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## GENERAL PROFILE: SOUTH AFRICA

### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2022



**Population**  
59.894 Millions



**Exchange rate**  
16.356 ZAR/US\$



**GDP**  
405 691 Millions current US\$



**Land area<sup>1</sup>**  
(q) 1 213 090 km<sup>2</sup>



**CPI growth**  
6.87 %



**GDP growth**  
2.00 %

### INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

#### Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Merchandise exports	51 626	91 347	81 002	122 901
Merchandise imports	62 304	96 835	(e) 104 651	(e) 136 208
Merchandise trade balance	-10 679	-5 488	(e) -23 649	(e) -13 307

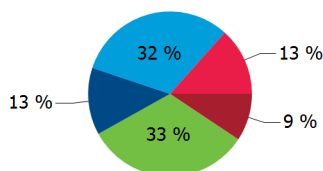
**-0.5 %**

Merchandise exports  
growth rate in 2022

#### Export structure by product group in 2022

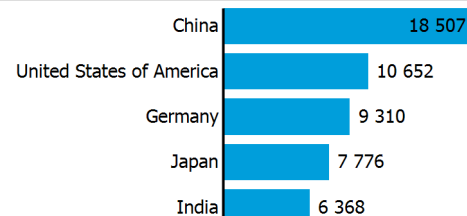
(as % of total exports)

- All food items
- Ores and metals
- Fuels
- Manufactured goods
- Other



#### Top 5 partners in 2022

(exports, millions of US\$)



### INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

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

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Services exports	11 829	16 194	15 556	12 594
Services imports	12 151	19 406	15 722	18 097
Services trade balance	-322	-3 212	-166	-5 503

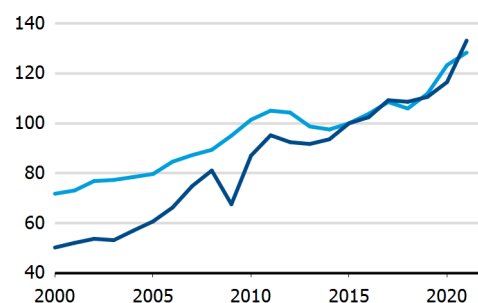
#### Services exports by main category<sup>2</sup>

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Transport	17.1	19.2	16.0	12.7
Travel	63.5	56.1	53.1	37.6
Other services	19.2	24.5	30.6	49.3

### TRADE INDICES

- Terms of trade index
- Purchasing power index of exports



### ECONOMIC TRENDS

#### Economic indicators

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

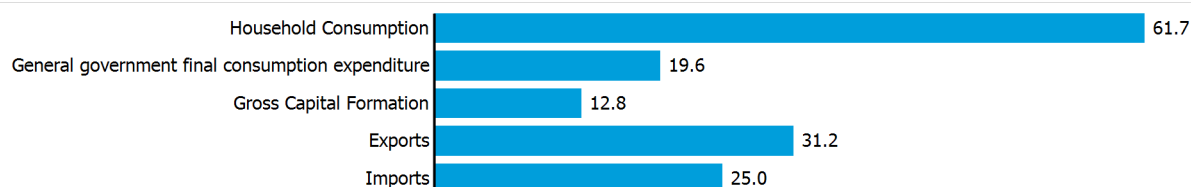
	2005	2010	2015	2022
GDP, current	288 867	417 364	346 486	405 691
GDP per capita, current US\$	5 893	8 060	6 201	6 773
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %	5.28	3.04	1.32	2.00
Current account balance, % of GDP	-2.77	-1.30	-4.31	-0.44
Exchange rate (/US\$)	6.359	7.321	12.759	16.356

**+2.0 %**

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)

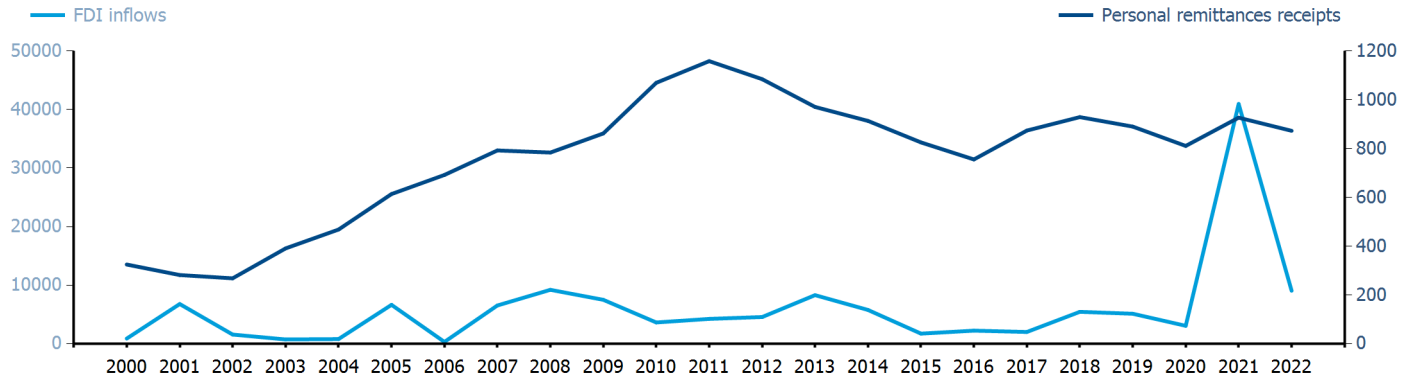
	2005	2010	2015	2022
FDI inflows	(j) 6 646.93	(j) 3 635.60	(j) 1 729.38	(j) 9 051.19
FDI outflows	(j) 930.29	(j) -75.67	(j) 5 743.59	(j) 2 571.43
Personal remittances, % of GDP	0.21	0.26	0.24	0.22

**+0.6 %**

FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2022

### Financial flows trends

(millions of US\$)



## TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

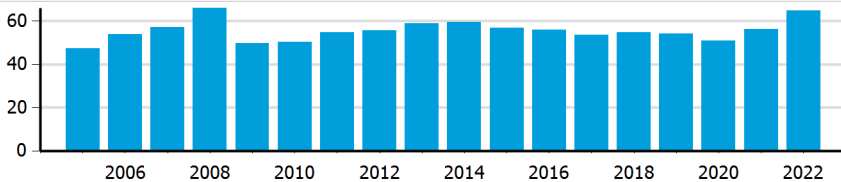
### Trade balance indicators<sup>2</sup>

(as % and index)

	2005	2010	2015	2022
Balance, % of GDP	-0.22	1.15	-1.30	1.98
Balance, % of imports	-0.93	4.68	-4.47	6.30
Normalized balance	-0.005	0.023	-0.023	0.031

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

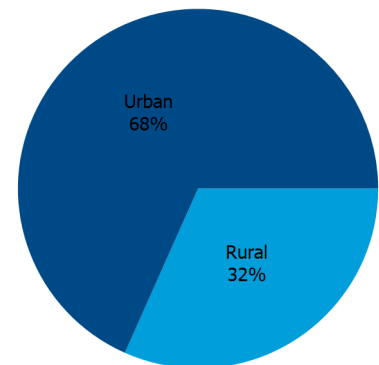
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)



## 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)	104	126	74	554
Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)	..	32.43	38.15	39.32
Container port throughput (TEU)	..	3 985 535	4 662 479	4 053 350

**0.025 %**

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	1.25	1.20	1.42	0.71
Share of ICT goods, % of total imports	11.09	9.25	8.93	6.76
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.
- j Asset/liability basis.
- 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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