



## General information

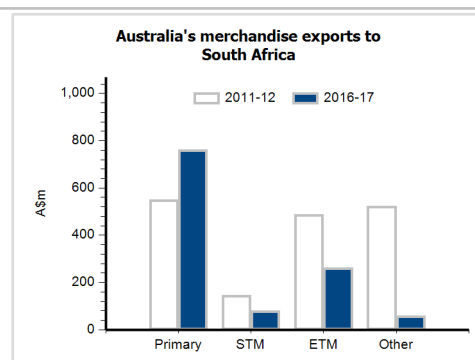
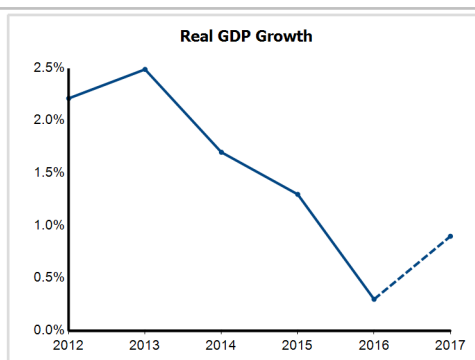
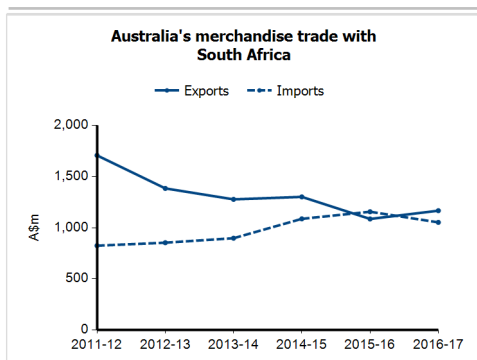
<b>Capital:</b>	Pretoria/Tshwane (administrative); Cape Town (legislative); Bloemfontein (judicial).
<b>Land area:</b>	1,213,090 sq km
<b>Official language(s):</b>	Afrikaans, English, IsiZulu, IsiXhosa, Sepedi, Setswana, Sesotho, Xitsonga, Swazi, Tshivenda, IsiNdebele
<b>Population:</b>	55.6 million (2016)
<b>Currency:</b>	Rand

**Head of State and Head of Government**

President Mr Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa

**Economic indicators (a)**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>GDP (US\$b) (current prices)</b>	396.3	366.8	351.1	317.6	294.9	344.1
<b>GDP per capita (US\$)</b>	7,574.4	6,907.2	6,512.8	5,800.3	5,302.0	6,089.2
<b>GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)</b>	659.3	686.6	710.8	727.9	739.2	757.3
<b>GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)</b>	12,600.3	12,930.0	13,185.2	13,294.6	13,290.6	13,403.2
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy)</b>	2.2	2.5	1.7	1.3	0.3	0.9
<b>Current account balance (US\$b)</b>	-20.3	-21.6	-18.7	-14.0	-9.6	-9.8
<b>Current account balance (% GDP)</b>	-5.1	-5.9	-5.3	-4.4	-3.3	-2.9
<b>Inflation (% change yoy)</b>	5.6	5.8	6.1	4.6	6.3	5.4
<b>Unemployment (% labour force)</b>	24.9	24.7	25.1	25.4	26.7	27.6

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

Australian merchandise trade with South Africa, 2016-17 (A\$m)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to South Africa	0.4%	26th	7.5%
Imports from South Africa	0.4%	29th	-9.0%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	0.4%	30th	-1.0%

**Major Australian exports, 2016-17 (A\$m)**

Aluminium ores & conc (incl alumina)	418
Coal	227
Precious metal ores & conc (excl gold)	33
Specialised machinery & parts	28

**Major Australian imports, 2016-17 (A\$m)**

Passenger motor vehicles	438
Other ores & concentrates	59
Aluminium	30
Specialised machinery & parts	27

**Australia's trade in services with South Africa, 2016-17 (A\$m)**

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to South Africa	0.4%	32nd	1.2%
Imports of services from South Africa	0.8%	24th	-0.4%

**Major Australian services exports, 2016-17 (A\$m)**

Personal travel excluding education	125
Transport	96

**Major Australian services imports, 2016-17 (A\$m)**

Personal travel excluding education	443
Transport	136

**Australia's investment relationship with South 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%
2 United States	7.4%
3 Germany	7.1%
24 Australia	1.0%

**South Africa's principal import sources, 2016**

1 China	18.1%
2 Germany	11.8%
3 United States	6.7%
24 Australia	1.0%