


## GENERAL PROFILE: CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC


### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2020

 **Population**  
4.830 Millions

 **Exchange rate**  
575.586 XAF/US\$

 **GDP**  
2 311 Millions current US\$

 **Land area<sup>1</sup>**  
(n) 622 980 km<sup>2</sup>

 **CPI growth**  
2.30 %

 **GDP growth**  
0.29 %

### INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

#### Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)





	2005	2010	2015	2020
Merchandise exports	128	(e) 140	86	(e) 125
Merchandise imports	175	(e) 300	346	(e) 602
Merchandise trade balance	-47	(e) -160	-260	(e) -477

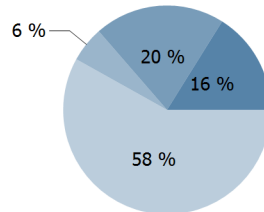
**-15.2 %**

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2020

#### Export structure by product group in 2020

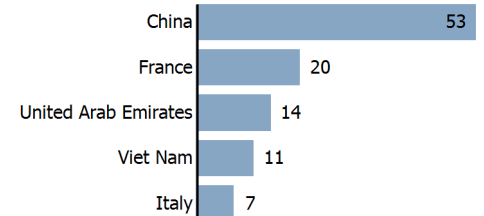
(as % of total exports)

-  Agricultural raw materials
-  Ores and metals
-  Manufactured goods
-  Other



#### Top 5 partners in 2020

(exports, millions of US\$)



### INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

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

(millions of US\$)



	2005	2010	2015	2020
Services exports	44	80	204	-
Services imports	105	197	208	-
Services trade balance	-61	-117	-4	-

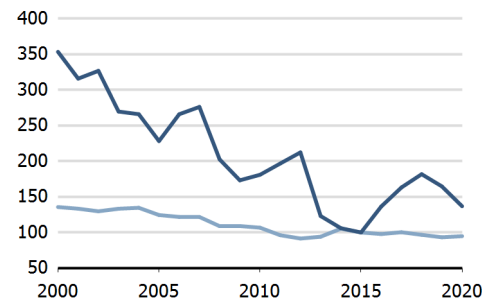
#### Services exports by main category<sup>2</sup>

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2020
Transport	-	-	-	-
Travel	-	-	-	-
Other services	-	-	-	-

### TRADE INDICES

-  Terms of trade index
-  Purchasing power index of exports



### ECONOMIC TRENDS

#### Economic indicators

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

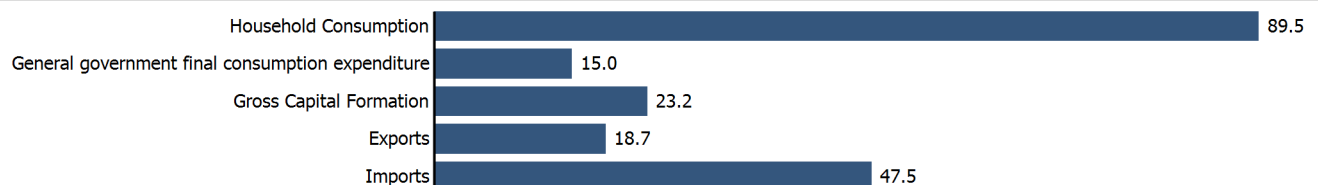
	2005	2010	2015	2020
GDP, current	1 413	2 141	1 695	2 311
GDP per capita, current US\$	350	488	377	479
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %	2.38	4.63	4.34	0.29
Current account balance, % of GDP	-6.24	-9.42	-9.12	(e) -8.11
Exchange rate (/US\$)	527.258	494.794	591.212	575.586

**+0.3 %**

Gross domestic product growth rate in 2020

#### GDP by expenditure in 2019

(as % of total GDP)



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## FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

### Financial flows

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

	2005	2010	2015	2020
FDI inflows	10.10	61.52	3.00	34.75
FDI outflows	..	..	..	..
Personal remittances, % of GDP	..	..	..	..

FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2020

### Financial flows trends

(millions of US\$)



## TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

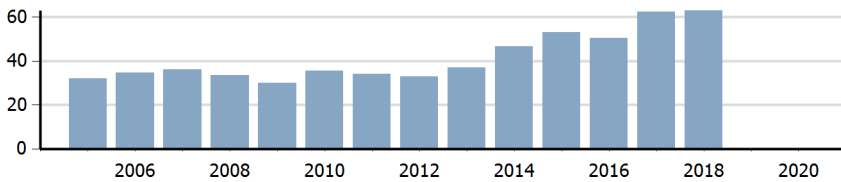
### Trade balance indicators<sup>2</sup>

(as % and index)

	2005	2010	2015	2020
Balance, % of GDP	-7.66	-13.64	-19.03	-
Balance, % of imports	-38.63	-55.44	-52.70	-
Normalized balance	-0.239	-0.384	-0.358	-

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

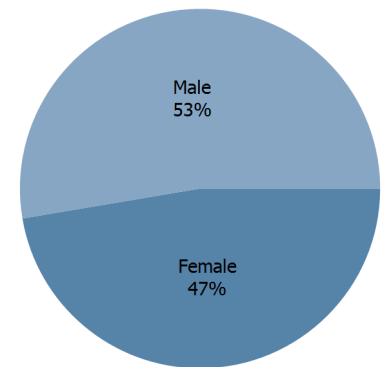
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)



## LABOUR FORCE

### Labour force by gender in 2020

(as % of total labour force, all sectors)



## OTHER INDICATORS

### Maritime transport indicators

	2005	2010	2015	2020
Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)	..	..	..	..
Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)	..	..	..	..
Container port throughput (TEU)	..	..	..	..

Share of the total world merchant fleet in 2020

### Information economy indicators

(as % of)

	2005	2010	2015	2020
Share of ICT goods, % of total exports	0.03	0.19	0.00	..
Share of ICT goods, % of total imports	2.44	7.67	6.60	..
Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector	..	..	..	..

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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.
- 2 Statistics presented correspond to the 6th edition of the IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6, 2009).
- e Estimated.
- n Estimated. Data refers to 2016.

## Symbols for missing values:

- 0 Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
- .. Not available or not separately reported
- \_ 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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