



General information

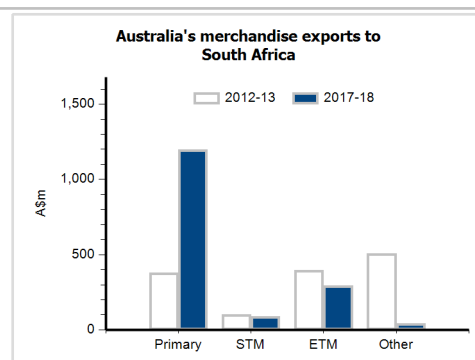
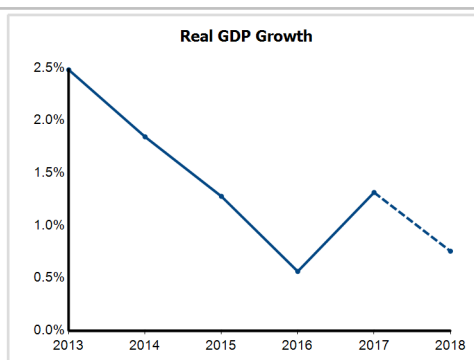
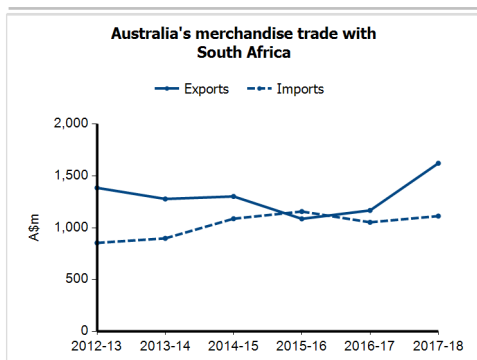
Capital:	Pretoria/Tshwane (administrative); Cape Town (legislative); Bloemfontein (judicial).
Land area:	1,213,090 sq km
Official language(s):	Afrikaans, English, IsiZulu, IsiXhosa, Sepedi, Setswana, Sesotho, Xitsonga, Swazi, Tshivenda, IsiNdebele
Population:	56.5 million (2017)
Currency:	Rand

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	376.7
GDP per capita (US\$)	6,907.6	6,508.8	5,802.7	5,316.0	6,179.9	6,560.0
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	688.1	714.0	730.9	743.1	767.2	790.9
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	12,956.9	13,244.4	13,349.8	13,359.8	13,572.9	13,774.5
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	2.5	1.8	1.3	0.6	1.3	0.8
Current account balance (US\$b)	-21.2	-17.8	-14.6	-8.2	-8.6	-12.1
Current account balance (% GDP)	-5.8	-5.1	-4.6	-2.8	-2.5	-3.2
Inflation (% change yoy)	5.8	6.1	4.6	6.3	5.3	4.8
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, 2017-18 (A\$m)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to South Africa	0.5%	21st	39.0%
Imports from South Africa	0.4%	29th	5.7%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	0.4%	27th	23.2%

Major Australian exports, 2017-18 (A\$m)

Aluminium ores & conc (incl alumina)	734
Coal	344
Meat (excl beef), f.c.f.	35
Civil engineering equipment & parts	29

Major Australian imports, 2017-18 (A\$m)

Passenger motor vehicles	357
Specialised machinery & parts	48
Other ores & concentrates	47
Aluminium	35

Australia's trade in services with South Africa, 2017-18 (A\$m)

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to South Africa	0.4%	32nd	-0.5%
Imports of services from South Africa	0.6%	27th	-17.4%

Major Australian services exports, 2017-18 (A\$m)

Personal travel excluding education	146
Transport	88

Major Australian services imports, 2017-18 (A\$m)

Personal travel excluding education	324
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%