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Summary: China's direct investment liabilities, a gauge of foreign capital flowing into the country, totalled about \$33bn in 2023, according to data released late on Sunday by the State Administration of Foreign Exchange. This was an 82% decline from the previous year and the lowest annual figure since 1993. Financial Times calculations based on Chinese commerce ministry data compiled by Wind show that FDI fell 34% to Rmb72.8bn (\$10bn) year on year in September, the biggest decline since monthly figures became available in 2014. The commerce ministry data is a narrower gauge than the SAFE measure, covering only new inbound investments. The latest SAFE reading offered some grounds for optimism. In the fourth quarter of 2023, there were \$17.4bn of investments. This followed a deficit, the first ever, in the third quarter, SAFE data showed.

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