

Table 1166. U.S. Purchases and Sales of Foreign Bonds and Stocks, 1990 to 2008, and by Selected Country, 2008

[In billions of dollars (31.2 represents \$31,200,000,000). Covers transactions in all types of long-term foreign securities by foreigners as reported to the Treasury International Capital Reporting System by banks, brokers, and other entities in the United States. Data cover new issues of securities, transactions in outstanding issues, and redemptions of securities. Includes transactions executed in the United States for the account of foreigners, and transactions executed abroad for the account of reporting institutions and their domestic customers. Data by country show the country of location of the foreign buyers and sellers who deal directly with reporting institutions in the United States. The data do not necessarily indicate the country of beneficial owner or issuer. The term "foreigner" covers all institutions and individuals domiciled outside the United States, including U.S. citizens domiciled abroad, and the foreign branches, subsidiaries, and other affiliates abroad of U.S. banks and businesses; the central governments, central banks, and other official institutions of foreign countries; and international and regional organizations. "Foreigner" also includes persons in the United States to the extent that they are known by reporting institutions to be acting on behalf of foreigners. Excludes acquisitions of foreign stocks through mergers that involve stock swaps. Including stock swaps, net sales of foreign securities was \$98 billion in 2008. Minus sign (-) indicates net sales by U.S. investors or a net inflow of capital into the United States]

Year and country	Net purchases			Total transactions ¹			Bonds		Stocks	
	Total	Bonds	Stocks	Total	Bonds	Stocks	Purchases	Sales	Purchases	Sales
1990	31.2	21.9	9.2	907	652	255	337	315	132	123
2000	17.1	4.1	13.1	5,539	1,922	3,617	963	959	1,815	1,802
2001	19.6	-30.5	50.1	5,135	2,290	2,845	1,130	1,160	1,448	1,398
2002	-27.0	-28.5	1.5	5,253	2,716	2,537	1,344	1,372	1,269	1,268
2003	56.5	-32.0	88.6	5,580	2,883	2,698	1,425	1,457	1,393	1,305
2004	152.8	67.9	85.0	6,399	2,986	3,413	1,527	1,459	1,749	1,664
2005	172.4	45.1	127.3	7,572	2,965	4,608	1,505	1,460	2,367	2,240
2006	250.9	144.5	106.5	11,283	3,904	7,379	2,024	1,880	3,743	3,636
2007	229.2	133.9	95.3	16,604	6,078	10,527	3,106	2,972	5,311	5,216
2008, total ²	-102.1	-82.0	-20.1	15,287	4,445	10,842	2,182	2,264	5,411	5,431
United Kingdom	-1.9	-4.0	2.1	5,127	1,615	3,512	805	809	1,757	1,755
Cayman Islands	15.9	-17.9	33.8	2,489	344	2,144	163	181	1,089	1,055
Canada	-3.1	-5.1	2.0	1,107	502	606	248	253	304	302
Japan	-18.3	3.3	-21.6	968	183	785	93	90	381	403
Hong Kong	-13.5	-1.0	-12.4	662	13	648	6	7	318	330
Ireland	0.4	-2.4	2.8	654	591	63	294	297	33	30
Bermuda	13.5	15.0	-1.4	452	71	380	43	28	189	191
France	-26.6	-26.2	-0.4	431	161	270	68	94	135	135
British Virgin Islands	7.4	0.2	7.2	343	58	285	29	29	146	139
Australia	11.8	11.1	0.7	296	66	230	39	27	115	115
Netherlands	-4.0	-4.5	0.5	232	48	184	22	26	92	92
Sweden	-19.5	-5.9	-13.7	227	32	195	13	19	91	104
Germany	-15.9	-12.0	-3.9	221	113	108	51	63	52	56
Bahamas, The	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	189	45	145	22	22	72	72

¹ Total purchases plus total sales. ² Includes other countries not shown separately.