

Table 1362. Reserve Assets and International Transaction Balances by Country: 2000 to 2008

[In millions of U.S. dollars (56,600 represents \$56,600,000,000). Assets include holdings of convertible foreign currencies, special drawing rights, and reserve position in International Monetary Fund and exclude gold holdings. Minus sign (-) indicates debits]

Country	Total reserve assets				Current account balance			Merchandise trade balance		
	2000	2007	2008		2000	2007	2008	2000	2007	2008
			Total	Currency hold-ings ¹						
United States	56,600	59,520	66,610	49,580	-415,150	-731,210	(NA)	-449,780	-815,300	(NA)
Algeria	12,024	110,318	143,243	143,102	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Argentina	25,147	44,682	44,855	44,360	-8,981	7,122	(NA)	2,452	13,255	(NA)
Australia	18,118	24,688	30,691	29,867	-14,763	-57,682	(NA)	-4,862	-17,770	(NA)
Austria	14,319	10,689	8,912	8,244	-4,864	12,031	(NA)	-2,737	1,846	(NA)
Bangladesh	1,486	5,183	5,689	5,687	-306	857	(NA)	-1,654	-4,195	(NA)
Belgium ²	9,994	10,384	9,318	7,767	11,381	7,216	(NA)	2,591	1,685	(NA)
Brazil	32,488	179,433	192,844	192,843	-24,225	1,550	-28,300	-698	40,031	24,746
Burma	223	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	-212	(NA)	(NA)	-504	(NA)	(NA)
Cameroon	212	2,907	3,086	3,081	-249	-547	(NA)	502	295	(NA)
Canada	32,102	40,991	43,778	41,537	19,622	12,639	11,298	45,047	44,363	45,875
Chile	15,035	16,837	23,072	22,849	-898	7,200	(NA)	2,119	23,653	(NA)
China ³	168,278	1,530,282	(NA)	(NA)	20,518	371,833	(NA)	34,474	315,381	(NA)
Colombia	8,916	20,767	23,479	22,810	764	-5,866	(NA)	2,633	-596	(NA)
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Colombia	8,916	20,767	23,479	22,810	764	-5,866	(NA)	2,633	-596	(NA)
Congo (Brazzaville) ⁴	222	2,174	3,872	3,871	648	-2,181	(NA)	2,037	2,950	(NA)
Cote d'Ivoire	668	2,519	(NA)	(NA)	-241	-146	(NA)	1,486	2,544	(NA)
Denmark	15,108	32,534	40,466	39,823	2,262	2,379	(NA)	6,641	-386	(NA)
Ecuador	947	2,816	3,738	3,686	921	1,598	(NA)	1,395	1,797	(NA)
Egypt	13,118	30,188	32,216	32,108	-971	412	(NA)	-8,321	-14,900	(NA)
Finland	7,977	7,063	6,979	6,398	10,526	10,121	(NA)	13,684	11,979	(NA)
France	37,039	45,710	33,617	30,382	18,580	-31,250	(NA)	-3,620	-54,880	(NA)
Germany	56,890	44,327	43,137	38,557	-31,960	252,930	(NA)	55,460	278,690	(NA)
Ghana	232	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	-387	-2,152	(NA)	-830	-3,894	(NA)
Greece	13,424	631	344	159	-9,820	-44,587	(NA)	-20,239	-57,050	(NA)
Hungary	11,190	23,970	33,788	33,620	-4,004	-8,635	(NA)	-2,913	452	(NA)
India	37,902	266,988	247,419	246,603	-4,601	(NA)	(NA)	-10,640	(NA)	(NA)
Indonesia	28,502	54,976	49,597	49,339	7,992	10,492	606	25,042	32,754	23,309
Ireland	5,360	779	871	609	-516	-12,695	(NA)	25,010	31,292	(NA)
Israel	23,281	28,519	42,513	42,324	-854	4,523	(NA)	-3,540	-6,010	(NA)
Italy	25,567	28,385	37,085	35,303	-5,781	-51,032	(NA)	9,549	4,242	(NA)
Japan	354,902	952,784	1,009,365	1,003,674	119,660	210,490	(NA)	116,720	104,750	(NA)
Kenya	898	3,355	2,879	2,856	-199	-1,102	(NA)	-1,262	-4,258	(NA)
Korea, South	96,131	262,150	201,145	200,479	12,251	5,954	-6,350	16,954	29,409	6,051
Kuwait	7,082	16,660	17,046	16,544	14,679	47,471	(NA)	13,027	43,056	(NA)
Malaysia	28,330	101,019	91,149	90,605	8,488	28,931	(NA)	20,827	37,328	(NA)
Mexico	35,509	87,109	95,126	93,994	-18,707	-8,115	(NA)	-8,337	-10,074	(NA)
Morocco	4,823	24,123	22,104	21,976	-501	-224	(NA)	-3,235	-14,170	(NA)
Nepal	945	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	-299	-130	(NA)	-814	-2,008	(NA)
Netherlands	9,643	10,270	11,476	9,369	7,264	59,586	(NA)	17,800	54,909	(NA)
Nigeria	9,911	51,334	(NA)	(NA)	7,429	21,972	(NA)	10,415	33,138	(NA)
Norway	27,597	60,840	50,950	50,214	25,851	60,459	(NA)	25,975	60,271	(NA)
Pakistan	1,513	14,044	7,194	7,011	-85	-8,295	(NA)	-1,157	-10,640	(NA)
Peru	8,374	26,857	30,272	30,263	-1,526	1,505	(NA)	-11	8,356	(NA)
Philippines	13,090	30,211	33,193	33,047	-2,225	6,301	(NA)	-5,971	-8,211	(NA)
Poland	26,562	62,967	59,306	58,931	-9,981	-18,595	(NA)	-12,307	-15,553	(NA)
Portugal	8,909	1,258	1,309	1,022	-11,748	-21,418	(NA)	-14,532	-24,108	(NA)
Romania	2,470	37,194	36,868	36,747	-1,355	-23,032	(NA)	-1,684	-24,566	(NA)
Saudi Arabia	19,585	33,760	30,342	28,223	14,317	95,080	(NA)	49,777	151,547	(NA)
Singapore	80,132	162,957	174,193	173,649	10,728	39,106	(NA)	13,956	49,099	(NA)
South Africa	6,083	29,589	30,584	30,238	-191	-20,780	(NA)	4,698	-5,741	(NA)
Spain	30,989	11,480	12,414	11,540	-23,185	-145,355	(NA)	-37,087	-123,515	(NA)
Sri Lanka	1,039	3,515	(NA)	(NA)	-1,044	-1,465	(NA)	-1,044	-2,430	(NA)
Sudan	138	1,378	(NA)	(NA)	-557	-3,447	(NA)	440	1,157	(NA)
Sweden	14,863	27,044	25,896	25,127	6,617	38,416	(NA)	15,215	18,232	(NA)
Switzerland	32,272	44,474	45,061	44,151	33,562	43,946	(NA)	2,071	12,750	(NA)
Syria	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,061	(NA)	(NA)	1,423	(NA)	(NA)
Thailand	32,016	85,221	108,661	108,317	9,313	15,755	(NA)	11,701	25,547	(NA)
Trinidad and Tobago	1,386	6,694	9,443	9,380	544	5,364	(NA)	969	5,721	(NA)
Turkey	22,488	73,384	70,428	70,231	-9,822	-37,697	(NA)	-21,959	-46,669	(NA)
United Kingdom	38,770	48,960	44,350	41,550	-37,360	-78,760	(NA)	-49,850	-178,740	(NA)
Venezuela	13,088	24,196	33,098	32,581	11,853	20,001	39,202	16,664	23,702	45,447

NA Not available. ¹ Holdings of convertible foreign currencies. ² Balance of payments current account and trade balance data for 2000 are for Belgium-Luxembourg. Thereafter, data is for Belgium only. ³ See footnote 4, Table 1296. ⁴ See footnote 5, Table 1296. ⁵ Break in series. Data not comparable to earlier years.