



Press Release

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Foreign Investors' Stock and Bond Investment, July 2021

Foreign investors sold a net KRW3.7780 trillion of listed stocks and bought a net KRW9.2900 trillion of listed bonds in July 2021. The cumulative holdings of listed stocks came in at KRW811.0 trillion in total, 29.4% of total market capitalization. Meanwhile, the bond holdings totaled KRW195.3 trillion, representing 8.9% of total listed bonds.

Table 1. Net Stock and Bond Investment, July 2021*

(In billions of KRW)

	2020			2021		Cumulative Holdings
	Year	H1	H2	Jun	Jul	
Stocks	-24,379	-26,143	1,764	-499	-3,778	811,008
Bonds	24,706	22,404	2,302	9,387	9,290	195,328
Total	327	-3,739	4,066	8,888	5,512	1,006,336

*The net total figures on stocks are from on-exchange trading and the net total figures on bonds are from both on- and off-exchange trading.

Table 2. Stock Investment Status, July 2021

(In billions of KRW)

Net-buying		Net-selling		Net Purchases by Region	
Kuwait	419	U.K.	-2,317	Middle East	497
U.S.	212	Cayman Islands	-438	Asia	-385
Denmark	199	France	-367	Europe	-3,043

Table 3. Net Stock Investment, July 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2020		2021		
	Dec	Year	May	Jun	Jul
Net investment	-2,688	-24,379	-10,167	-499	-3,778
Stock bought	80,975	697,518	77,639	79,556	79,315
Stock sold	83,663	721,897	87,805	80,056	83,093
Cumulative holdings	764,329		820,162	842,340	811,008

Table 4. Bond Investment Status, July 2021*

(In billions of KRW)

Net Purchase by Region		Bond Type		Remaining Maturity	
Middle East	3,977	Korean Treasury Bonds	7,274	Less than 1 year	-199
Europe	2,233	Monetary Stabilization Bonds	2,106	1-5 years	5,273
Americas	1,816	Corporate bonds	0	More than 5 years	4,215

*Figures include both KOSPI and KOSDAQ trading, but exclude ETF trading; the figures are aggregated on a settlement basis.



Table 5. Net Bond Investment, July 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2020		2021		
	Dec	Year	May	Jun	Jul
Net investment	-194	24,706	5,516	9,387	9,290
Net purchases	5,867	73,905	10,189	17,819	13,312
Redemption	6,061	49,199	4,673	8,432	4,022
Cumulative holdings	150,092		179,135	188,968	195,328

Table 6. Net Stock Investment by Country, July 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2020	2021		
	Year	May	Jun	Jul
Kuwait	975	46	152	419
U.S.	-16,035	-2,913	-1,242	212
Denmark	248	-40	160	199
Taiwan	292	-36	57	96
New Zealand	-24	-1	27	69
Sweden	898	-55	15	62
Canada	-887	320	98	-293
Switzerland	-164	-1,324	-172	-296
Australia	-1,454	-36	244	-358
France	-1,148	-256	-114	-367
Cayman Islands	-2,597	-845	-55	-438
U.K.	4,039	-2,733	493	-2,317
Others	-8,522	-2,295	-162	-766
Total	-24,379	-10,167	-499	-3,778



Table 7. Cumulative Stock Holdings by Country, July 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2019	2020	July 2021
U.S.	251,678	317,435	332,838
U.K.	47,876	61,007	66,546
Luxembourg	38,479	52,113	56,940
Singapore	34,069	40,916	45,144
Ireland	22,391	33,248	36,967
Netherlands	18,003	25,007	25,341
Canada	17,296	22,053	23,011
Norway	15,007	20,358	20,462
China	12,534	17,665	18,201
Japan	13,987	16,603	17,527
Australia	14,482	17,255	16,974
Switzerland	9,162	14,303	15,504
Cayman Islands	11,136	13,264	14,120
Saudi Arabia	7,863	12,729	13,914
Hong Kong	8,012	11,506	11,513
Kuwait	4,982	7,880	9,865
Sweden	4,761	7,357	8,155
Others	61,474	73,628	77,984
Total	593,191	764,329	811,008

Table 8. Net Bond Investment by Bond Type, July 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2020	July 2021	YTD 2021 ⁴
Korean Treasury Bonds	21,294	7,274	31,041
Agency bonds ¹	3,393	2,016	15,793
Monetary Stabilization Bonds ²	-1,007	2,106	12,317
Corporate bonds	19	0	-25
Municipal bonds ³	0	0	0
Total	24,706	9,290	46,810

¹ Issued by qualified state-affiliated enterprises;

² Issued by the Bank of Korea;

³ Issued by local government authorities;

⁴ As of January-July for cumulative holdings

Table 9. Cumulative Bond Holdings by Bond Type, July 2021

(In billions of KRW)

	2020	July 2021
Korean Treasury Bonds	121,754	150,352
Agency bonds ¹	28,266	44,928
Monetary Stabilization Bonds ²	23,086	36,272
Corporate bonds	73	48
Municipal bonds ³	0	0
Total	150,092	195,328

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