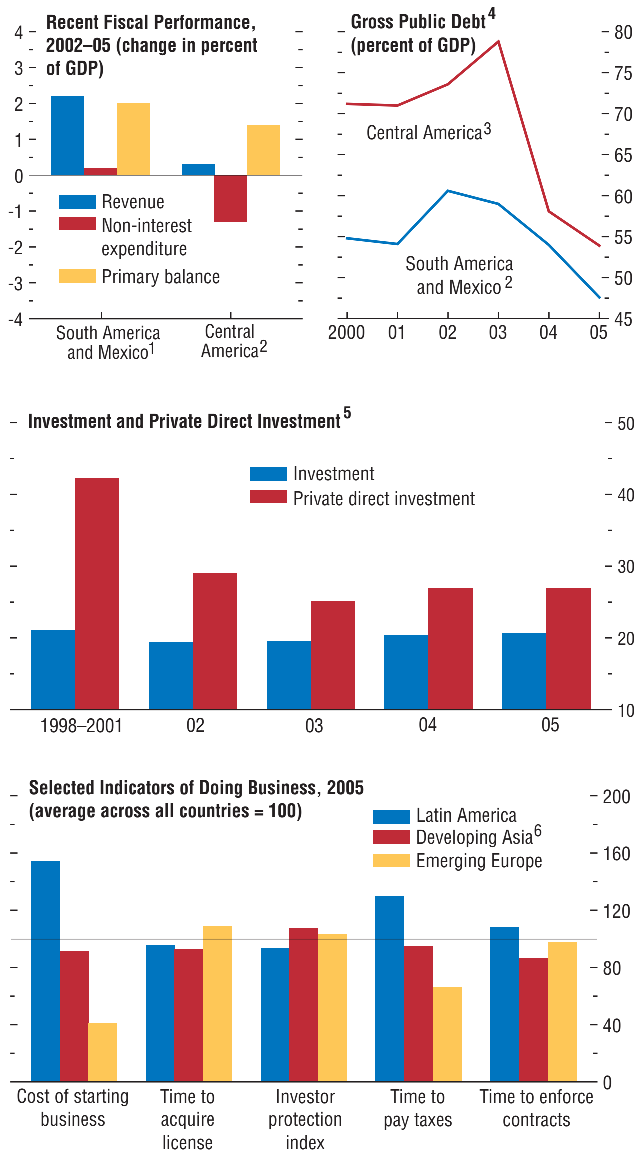
Figure 1.15. Latin America: Public Debt Ratios and Investment

(Purchasing-power-parity weighted averages unless noted otherwise)

Public debt ratios have benefited from disciplined fiscal policies and recent high growth. Sustaining recent progress will require increasing private sector investment to support stable long-term growth.



Sources: World Bank, *Doing Business Database;* and IMF staff calculations.
[1]Consists of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.
[2]Consists of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama.
[3]Excluding Argentina.
[4]Simple average.
[5]Latin America's gross capital formation in percent of GDP and private direct investment as a share of total emerging market and developing countries.
[6]Consists of China, India, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Vietnam.