

GENERAL PROFILE: SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2023

Population
23.595 Millions

Exchange rate
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GDP
29 028 Millions current US\$

Land area¹
(u) 183 630 km²

CPI growth
116.17 %

GDP growth
-4.00 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Merchandise exports	8 708	12 796	2 357	3 242
Merchandise imports	10 862	17 562	6 275	5 870
Merchandise trade balance	-2 154	-4 765	-3 918	-2 628

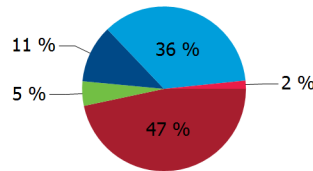
+64.6 %

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2023

Export structure by product group in 2023

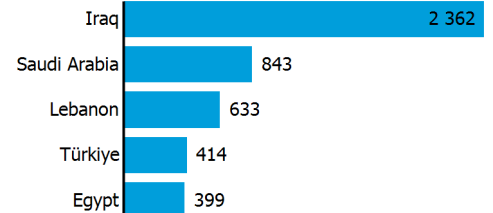
(as % of total exports)

- All food items
- Ores and metals
- Fuels
- Manufactured goods
- Other



Top 5 partners in 2023

(exports, millions of US\$)



INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Total trade in services²

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Services exports	2 910	7 333	(e) 539	(e) 399
Services imports	2 359	3 533	(e) 1 580	(e) 856
Services trade balance	551	3 800	(e) -1 041	(e) -456

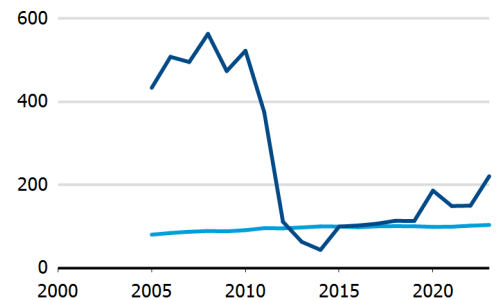
Services exports by main category²

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Transport	7.5	7.2	-	-
Travel	66.8	84.4	-	-
Other services	25.7	8.4	-	-

TRADE INDICES

- Terms of trade index
- Purchasing power index of exports



ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

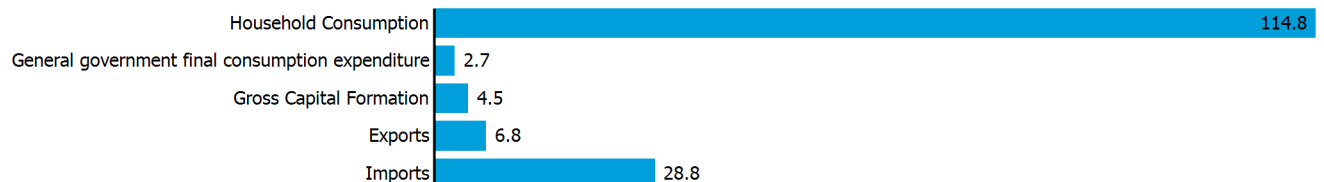
	2005	2010	2015	2023
GDP, current	28 397	61 391	20 182	29 028
GDP per capita, current US\$	1 509	2 731	1 039	1 230
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %	6.22	5.19	-4.18	-4.00
Current account balance, % of GDP	1.05	-0.60	(e) -9.79	-
Exchange rate (/US\$)	53.049	46.172	237.029	..

-4.0 %

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

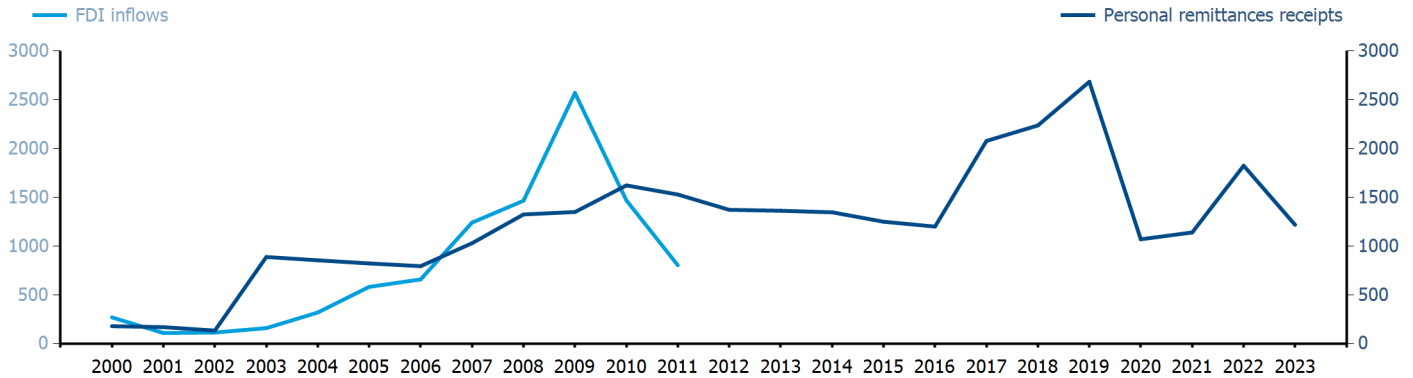
(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
FDI inflows	583.00	1 469.20
FDI outflows
Personal remittances, % of GDP	2.90	2.64	6.20	8.42

FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2023

Financial flows trends

(millions of US\$)



TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

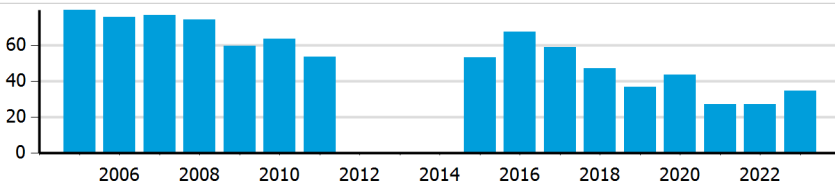
Trade balance indicators²

(as % and index)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Balance, % of GDP	1.45	0.32	(e) -24.57	(e) -10.94
Balance, % of imports	3.70	1.01	(e) -63.14	(e) -47.95
Normalized balance	0.018	0.005	(e) -0.461	(e) -0.315

Trade openness²

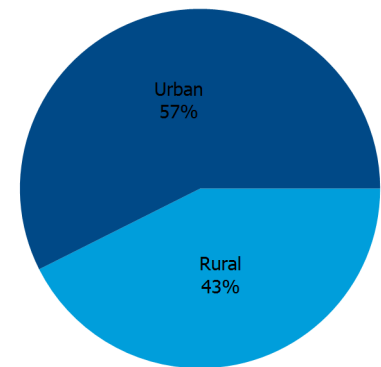
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)



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)	649	344	61	238
Container port throughput (TEU)	..	586 283	236 088	-

0.010 %

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	0.00	0.02
Share of ICT goods, % of total imports	3.29	2.21
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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