

SOUTH AFRICA



General information

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

Capital: Pretoria/Tshwane (administrative); Cape Town

(legislative); Bloemfontein (judicial).

Land area: 1,213,090 sq km

Official language(s): Afrikaans, English, IsiZulu, IsiXhosa, Sepedi,

Setswana, Sesotho, Xitsonga, Swazi, Tshivenda,

IsiNdebele

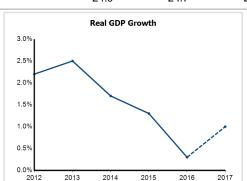
Population: 55.9 million (2016)

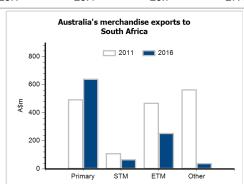
Currency: Rand

President Mr Jacob Zuma

Economic indicators (a)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	396.3	367.8	351.6	314.7	294.1	317.6
GDP per capita (US\$)	7,548.4	6,898.5	6,492.9	5,721.1	5,260.9	5,589.0
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	659.3	686.6	710.8	727.8	739.4	761.9
GDP per capita PPP (Int'I \$)	12,556.7	12,879.6	13,127.4	13,229.6	13,225.4	13,409.3
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	2.2	2.5	1.7	1.3	0.3	1.0
Current account balance (US\$b)	-20.3	-21.6	-18.7	-14.0	-9.6	-10.8
Current account balance (% GDP)	-5.1	-5.9	-5.3	-4.4	-3.3	-3.4
Inflation (% change yoy)	5.6	5.8	6.1	4.6	6.3	6.2
Unemployment (% labour force)	24.9	24.7	25.1	25.4	26.7	27.4







Australia's trade and investment relationship with South Africa (b)

Australian merchandise trade with South Africa, 2	2016 (A\$m)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to South Africa	1,008	0.4%	25th	-20.4%
Imports from South Africa	1,060	0.4%	29th	-11.0%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	2,068	0.4%	29th	-15.9%
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Major Australian exports, 2016 (A\$m)		Major Australian imports, 2016 (A\$m)	
Aluminium ores & conc (incl alumina)	352	Passenger motor vehicles	482
Coal	163	Other ores & concentrates	34
Specialised machinery & parts	26	Aluminium	32
Paper & paperboard	25	Specialised machinery & parts	21

Australia's trade in services with South Africa, 2016 (A\$m)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to South Africa	313	0.4%	33rd	-1.3%
Imports of services from South Africa	649	0.9%	26th	26.3%
Major Australian services exports, 2016 (A\$m)		Major Australian services imports,	2016 (A\$m)	
Personal travel excluding education	102	Personal travel excluding education		379

Transport	87	Transport		136
Australia's investment relationship with Sout	h Africa, 2016 (A\$m)	_	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in South Africa		_	5,113	1,251
South Africa's investment in Australia			6.947	3 532

South Africa's global merchandise trade relationships

South Africa's principal export destinations, 2016			
1 China	9.2%	1 China	18.1%
2 United States	7.4%	2 Germany	11.8%
3 Germany	7.1%	3 United States	6.7%
24 Australia	1.0%	24 Australia	1.0%

Compiled by the Statistics Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources

(a) Economic indicators data is from the IMF WEO where available, the EIU or other reputable source. Data may include forecasts or projections for recent years. GNI may be shown in lieu of GDP for countries where GDP data is unavailable. (b) Merchandise trade data is based on published and unpublished ABS data. May exclude confidential items of trade. Totals may not add up due to rounding. Investment data is stocks as at end December.

All data may be subject to future revisions.