

## GENERAL PROFILE: SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2023

**Population**  
0.231 Millions

**Exchange rate**  
..

**GDP**  
684 Millions current US\$

**Land area<sup>1</sup>**  
(u) 960 km<sup>2</sup>

**CPI growth**  
21.18 %

**GDP growth**  
0.40 %

### INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

#### Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Merchandise exports	7	11	11	24
Merchandise imports	50	112	142	184
Merchandise trade balance	-43	-101	-131	-160

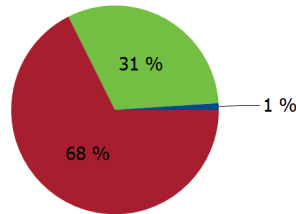
**+8.1 %**

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2023

#### Export structure by product group in 2023

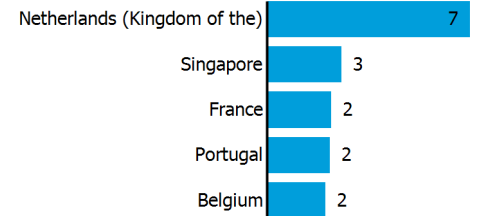
(as % of total exports)

- All food items
- Manufactured goods
- Other



#### Top 5 partners in 2023

(exports, millions of US\$)



### INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

#### Total trade in services<sup>2</sup>

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Services exports	9	13	79	(e) 85
Services imports	11	24	67	(e) 54
Services trade balance	-2	-11	12	(e) 31

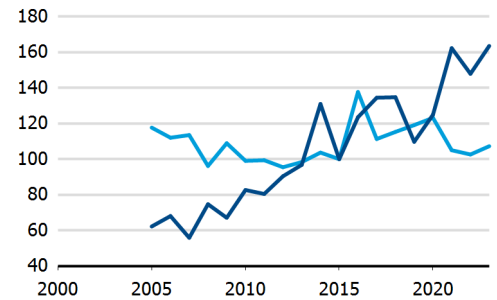
#### Services exports by main category<sup>2</sup>

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Transport	1.6	1.3	0.5	(e) 0.0
Travel	80.0	83.2	78.9	(e) 72.1
Other services	(e) 20.2	15.5	20.6	(e) 27.9

### TRADE INDICES

- Terms of trade index
- Purchasing power index of exports



### ECONOMIC TRENDS

#### Economic indicators

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

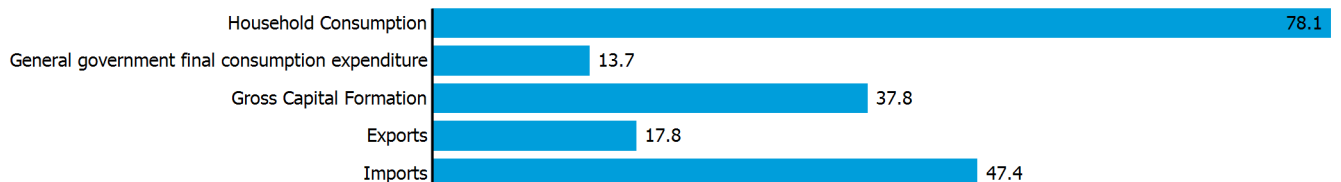
	2005	2010	2015	2023
GDP, current	126	197	318	684
GDP per capita, current US\$	781	1 086	1 589	2 963
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %	7.09	6.67	3.91	0.40
Current account balance, % of GDP	-28.69	-44.35	-21.58	(e) -12.65
Exchange rate (/US\$)	10.558	18.499	22.091	..

**+0.4 %**

Gross domestic product growth rate in 2023

#### GDP by expenditure in 2022

(as % of total GDP)



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## FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

### Financial flows

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

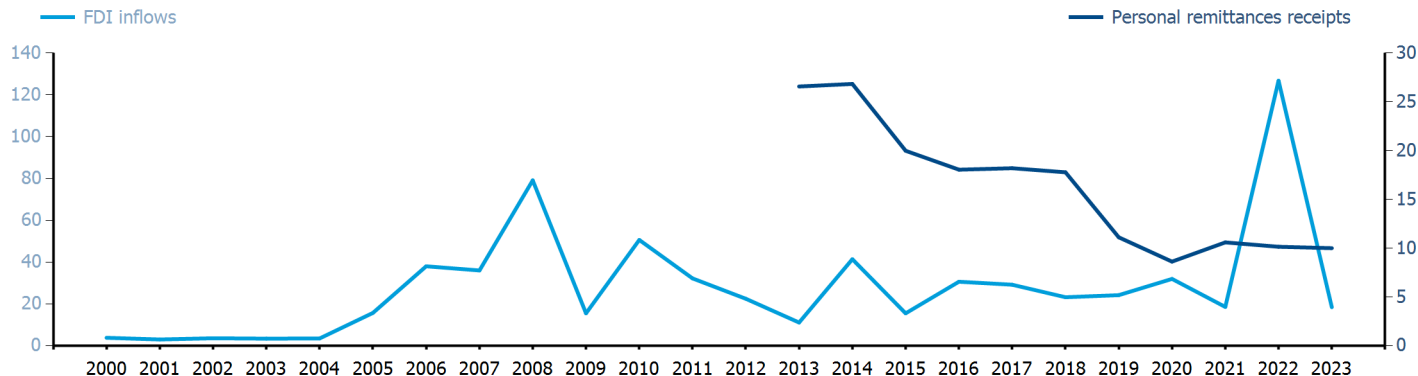
	2005	2010	2015	2023
FDI inflows	15.70	50.60	15.50	18.44
FDI outflows	14.60	0.10	2.65	-3.65
Personal remittances, % of GDP	..	..	6.28	1.50

**-0.5 %**

FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2023

### Financial flows trends

(millions of US\$)



## TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

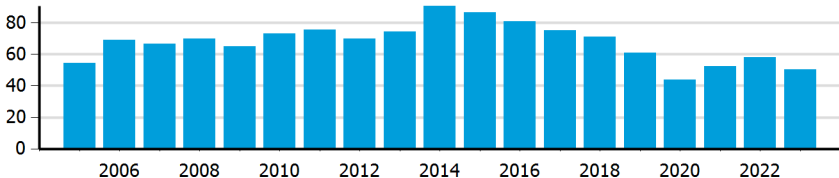
### Trade balance indicators<sup>2</sup>

(as % and index)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Balance, % of GDP	-29.10	-48.72	-30.18	(e) -18.42
Balance, % of imports	-69.73	-79.83	-51.63	(e) -53.71
Normalized balance	-0.535	-0.664	-0.348	(e) -0.367

### Trade openness<sup>2</sup>

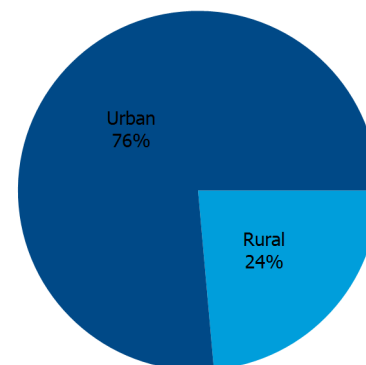
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)



## LIVING AREA

### Population by living area in 2023

(% of population)



## OTHER INDICATORS

### Maritime transport indicators

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)	86	28	18	1 298
Container port throughput (TEU)	..	..	..	..

**0.057 %**

Share of the total world merchant fleet in 2023

### Information economy indicators

(as % of)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Share of ICT goods, % of total exports	0.01	0.74	2.45	0.12
Share of ICT goods, % of total imports	3.40	5.83	4.22	2.78
Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector	..	..	..	..

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Source: UN Trade and Development, UNCTADstat (<https://unctadstat.unctad.org/datacentre>)

## 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.
- 2 Statistics presented correspond to the 6th edition of the IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6, 2009).
- e Estimated.
- u Estimated. Data refers to 2020.

## Symbols for missing values:

- 0 Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
- .. No value reported or collected
- Not applicable
- ... 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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