price changes	3.0	117.0
Price changes Exchange-rate changes	1.9	
Other valuation changes	11.2	5.8

Tables 1 and 2 follow.

Table 1. International Investment Position of the United States at Yearend, 2003 and 2004

[Millions of dollars]

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Line	Type of investment	Position, 2003	Financial flows	V	aluation adjustment	İS	Total	Position, 2004 p
			i ilialiciai ilows	Price changes	Exchange-rate changes ¹	Other changes ²		
			(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)	-2,156,703 -2,372,370	-584,597 -584,597	57,253 146,514	190,726 272,278	9,102 -4,070	-327,516 -169,875	-2,484,219 -2,542,245
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)	7,640,986 8,296,638	855,508 855,508	227,413 430,698	228,630 308,239	100,259 81,700	1,411,810 1,676,145	9,052,796 9,972,783
5 6 7	U.S. official reserve assets	183,577 108.866	-2,805	5,061 3 5.061	3,738	20 4 20	6,014 5.081	189,591 113.947
7 8 9	Special drawing rights	12,638 22,535 39,538	398 -3,826 623		592 835 2,311		990 -2,991 2,934	13,628 19,544 42,472
10 11 12 13 14	U.S. Government assets, other than official reserve assets. U.S. credits and other long-term assets 5	84,772 81,980 81,706 274 2,792	-1,216 -1,177 -1,176 -1 -39				-1,216 -1,177 -1,176 -1 -39	83,556 80,803 80,530 273 2,753
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)	7,372,637 8,028,289	859,529 859,529	222,352 425,637	224,892 304,501	100,239 81,680	1,407,012 1,671,347	8,779,649 9,699,636
17 18 19 20	Direct investment abroad: At current cost. At market value Foreign securities. Bonds.	2,062,551 2,718,203 2,953,778 874,356	252,012 252,012 102,383 19,180	10,195 213,480 212,157 2,088	36,787 116,396 168,400 21,031	5,841 –12,718	304,835 569,170 482,940 42,299	2,367,386 3,287,373 3,436,718 916,655
21 22 23	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	2,079,422 596,961 1,759,347	83,203 149,001 356,133	210,069	147,369 10,575 9,130	44,999 49,399	440,641 204,575 414,662	2,520,063 801,536 2,174,009
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)	9,797,689 10,669,008	1,440,105 1,440,105	170,160 284,184	37,904 35,961	91,157 85,770	1,739,326 1,846,020	11,537,015 12,515,028
26 27 28 29 30 31 32	Foreign official assets in the United States	1,567,124 1,192,242 990,411 201,831 16,627 201,054 157,201	394,710 311,133 272,648 38,485 488 70,329 12,760	-7,342 -19,456 -16,010 -3,446		27,500 15,658 13,453 2,205 88 11,754	414,868 307,335 270,091 37,244 488 70,417 36,628	1,981,992 1,499,577 1,260,502 239,075 17,115 271,471 193,829
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)	8,230,565 9,101,884	1,045,395 1,045,395	177,502 291,526	37,904 35,961	63,657 58,270	1,324,458 1,431,152	9,555,023 10,533,036
35 36 37 38 39 40 41	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.	1,585,898 2,457,217 543,209 3,408,113 1,707,206 1,700,907 317,908	106,832 106,832 106,958 369,793 309,258 60,535 14,827	3,000 117,024 -5,078 179,580 12,475 167,105	1,943 24,171 24,171	11,204 5,817 -5,373 6,140 6,140	122,979 229,673 96,507 579,684 352,044 227,640 14,827	1,708,877 2,686,890 639,716 3,987,797 2,059,250 1,928,547 332,735
42 43	U.S. liabilities to unaffiliated foreigners reported by U.S. nonbanking concerns U.S. liabilities reported by U.S. banks, not included elsewhere	454,317 1,921,120	124,358 322,627		5,848 5,942	-3,265 54,951	126,941 383,520	581,258 2,304,640

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

2. Includes changes in coverage, capital gains and losses of direct investment affiliates, and other adjustments to the value of assets and liabilities.

3. Reflects changes in the value of the official gold stock due to fluctuations in 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 financial 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.

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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

Line	Type of Investment	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
1 2	Net international investment position of the United States: With direct investment positions at current cost (line 3 less line 24)			206,423	316,926	360,838	339,767	328,954 235,947	298,304 257,393	160,695 134,088	54,343 96,886	-36,209 100,782	-80,007 50,529
3	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	, ,	1,210,974 1,129,673			1,469,396 1,594,652	
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	139,875 102,428 8,395 11,730 17,322	162,370 127,648 10,283 11,349 13,090
10 11 12 13 14	U.S. Government assets, other than official reserve assets U.S. credits and other long-term assets² Repayable in dollars Other³ 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	91,850 90,923 89,271 1,652 927	90,681 89,900 88,344 1,556 781
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			1,237,671 1,362,927	1,393,476 1,505,660
17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Direct investment abroad: At current cost ⁴ At market value ⁴ Foreign securities ⁵ Bonds ⁵ Corporate stocks ⁵ U.S. claims on unaffiliated foreigners reported by U.S. nonbanking concerns ⁶ U.S. claims reported by U.S. banks, not included elsewhere ⁷	222,283 	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 	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	404,818 530,074 158,123 85,724 72,399 167,392 507,338	478,062 590,246 188,589 93,889 94,700 177,368 549,457
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			1,505,605 1,493,870	
26 27 28 29 30 31 32	Foreign official assets in the United States. U.S. Government securities. U.S. Treasury securities ⁸ . Other ⁸ . Other U.S. Government liabilities ⁹ . 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	241,226 178,916 173,310 5,606 17,993 27,920 16,397	283,058 220,548 213,713 6,835 15,667 31,838 15,005
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)	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	7,028 54,913 11,964 42,949 11,792 12,961 53,465	55,413 7,562 51,235 11,456 39,779 13,656 11,921 60,184	68,976 8,910 53,554 11,457 42,097 16,569 16,019 77,719	88,579 	127,105 	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		247,223 219,996 87,954 207,868 82,290 125,578 46,036 86,993 354,497	284,701 272,966 96,078 309,803 140,863 168,940 50,122 90,703 432,972	334,552 316,200 82,588 341,732 166,089 175,643 55,584 110,187 518,833

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

2. Also includes paid-in capital subscriptions to international financial 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.

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3. 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.

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

and 1999 benchmark surveys of U.S. direct investment abroad.

5. Estimates include results of the 1994, 1997, and 2001 Benchmark Surveys of U.S. Portfolio Holdings of Foreign Securities, and the results of the 2003 Annual Survey of U.S. Holdings of Foreign Securities, conducted by the U.S. Department of the Treasury,

6. A break in series in 1983 reflects the introduction of counterparty data from the United Kingdom and from the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) 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. A break in series in 2003 reflects the reclassification of assets reported by U.S. securities brokers from nonbank-reported assets to bank-reported assets, and a reduction in counterparty balances to eliminate double counting.

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1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998 r	1999 r	2000 r	2001 r	2002 r	2003 r	2004p	Line
-178,470	-259,506	-245,347	-309,259	-431,198	-306,956	-323,397	-458,462	-495,055	-820,682	-895,358	-766,237	-1,381,196	-1,919,430	-2,107,267	-2,156,703	-2,484,219	
10,466	-46,987	-164,495	-260,819	-452,305	-144,268	-135,251	-305,836	-360,024	-822,732	-1,070,769	-1,037,437	-1,581,007	-2,339,448	-2,455,114	-2,372,370	-2,542,245	
1,829,665	2,070,868	2,178,978	2,286,456	2,331,696	2,753,648	2,987,118	3,486,272	4,032,307	4,567,906	5,095,546	5,974,394	6,238,785	6,308,681	6,645,679	7,640,986	9,052,796	3 4
2,008,365	2,350,235	2,294,085	2,470,629	2,466,496	3,091,421	3,315,135	3,964,558	4,650,837	5,379,128	6,179,126	7,399,678	7,401,192	6,930,484	6,807,849	8,296,638	9,972,783	
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	158,602	183,577	189,591	5
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	90,806	108,866	113,947	6
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	12,166	12,638	13,628	7
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	21,979	22,535	19,544	8
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	33,651	39,538	42,472	9
87,892 87,163 85,768 1,395 729	86,643 86,057 84,734 1,323 586	84,344 83,716 82,602 1,114 628	81,422 79,776 78,814 962 1,646	83,022 81,352 80,498 854 1,670	83,382 81,435 80,660 775 1,947	83,908 81,884 81,389 495 2,024	85,064 82,802 82,358 444 2,262	86,123 83,999 83,606 393 2,124	86,198 84,130 83,780 350 2,068	86,768 84,850 84,528 322 1,918	84,227 81,657 81,367 290 2,570	85,168 82,574 82,293 281 2,594	85,654 83,132 82,854 278 2,522	85,309 82,682 82,406 276 2,627	84,772 81,980 81,706 274 2,792	83,556 80,803 80,530 273 2,753	11 12 13
1,597,594	1,815,511	1,919,970	2,045,811	2,101,239	2,505,321	2,739,816	3,225,147	3,785,445	4,346,872	4,862,772	5,753,749	6,025,217	6,093,066	6,401,768	7,372,637	8,779,649	15
1,776,294	2,094,878	2,035,077	2,229,984	2,236,039	2,843,094	3,067,833	3,703,433	4,403,975	5,158,094	5,946,352	7,179,033	7,187,624	6,714,869	6,563,938	8,028,289	9,699,636	16
513,761	553,093	616,655	643,364	663,830	723,526	786,565	885,506	989,810	1,068,063	1,196,021	1,414,355	1,531,607	1,693,131	1,860,418	2,062,551	2,367,386	17
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	2,839,639	2,694,014	2,314,934	2,022,588	2,718,203	3,287,373	18
232,849	314,294	342,313	455,750	515,083	853,528	937,153	1,203,925	1,487,546	1,751,183	2,069,383	2,551,949	2,425,534	2,169,735	2,079,891	2,953,778	3,436,718	19
104,187	116,949	144,717	176,774	200,817	309,666	310,391	413,310	481,411	543,396	594,400	548,233	572,692	557,062	705,226	874,356	916,655	20
128,662	197,345	197,596	278,976	314,266	543,862	626,762	790,615	1,006,135	1,207,787	1,474,983	2,003,716	1,852,842	1,612,673	1,374,665	2,079,422	2,520,063	21
197,757	234,307	265,315	256,295	254,303	242,022	322,980	367,567	450,578	545,524	588,322	704,517	836,559	839,303	902,002	596,961	801,536	22
653,227	713,817	695,687	690,402	668,023	686,245	693,118	768,149	857,511	982,102	1,009,046	1,082,928	1,231,517	1,390,897	1,559,457	1,759,347	2,174,009	23
2,008,135	2,330,374	2,424,325	2,595,715	2,762,894	3,060,604	3,310,515	3,944,734	4,527,362	5,388,588	5,990,904	6,740,631	7,619,981	8,228,111	8,752,946	9,797,689	11,537,015	
1,997,899	2,397,222	2,458,580	2,731,448	2,918,801	3,235,689	3,450,386	4,270,394	5,010,861	6,201,860	7,249,895	8,437,115	8,982,199	9,269,932	9,262,963	10,669,008	12,515,028	
322,036	341,746	373,293	398,538	437,263	509,422	535,227	682,873	820,823	873,716	896,174	951,088	1,030,708	1,109,072	1,250,977	1,567,124	1,981,992	26
260,934	263,612	291,228	311,199	329,317	381,687	407,152	507,460	631,088	648,188	669,768	693,781	756,155	847,005	970,359	1,192,242	1,499,577	27
252,962	257,201	285,911	305,994	322,600	373,050	396,887	489,952	606,427	615,076	622,921	617,680	639,796	720,149	811,995	990,411	1,260,502	28
7,972	6,411	5,317	5,205	6,717	8,637	10,265	17,508	24,661	33,112	46,847	76,101	116,359	126,856	158,364	201,831	239,075	29
15,200	15,374	17,243	18,610	20,801	22,113	23,678	23,573	22,592	21,712	18,386	21,141	19,316	17,007	17,144	16,627	17,115	30
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	134,655	155,876	201,054	271,471	31
14,382	26,265	24,942	30,333	32,178	35,901	31,011	44,446	54,045	68,432	82,137	97,319	101,834	110,405	107,598	157,201	193,829	32
1,686,099	1,988,628	2,051,032	2,197,177	2,325,631	2,551,182	2,775,288	3,261,861	3,706,539	4,514,872	5,094,730	5,789,543	6,589,273	7,119,039	7,501,969	8,230,565	9,555,023	33
1,675,863	2,055,476	2,085,287	2,332,910	2,481,538	2,726,267	2,915,159	3,587,521	4,190,038	5,328,144	6,353,721	7,486,027	7,951,491	8,160,860	8,011,986	9,101,884	10,533,036	34
401,766 391,530 100,877 392,292 191,314 200,978 61,261 144,548 585,355	467,886 534,734 166,541 482,864 231,673 251,191 67,118 167,093 637,126	505,346 539,601 152,452 460,644 238,903 221,741 85,933 213,406 633,251	533,404 669,137 170,295 546,008 274,136 271,872 101,317 208,908 637,245	540,270 696,177 197,739 599,447 299,287 300,160 114,804 220,666 652,705	593,313 768,398 221,501 696,449 355,822 340,627 133,734 229,038 677,147	617,982 757,853 235,684 739,695 368,077 371,618 157,185 239,817 784,925	680,066 1,005,726 326,995 969,849 459,080 510,769 169,484 300,424 815,043	745,619 1,229,118 433,903 1,165,113 539,308 625,805 186,846 346,810 828,248	824,136 1,637,408 538,137 1,512,725 618,837 893,888 211,628 459,407 968,839	920,044 2,179,035 543,323 1,903,443 724,619 1,178,824 228,250 485,675 1,013,995	1,101,709 2,798,193 440,685 2,351,291 825,175 1,526,116 250,657 578,046 1,067,155	1,421,017 2,783,235 381,630 2,623,014 1,068,566 1,554,448 255,972 738,904 1,168,736	1,518,473 2,560,294 375,059 2,821,372 1,343,071 1,478,301 279,755 798,314 1,326,066	1,517,403 2,027,420 473,503 2,779,067 1,530,982 1,248,085 301,268 892,574 1,538,154	1,585,898 2,457,217 543,209 3,408,113 1,707,206 1,700,907 317,908 454,317 1,921,120	1,708,877 2,686,890 639,716 3,987,797 2,059,250 1,928,547 332,735 581,258 2,304,640	37 38 39 40 41 42

^{7.} A break in series in 1988 reflects the introduction of data on holdings of foreign commercial paper. A break in series in 2003 reflects the reclassification of assets reported by U.S. securities brokers from nonbank-reported assets to bank-reported assets.

8. Estimates include results of the 1978, 1984, 1989, 1994, 2000, and 2004 Benchmark Surveys of Foreign Portfolio Investment in the United States, and the results of the 2002 and 2003 Annual Surveys of Foreign Holdings of U.S. Securities, 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.

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¹⁹⁹⁷ benchmark surveys of foreign direct investment in the United States.

11. A break in series in 1983 reflects the introduction of counterparty 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 invent accounts to the nonbank investment accounts. A break in series in 1996 reflects the introduction of counterparty data from the Bank of International Settlements (BIS) for several European countries. A break in series in 2003 reflects the reclassification of liabilities reported by U.S. securities brokers from nonbank-reported liabilities, and a reduction in counterparty balances to eliminate double counting.

12. A break in series in 2003 reflects the reclassification of liabilities reported by U.S. securities brokers from nonbank-reported liabilities.