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#### **China's FDI confidence index ranking up globally**

China's ranking in the 2026 Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Confidence Index has climbed two spots to fourth place globally. **(Kearney)**

#### **The PBoC bought gold on dip in March**

The People's Bank of China announced its 17th consecutive monthly gold purchase in March. This 5t addition, the largest since February 2025, pushed China's official gold holdings to 2,313t. **(World Gold Council)**

#### **China's treasury bond issuance exceeded 3.6 trillion yuan in the Q1 2026**

In the first quarter 2026, China's treasury bond issuance exceeded 3.6 trillion yuan (about \$ 529.41 billion), up nearly 10% year on year. **(Ministry of Finance)**

#### **Number of newly established foreign-invested enterprises in Chinese mainland up 11 pct in Q1**

In the first quarter of 2026 (Q1), 13,987 new foreign-invested enterprises were established in the Chinese mainland, representing a year-on-year growth of 11%. **(Ministry of Commerce)**

#### **China's foreign direct investment fell 7.3% in Q1 2026**

From January to March, foreign direct investment (FDI) in the Chinese mainland totaled 249.6 billion yuan (about \$36.35 billion) in actual use, down 7.3% year on year. **(Ministry of Commerce)**

#### **IMF Projects China's GDP to Grow 4.4% in 2026**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) projected China's economy to expand by 4.4 percent in 2026, a 0.2 percentage-point upward revision from its October 2025 forecast. **(IMF)**

#### **China's Forex Reserves Drop \$85.7 Billion in March**

China's foreign exchange reserves stood at \$3.3421 trillion at the end of March 2026, down \$85.7 billion, or 2.5 percent, from the previous month. **( People's Bank of China)**