

GENERAL PROFILE: SOUTH AFRICA

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2021

Population
59.392 Millions

Exchange rate
14.779 ZAR/US\$

GDP
376 601 Millions current US\$

Land area¹
(q) 1 213 090 km²

CPI growth
4.54 %

GDP growth
4.91 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2021
Merchandise exports	51 626	91 347	81 002	123 572
Merchandise imports	62 304	96 835	(e) 104 651	(e) 113 989
Merchandise trade balance	-10 679	-5 488	(e) -23 649	(e) 9 583

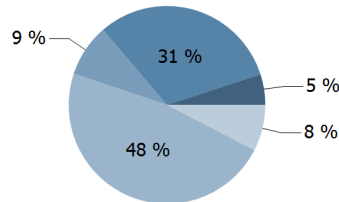
+44.0 %

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2021

Export structure by product group in 2021

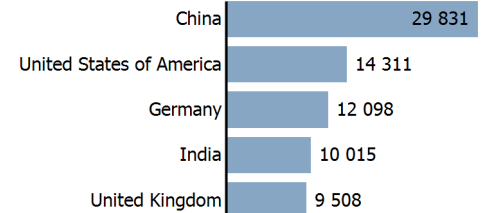
(as % of total exports)

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



Top 5 partners in 2021

(exports, millions of US\$)



INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Total trade in services²

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2021
Services exports	11 829	16 194	15 556	9 103
Services imports	12 151	19 406	15 722	13 587
Services trade balance	-322	-3 212	-166	-4 484

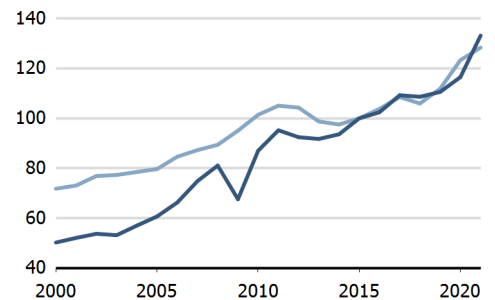
Services exports by main category²

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2021
Transport	17.1	19.2	16.0	13.5
Travel	63.5	56.1	53.1	23.2
Other services	19.2	24.5	30.6	62.9

TRADE INDICES

- Terms of trade index
- Purchasing power index of exports



ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

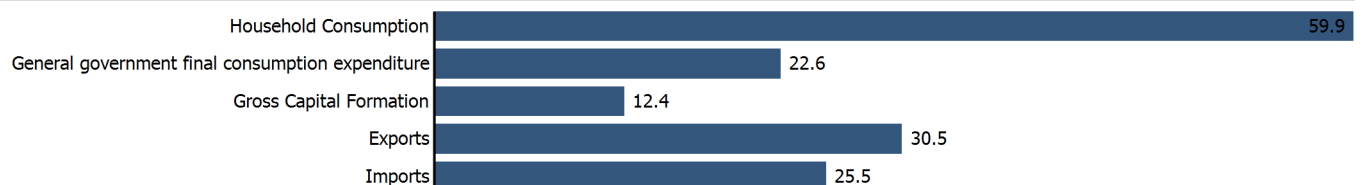
	2005	2010	2015	2021
GDP, current	257 772	375 348	317 416	376 601
GDP per capita, current US\$	5 259	7 248	5 681	6 341
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %	5.28	3.04	1.19	4.91
Current account balance, % of GDP	-3.11	-1.44	-4.71	4.12
Exchange rate (/US\$)	6.359	7.321	12.759	14.779

+4.9 %

Gross domestic product growth rate in 2021

GDP by expenditure in 2020

(as % of total GDP)



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FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial flows

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

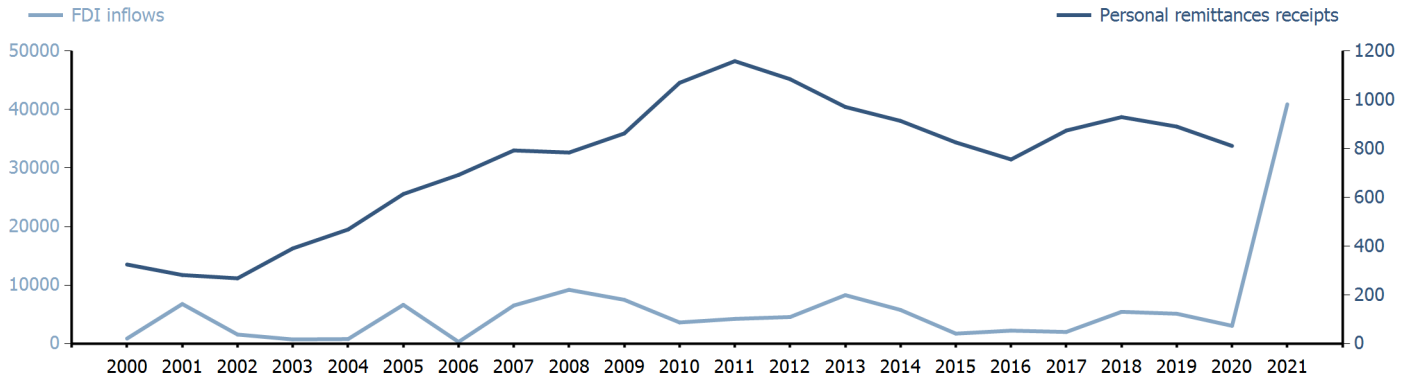
	2005	2010	2015	2021
FDI inflows	(j) 6 646.93	(j) 3 635.60	(j) 1 729.38	(j) 40 888.77
FDI outflows	(j) 930.29	(j) -75.67	(j) 5 743.59	(j) 19.35
Personal remittances, % of GDP	0.24	0.28	0.26	..

0 %

FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2021

Financial flows trends

(millions of US\$)



TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

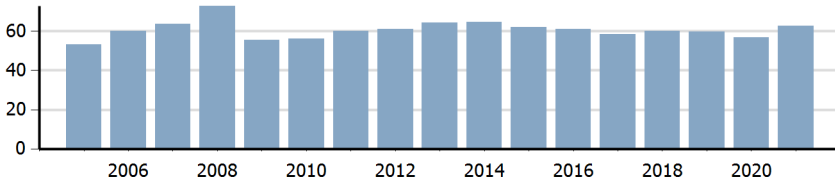
Trade balance indicators²

(as % and index)

	2005	2010	2015	2021
Balance, % of GDP	-0.25	1.28	-1.42	6.85
Balance, % of imports	-0.93	4.68	-4.47	24.61
Normalized balance	-0.005	0.023	-0.023	0.110

Trade openness²

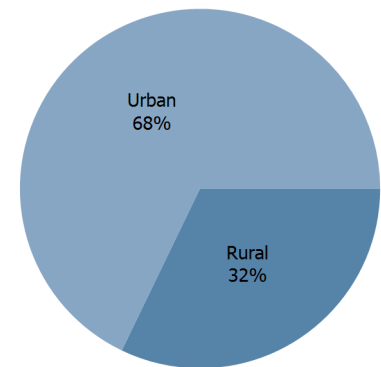
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)



LIVING AREA

Population by living area in 2021

(% of population)



OTHER INDICATORS

Maritime transport indicators

	2005	2010	2015	2021
Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)	104	126	74	334
Liner shipping connectivity index (maximum 2006 = 100 for China)	..	32.43	38.15	41.41
Container port throughput (TEU)	..	3 959 192	4 662 300	..

0.016 %

Share of the total world merchant fleet in 2021

Information economy indicators

(as % of)

	2005	2010	2015	2021
Share of ICT goods, % of total exports	1.25	1.20	1.42	..
Share of ICT goods, % of total imports	11.09	9.25	8.93	..
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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