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# BOTSWANA



## General information

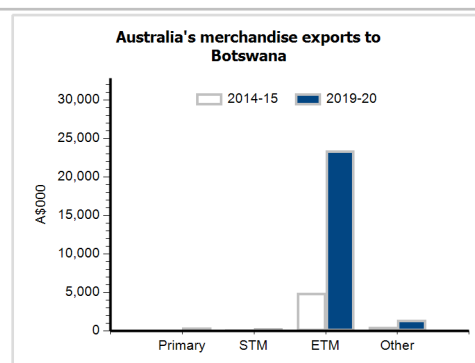
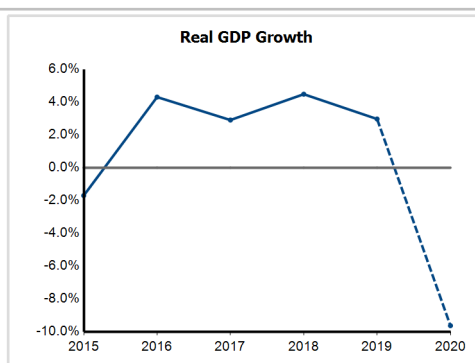
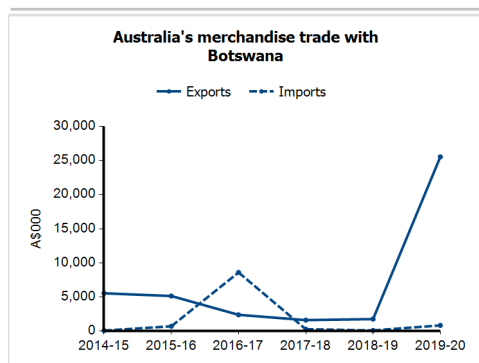
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**Capital:** Gaborone  
**Land area:** 566,730 sq km  
**Official language(s):** English  
**Population:** 2.4 million (2019)  
**Currency:** Pula

**Head of State and Head of Government**  
 President Honourable Mokgweetsi E.K. Masisi

## Economic indicators (a)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>GDP (US\$b) (current prices)</b>	14.4	15.7	17.4	18.7	18.5	15.9
<b>GDP per capita (US\$)</b>	6,538.6	6,958.4	7,585.5	7,997.0	7,772.7	6,557.5
<b>GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)</b>	33.0	37.3	38.0	40.7	42.7	39.1
<b>GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)</b>	14,924.5	16,567.5	16,601.8	17,441.0	17,948.7	16,152.7
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy)</b>	-1.7	4.3	2.9	4.5	3.0	-9.6
<b>Current account balance (US\$b)</b>	1.1	1.2	0.9	0.1	-1.4	-0.4
<b>Current account balance (% GDP)</b>	7.8	7.7	5.3	0.6	-7.6	-2.5
<b>Inflation (% change yoy)</b>	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.2	2.8	1.6
<b>Unemployment (% labour force)</b>	na	na	na	na	na	na



## Australia's trade and investment relationship with Botswana (b)

Australian merchandise trade with Botswana, 2019-20 (A\$000)		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Botswana	25,550	0.0%	95th	..
Imports from Botswana	809	0.0%	157th	..
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	26,359	0.0%	122nd	..

### Major Australian exports, 2019-20 (A\$000)

Civil engineering equipment & parts	5,965
Goods vehicles	3,500
Electrical circuits equipment	2,408
Nails, screws, nuts, bolts & rivets	1,884

### Major Australian imports, 2019-20 (A\$000)

Pearls & gems	738
Materials of rubber	49
Artwork & antiques	9
Pumps (excl liquid pumps) & parts	6

### Australia's trade in services with Botswana, 2019-20 (A\$m)

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Botswana	0.0%	100th	20.0%
Imports of services from Botswana	0.0%	104th	-55.9%

### Australia's investment relationship with Botswana, 2019 (A\$m)

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Botswana	2	2
Botswana's investment in Australia	np	0

## Botswana's global merchandise trade relationships

### Botswana's principal export destinations, 2019

1 India	21.7%
2 Belgium	19.9%
3 United Arab Emirates	18.4%
38 Australia	0.0%

### Botswana's principal import sources, 2019

1 South Africa	58.8%
2 Namibia	8.0%
3 Canada	7.1%
29 Australia	0.1%

Compiled by the Statistics Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources

(a) Economic indicators data is from the IMF WEO where available, the EIU or other reputable source. Data may include forecasts or projections for recent years. GNI may be shown in lieu of GDP for countries where GDP data is unavailable.  
 (b) Merchandise trade data is based on published and unpublished ABS data. May exclude confidential items of trade. Totals may not add up due to rounding. Investment data is stocks as at end December.

All data may be subject to future revisions.

GDP - Gross Domestic Product PPP - Purchasing power parity GNI - Gross National Income na - Data is not available np - Data is not published .. - Data is not meaningful Primary - Primary goods STM - Simply transformed manufactures  
 ETM - Elaborately transformed manufactures Other - Other goods including non-monetary gold f.c.f. - Fresh, chilled or frozen nes - Not elsewhere specified