The persistence of net private capital flows is generally low, with no significant differences across economy groups. Among the various types, net portfolio debt flows appear to be the least persistent.

Sources: IMF, Balance of Payments Statistics; national sources; and IMF staff calculations.

Note: Using annual data, the persistence of any particular flow is its AR(1) regression coefficient computed over the prior 10-year window for each economy (for example, the 1990 value corresponds to the AR(1) coefficient during 1981–90). The median is plotted only if the AR(1) coefficient for the particular 10-year window and type of flow can be calculated for at least one-fifth of the economies in the group. The groups exclude offshore financial centers.