

GENERAL PROFILE: LESOTHO

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2020

Population
2.142 Millions

Exchange rate
16.473 LSL/US\$

GDP
2 134 Millions current US\$

Land area¹
(n) 30 360 km²

CPI growth
4.94 %

GDP growth
-5.50 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2020
Merchandise exports	651	878	929	888
Merchandise imports	1 410	(e) 2 300	(e) 1 997	(e) 1 811
Merchandise trade balance	-760	(e) -1 422	(e) -1 068	(e) -923

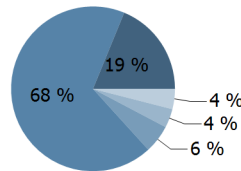
-16.5 %

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2020

Export structure by product group in 2020

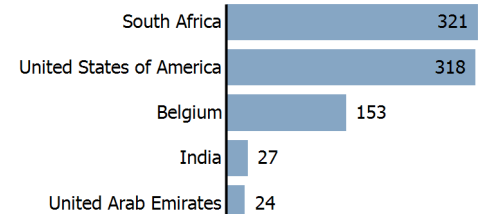
(as % of total exports)

- All food items
- 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 services²

(millions of US\$)

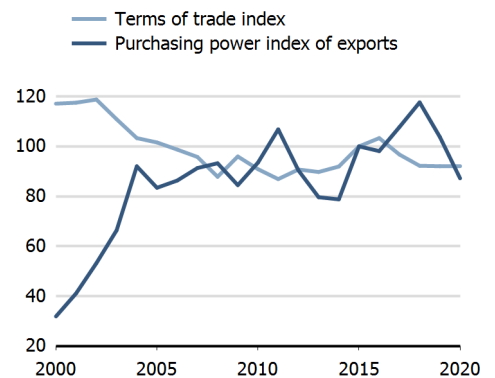
	2005	2010	2015	2020
Services exports	34	46	46	12
Services imports	368	447	319	359
Services trade balance	-334	-401	-273	-347

Services exports by main category²

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2020
Transport	2.3	7.8	2.3	4.2
Travel	80.1	49.9	75.4	40.7
Other services	17.5	42.3	22.3	55.1

TRADE INDICES



ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

	2005	2010	2015	2020
GDP, current	1 459	2 269	2 372	2 134
GDP per capita, current US\$	731	1 137	1 152	996
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %	2.70	6.74	2.65	-5.50
Current account balance, % of GDP	11.36	-6.98	-3.27	-2.43
Exchange rate (/US\$)	6.359	7.321	12.759	16.473

-5.5 %

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

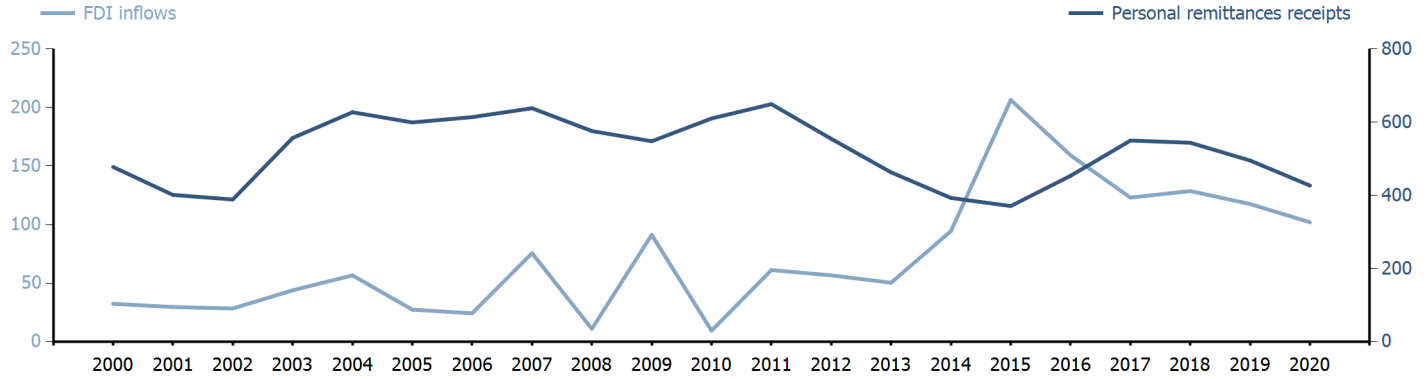
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	2005	2010	2015	2020
FDI inflows	27.40	9.50	206.50	102.01
FDI outflows
Personal remittances, % of GDP	41.09	26.89	15.63	20.00

FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2020

Financial flows trends

(millions of US\$)



TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

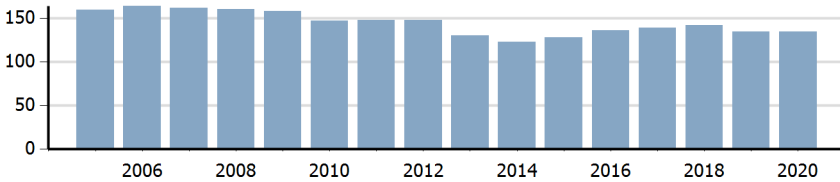
Trade balance indicators²

(as % and index)

	2005	2010	2015	2020
Balance, % of GDP	-67.80	-65.74	-45.30	-49.66
Balance, % of imports	-59.68	-61.76	-52.45	-54.09
Normalized balance	-0.425	-0.447	-0.355	-0.371

Trade openness²

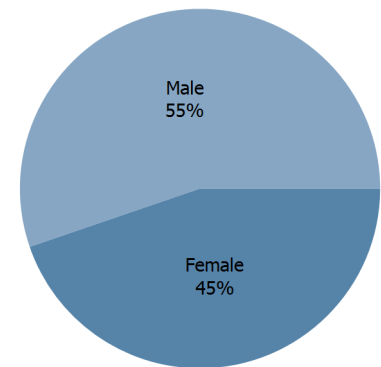
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)



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	..	1.23	1.14	..
Share of ICT goods, % of total imports	..	5.63	2.46	..
Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector

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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.
- 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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