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## ■ Value of direct investments rose in 2005

*The value of Swedish direct investment assets abroad increased by SEK 246 billion in 2005, compared with 2004. The value of foreign direct investment assets in Sweden also increased, by SEK 61 billion. This is the conclusion of the Riksbank's annual survey of direct investment assets in Sweden and abroad, which is published today.*

**The value of Swedish direct investment assets abroad** amounted to SEK 1 625 billion at the end of 2005. The Swedish companies' largest assets in terms of value are in Finland and the United States, and the main increase in assets came in the sectors for chemicals, pharmaceuticals, transport and communications.

**The value of the foreign direct investment assets in Sweden** amounted to SEK 1 363 billion last year. The survey shows that companies from the United States and the Netherlands have the largest direct investment assets in Sweden. The value of the direct investment assets in Sweden increased mainly in the chemicals, pharmaceuticals and energy sectors.

Income from Swedish direct investment abroad amounted to SEK 178 billion last year, which was an increase of SEK 38 billion in 2004. Income on foreign direct investment in Sweden increased by SEK 15 billion compared with 2004 and amounted to SEK 87 billion.

The full report is available on the Riksbank's website, [www.riksbank.se](http://www.riksbank.se), under Statistics, Balance of Payments, Surveys.