

GENERAL PROFILE: LESOTHO

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2022



Population
2.306 Millions



Exchange rate
16.356 LSL/US\$



GDP
2 287 Millions current US\$



Land area¹
(q) 30 360 km²



CPI growth
8.24 %



GDP growth
1.11 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Merchandise exports	651	878	929	894
Merchandise imports	1 410	(e) 2 300	(e) 1 997	1 856
Merchandise trade balance	-760	(e) -1 422	(e) -1 068	-962

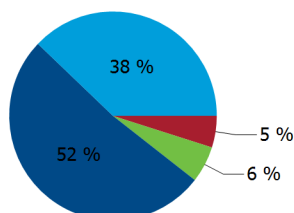
-4.4 %

Merchandise exports
growth rate in 2022

Export structure by product group in 2022

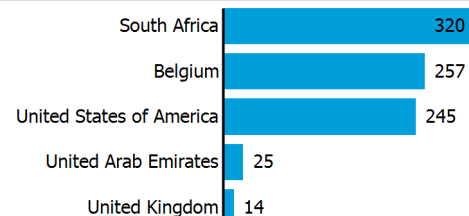
(as % of total exports)

- All food items
- Agricultural raw materials
- Manufactured goods
- Other



Top 5 partners in 2022

(exports, millions of US\$)



INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Total trade in services²

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Services exports	34	46	46	14
Services imports	368	447	319	442
Services trade balance	-334	-401	-273	-428

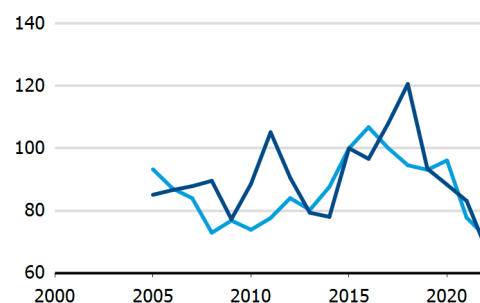
Services exports by main category²

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Transport	2.3	7.8	2.3	3.7
Travel	80.1	49.9	75.4	48.3
Other services	17.5	42.3	22.3	48.0

TRADE INDICES

- Terms of trade index
- Purchasing power index of exports



ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

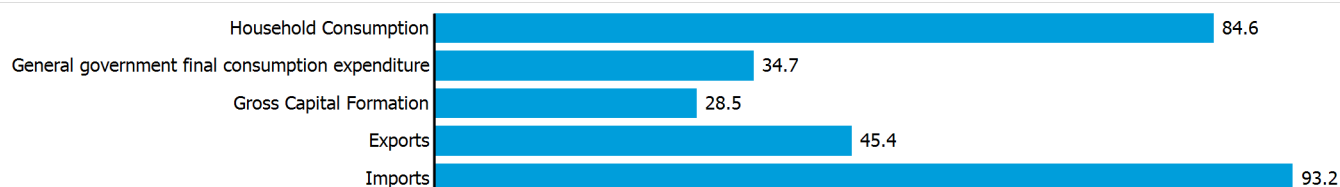
	2005	2010	2015	2022
GDP, current	1 459	2 234	2 360	2 287
GDP per capita, current US\$	738	1 105	1 114	992
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %	2.70	5.27	3.12	1.11
Current account balance, % of GDP	11.36	-7.09	-3.29	-6.32
Exchange rate (/US\$)	6.359	7.321	12.759	16.356

+1.1 %

Gross domestic product
growth rate in 2022

GDP by expenditure in 2021

(as % of total GDP)



LESOTHO

FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial flows

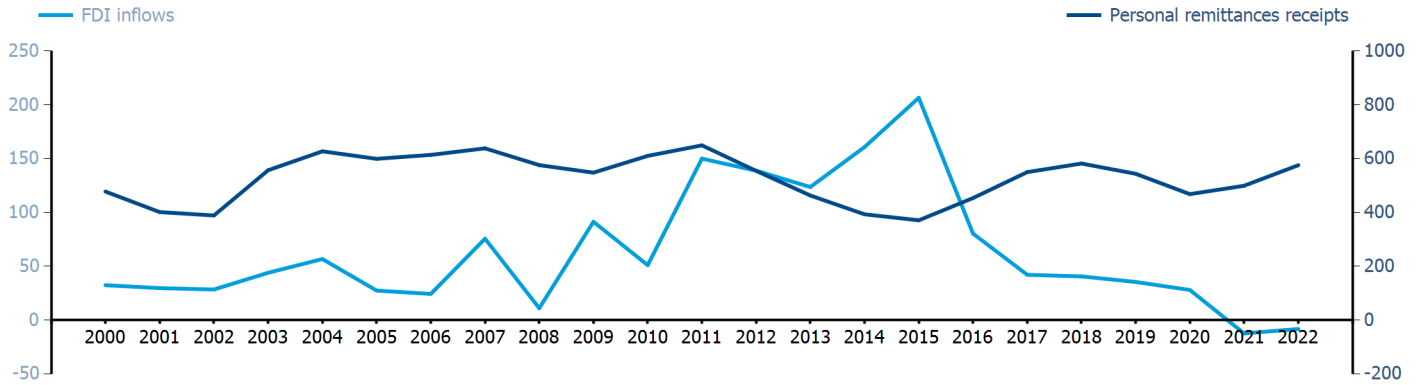
(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
FDI inflows	27.40	51.00	206.51	-8.30
FDI outflows
Personal remittances, % of GDP	41.09	27.31	15.72	24.26

FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2022

Financial flows trends

(millions of US\$)



TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

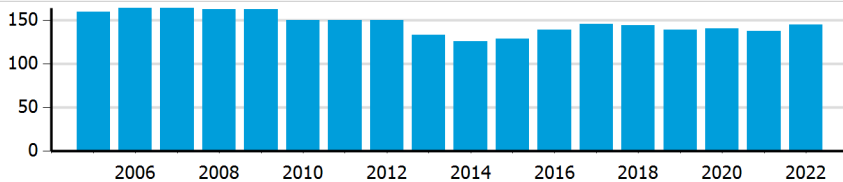
Trade balance indicators²

(as % and index)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Balance, % of GDP	-67.80	-66.77	-45.54	-51.39
Balance, % of imports	-59.68	-61.76	-52.45	-52.44
Normalized balance	-0.425	-0.447	-0.355	-0.355

Trade openness²

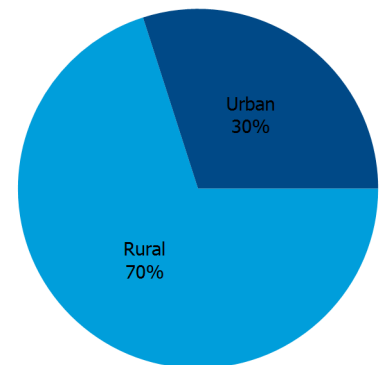
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)



LIVING AREA

Population by living area in 2022

(% of population)



OTHER INDICATORS

Maritime transport indicators

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)
Container port throughput (TEU)

Information economy indicators

(as % of)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Share of ICT goods, % of total exports	..	1.23	1.14	..
Share of ICT goods, % of total imports	..	5.63	2.46	..
Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector

Share of the total world merchant fleet in 2022

Source: UNCTADstat (<http://unctadstat.unctad.org>)

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.
- q Estimated. Data refers to 2020.

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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