



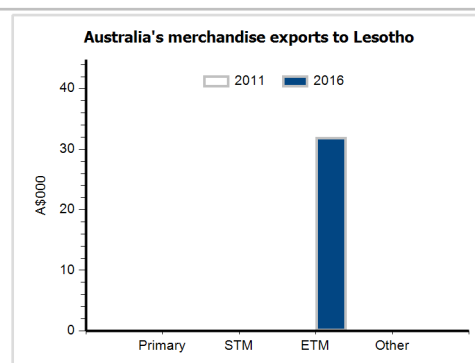
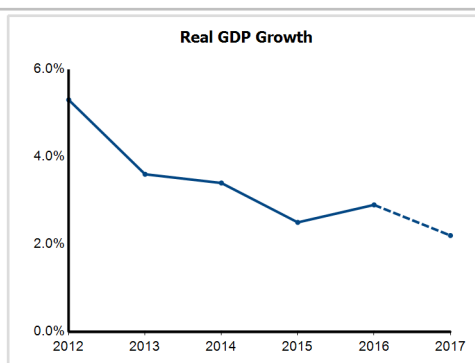
General information

Capital:	Maseru
Land area:	30,360 sq km
Official language(s):	Sesotho, English
Population:	1.9 million (2016)
Currency:	Loti

Head of State	HM King Letsie III
Head of Government	Prime Minister HE The Right Honourable Dr Motsoahae Thomas Thabane

Economic indicators (a)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.4
GDP per capita (US\$)	1,453.8	1,370.4	1,332.5	1,223.4	1,170.2	1,256.0
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	5.8	6.1	6.5	6.7	7.0	7.3
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	3,039.2	3,190.7	3,351.4	3,464.3	3,601.4	3,752.4
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	5.3	3.6	3.4	2.5	2.9	2.2
Current account balance (US\$b)	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Current account balance (% GDP)	-8.9	-9.2	-7.8	-8.0	-7.7	-6.9
Inflation (% change yoy)	5.5	5.0	4.0	5.0	7.0	6.6
Unemployment (% labour force)	25.2	24.4	24.6	26.5	27.4	na



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Lesotho (b)

Australian merchandise trade with Lesotho, 2016 (A\$000)

Exports to Lesotho	32
Imports from Lesotho	1,107
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	1,139

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Lesotho	0.0%	211th	28.2%
Imports from Lesotho	0.0%	148th	-51.8%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	0.0%	193rd	-50.9%

Major Australian exports, 2016 (A\$000)

Measuring & analysing instruments	22
Vehicle parts & accessories	10

Major Australian imports, 2016 (A\$000)

Men's clothing (excl knitted)	603
Men's clothing, knitted	141
Other textile clothing	115
Women's clothing (excl knitted)	98

Australia's trade in services with Lesotho, 2016 (A\$m)

Exports of services to Lesotho	1
Imports of services from Lesotho	0

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Lesotho	0.0%	154th	0.0%
Imports of services from Lesotho	0.0%

Australia's investment relationship with Lesotho, 2016 (A\$m)

Australia's investment in Lesotho	0
Lesotho's investment in Australia	0

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Lesotho	0	0
Lesotho's investment in Australia	0	0

Lesotho's global merchandise trade relationships

Lesotho's principal export destinations, 2012

1 South Africa	47.3%
2 United States	43.9%
3 Belgium	3.2%
7 Australia	0.3%

Lesotho's principal import sources, 2012

1 South Africa	88.9%
2 Taiwan	4.7%
3 China	2.8%
27 Australia	0.0%