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GENERAL PROFILE: SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2022



Population
0.227 Millions



Exchange rate
23.296 STD/US\$



GDP
578 Millions current US\$



Land area¹
(q) 960 km²



CPI growth
18.00 %



GDP growth
1.24 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Merchandise exports	7	11	11	22
Merchandise imports	50	112	142	196
Merchandise trade balance	-43	-101	-131	-174

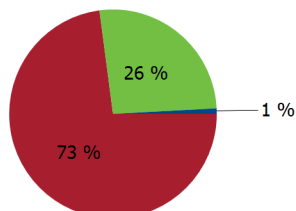
+5.1 %

Merchandise exports
growth rate in 2022

Export structure by product group in 2022

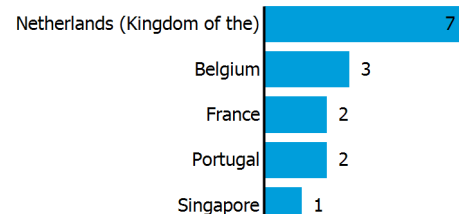
(as % of total exports)

- All food items
- 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	9	13	79	(e) 65
Services imports	11	24	67	(e) 49
Services trade balance	-2	-11	12	(e) 16

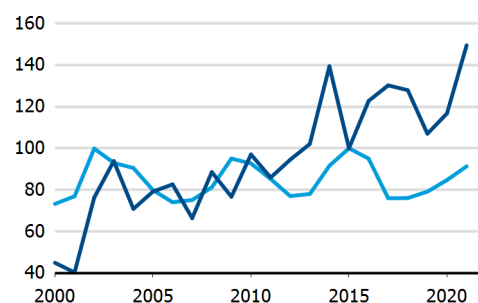
Services exports by main category²

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Transport	1.6	1.3	0.5	-
Travel	80.0	83.2	78.9	(e) 61.0
Other services	18.5	15.5	20.6	-

TRADE INDICES

- Terms of trade index
- Purchasing power index of exports



ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

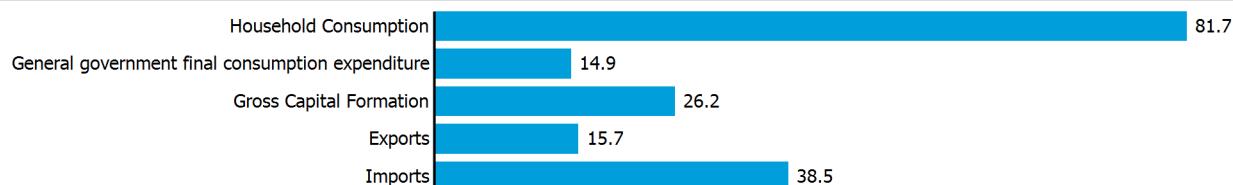
	2005	2010	2015	2022
GDP, current	126	197	318	578
GDP per capita, current US\$	781	1 084	1 582	2 540
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %	7.09	6.67	3.91	1.24
Current account balance, % of GDP	-28.69	-44.35	-21.58	(e) -13.17
Exchange rate (/US\$)	10.558	18.499	22.091	23.296

+1.2 %

Gross domestic product
growth rate in 2022

GDP by expenditure in 2021

(as % of total GDP)



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FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial flows

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

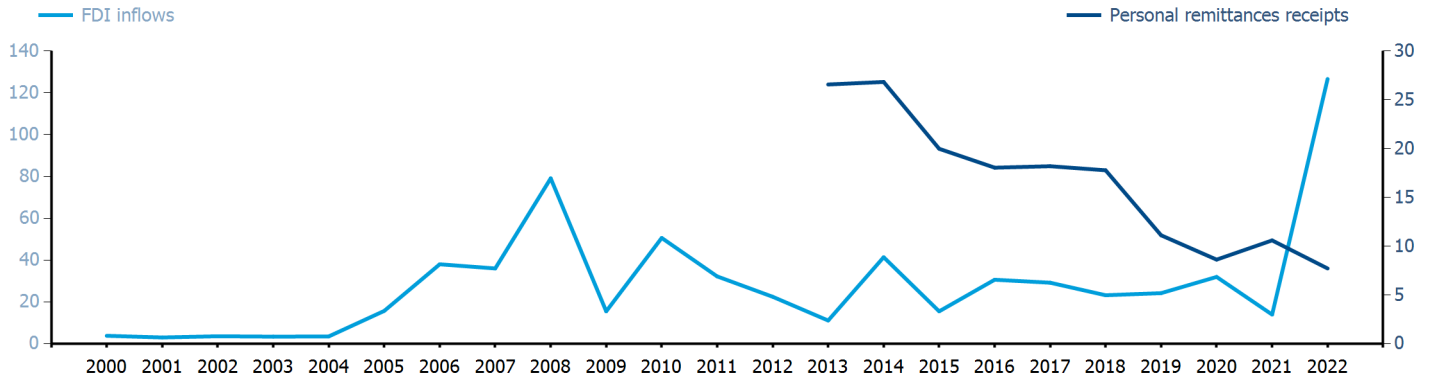
	2005	2010	2015	2022
FDI inflows	15.70	50.60	15.50	126.60
FDI outflows	14.60	0.10	2.65	0.82
Personal remittances, % of GDP	6.28	1.34

+0.1 %

FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2022

Financial flows trends

(millions of US\$)



TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

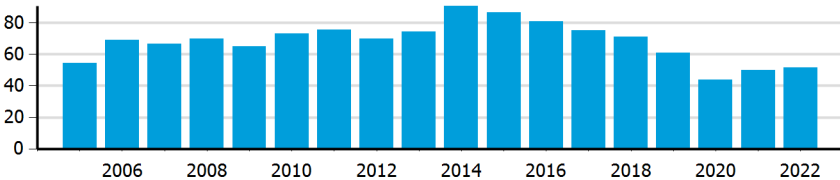
Trade balance indicators²

(as % and index)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Balance, % of GDP	-29.10	-48.72	-30.18	(e) -22.51
Balance, % of imports	-69.73	-79.83	-51.63	(e) -60.84
Normalized balance	-0.535	-0.664	-0.348	(e) -0.437

Trade openness²

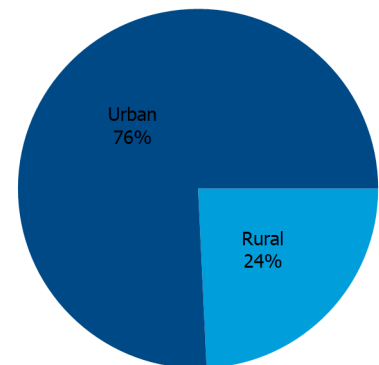
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)



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)	86	28	18	640
Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)	..	4.30	6.30	4.85
Container port throughput (TEU)

0.029 %

Share of the total world merchant fleet in 2022

Information economy indicators

(as % of)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Share of ICT goods, % of total exports	0.01	0.74	2.45	0.06
Share of ICT goods, % of total imports	3.40	5.83	4.23	3.37
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.
- 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
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- ... 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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