



General information

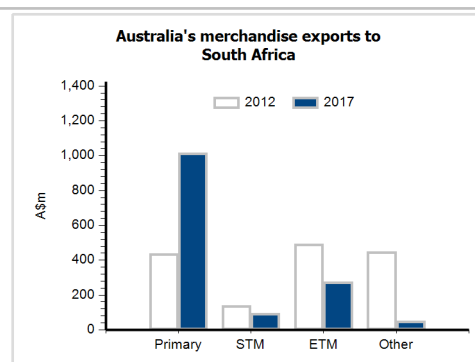
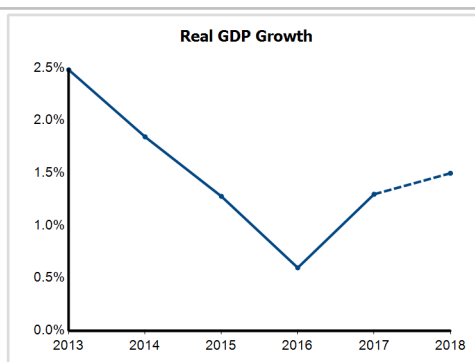
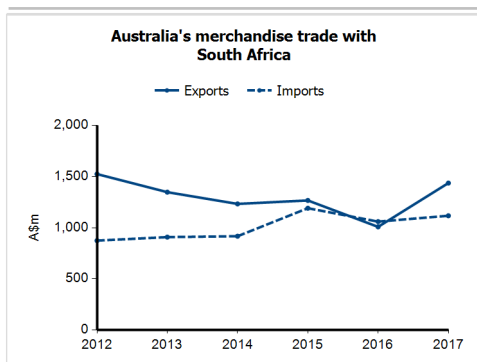
Capital:	Pretoria/Tshwane (administrative); Cape Town (legislative); Bloemfontein (judicial).
Land area:	1,213,090 sq km
Official language(s):	Afrikaans, English, IsiZulu, IsiXhosa, Sepedi, Setswana, Sesotho, Xitsonga, Swazi, Tshivenda, IsiNdebele
Population:	56.5 million (2017)
Currency:	Rand

Head of State and Head of Government

President Mr Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa

Economic indicators (a)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	366.8	350.9	317.7	295.7	349.3	370.9
GDP per capita (US\$)	6,907.6	6,508.8	5,802.7	5,316.0	6,179.9	6,459.2
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	686.6	711.8	728.8	742.2	765.6	794.7
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	12,929.5	13,203.8	13,310.8	13,344.8	13,544.6	13,840.2
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	2.5	1.8	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.5
Current account balance (US\$b)	-21.6	-18.7	-14.0	-9.6	-7.9	-10.6
Current account balance (% GDP)	-5.9	-5.3	-4.4	-3.3	-2.3	-2.9
Inflation (% change yoy)	5.8	6.1	4.6	6.3	5.3	5.3
Unemployment (% labour force)	24.7	25.1	25.4	26.7	27.5	27.9



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

Australian merchandise trade with South Africa, 2017 (A\$m)

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to South Africa	1,437	0.5%	24th	42.5%
Imports from South Africa	1,117	0.4%	29th	5.4%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	2,554	0.4%	28th	23.5%

Major Australian exports, 2017 (A\$m)

Aluminium ores & conc (incl alumina)	567
Coal	313
Precious metal ores & conc (excl gold)	35
Specialised machinery & parts	32

Major Australian imports, 2017 (A\$m)

Passenger motor vehicles	452
Other ores & concentrates	45
Specialised machinery & parts	42
Aluminium	29

Australia's trade in services with South Africa, 2017 (A\$m)

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to South Africa	373	0.4%	31st	6.9%
Imports of services from South Africa	689	0.8%	25th	-6.3%

Major Australian services exports, 2017 (A\$m)

Personal travel excluding education	144
Transport	98

Major Australian services imports, 2017 (A\$m)

Personal travel excluding education	417
Transport	145

Australia's investment relationship with South Africa, 2017 (A\$m)

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in South Africa	7,371	2,803
South Africa's investment in Australia	7,456	3,345

South Africa's global merchandise trade relationships

South Africa's principal export destinations, 2017

1 China	9.8%
2 United States	7.5%
3 Germany	6.6%
21 Australia	1.0%

South Africa's principal import sources, 2017

1 China	18.3%
2 Germany	11.5%
3 United States	6.6%
20 Australia	1.2%