GENERAL PROFILE: CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2019

Population 4.745 Millions
Land area¹ (n) 622 980 km²

Exchange rate 585.911 XAF/US$
CPI growth 2.69 %
GDP growth 3.80 %
GDP 2 267 Millions current US$

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade
(millions of US$) 2005 2010 2015 2019
Merchandise exports 128 (e) 140 86 (e) 154
Merchandise imports 175 (e) 300 346 (e) 616
Merchandise trade balance -47 (e) -160 -260 (e) -463

Export structure by product group in 2019
(as % of total exports)

- All food items 49 %
- Agricultural raw materials 5 %
- Manufactured goods 38 %
- Other 8 %

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Total trade in services² (millions of US$) 2005 2010 2015 2019
Services exports 44 80 204 -
Services imports 105 197 208 -
Services trade balance -61 -117 -4 -

Services exports by main category² (as % of total services) 2005 2010 2015 2019
Transport - - - -
Travel - - - -
Other services - - - -

TRADE INDICES

Economic indicators
(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified) 2005 2010 2015 2019
GDP, current 1 413 2 034 1 632 2 267
GDP per capita, current US$ 350 464 363 478
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, % 2.38 3.56 4.80 3.80
Current account balance, % of GDP -6.24 -9.91 -9.46 -4.95
Exchange rate (/US$) 527,258 494,794 591,212 585,911

GDP by expenditure in 2018 (as % of total GDP)

- Household Consumption 91.5
- General government final consumption expenditure 10.9
- Gross Capital Formation 16.6
- Exports 13.7
- Imports 32.5

ECONOMIC TRENDS

-2.0 %
Merchandise exports growth rate in 2019

+3.8 %
Gross domestic product growth rate in 2019

Top 5 partners in 2019 (exports, millions of US$)
France 47
China 21
Bangladesh 18
Chad 15
Viet Nam 15
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FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial flows
(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)

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<td>Personal remittances, % of GDP</td>
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Financial flows trends
(millions of US$)

TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

Trade balance indicators²
(as % and index)

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<td>Balance, % of GDP</td>
<td>-7.66</td>
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<td>Balance, % of imports</td>
<td>-38.63</td>
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<td>Normalized balance</td>
<td>-0.239</td>
<td>-0.384</td>
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Trade openness²
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)

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LABOUR FORCE

Labour force by gender in 2019
(as % of total labour force, all sectors)

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<td>53%</td>
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OTHER INDICATORS

Maritime transport indicators

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<td>Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)</td>
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<td>Container port throughput (TEU)</td>
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Information economy indicators
(as % of)

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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total exports</td>
<td>0.03</td>
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<td>Share of ICT goods, % of total imports</td>
<td>2.44</td>
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<td>Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector</td>
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Notes:
1. Land area refers to the total area of a country excluding area under inland water bodies. It differs from the country area, that includes area under inland water bodies, but excludes offshore territorial waters.
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   ... Not available, including no quotation
   # Non-relevant calculation
   - Not publishable
   *** Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

Abbreviations & acronyms:
DWT: Dead weight tons
FDI: Foreign direct investment
GDP: Gross domestic product
ICT: Information and communication technology
TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit
US$: United States dollar

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