GENERAL PROFILE: IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2018

- **Population**: 81.800 Millions
- **Exchange rate**: 40 864.329 IRR/US$
- **GDP**: 497 949 Millions current US$
- **Land area**: (n) 1 628 760 km²
- **CPI growth**: 3.17%
- **GDP growth**: -0.26%

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

- **Total merchandise trade**
  - (millions of US$)
  - 2005: Merchandise exports 56 252, Merchandise imports 40 041, Merchandise trade balance 16 211
  - 2010: Merchandise exports 101 316, Merchandise imports 65 404, Merchandise trade balance 35 912
  - 2015: Merchandise exports 70 275, Merchandise imports 44 937, Merchandise trade balance 25 338
  - 2018: (e) Merchandise exports 105 000, Merchandise imports 49 353, Merchandise trade balance 55 647

- **Export structure by product group in 2018**
  - (as % of total exports)
  - Fuels: 68%, Manufactured goods: 20%, Other: 2%

- **Merchandise exports growth rate in 2018**: +13.2%

Top 5 partners in 2018

- (exports, millions of US$)
  - China: 25 731
  - India: 16 153
  - China, Taiwan Province of: 8 422
  - Turkey: 8 381
  - Iraq: 6 636

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

- **Total trade in services**
  - (millions of US$)
  - 2005: Services exports 4 999, Services imports 10 840, Services trade balance -5 841
  - 2010: Services exports 8 853, Services imports 18 893, Services trade balance -10 040
  - 2015: Services exports 11 085, Services imports 15 870, Services trade balance -4 785
  - 2018: -

- **Services exports by main category**
  - (as % of total services)
  - Transport: 46.5, Travel: 15.8, Other services: 37.6

TRADE INDICES

- **TRADING INDICES**
  - Terms of trade index, Purchasing power index of exports

ECONOMIC TRENDS

- **Economic indicators**
  - (millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)
  - 2005: GDP, current 226 452, GDP per capita, current US$ 3 246, Real GDP growth, y-on-y, % 3.19, Current account balance, % of GDP 6.80, Exchange rate (/US$) 8 963.959
  - 2010: GDP, current 491 099, GDP per capita, current US$ 6 658, Real GDP growth, y-on-y, % 6.087, Current account balance, % of GDP 5 012, Exchange rate (/US$) 10 254.176
  - 2015: GDP, current 393 436, GDP per capita, current US$ 5 012, Real GDP growth, y-on-y, % -1.32, Current account balance, % of GDP 5.80, Exchange rate (/US$) 5.61
  - 2018: GDP, current 497 949, GDP per capita, current US$ 6 087, Real GDP growth, y-on-y, % -0.26, Current account balance, % of GDP 3.19, Exchange rate (/US$) 40 864.329

- **GDP by expenditure in 2017**
  - (as % of total GDP)
  - Household Consumption: 47.6, General government final consumption expenditure: 13.4, Gross Capital Formation: 34.7, Exports: 24.9, Imports: 23.8

- **Real GDP growth, y-on-y**: -0.3%
- **Gross domestic product growth rate in 2018**: -0.3%
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FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial flows
(millions of US$ unless otherwise specified)

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<td>FDI outflows</td>
<td>414.56</td>
<td>238.96</td>
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<td>Personal remittances, % of GDP</td>
<td>0.46</td>
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Financial flows trends
(millions of US$)

TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

Trade balance indicators ²
(as % and index)

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<td>Balance, % of GDP</td>
<td>6.76</td>
<td>5.56</td>
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<td>Balance, % of imports</td>
<td>28.22</td>
<td>28.92</td>
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<td>Normalized balance</td>
<td>0.124</td>
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Trade openness ²
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)

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LABOUR FORCE

Labour force by gender in 2018
(as % of total labour force, all sectors)

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<td>81%</td>
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OTHER INDICATORS

Maritime transport indicators

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<td>Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)</td>
<td>9,114</td>
<td>1,333</td>
<td>4,548</td>
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<td>Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)</td>
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<td>30.39</td>
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<td>Container port throughput (TEU)</td>
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<td>3,045,500</td>
<td>2,165,250</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>4.57</td>
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<td>Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector</td>
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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 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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