

Source: IMF WEO

# **LESOTHO**

Key economic indicators: 2024 (top), 2023 (bottom) and sparkline (2019-2024). Estimates are blue.

Nominal GDP (USD billions)

2.3 •

Population (people, millions)

Real GDP growth (% yoy)

2.6 •

Unemployment (% labour force)

na na Current account balance (% GDP)

0.5 ▲ -0.3 ✓ Gross govt debt (% GDP)

> 59.8 ▼ 61.5 ∨

#### Australia - Lesotho investment, 2024 (stocks)

Source: ABS

Investment in Lesotho		Investment from Lesotho		
Total (A\$m)	FDI (A\$m)	Total (A\$m)	FDI (A\$m)	
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Destination Ranking: na		Source Ranking: na		

#### Australia's goods and services trade with Lesotho, 2024

Source: DFAT-adjusted ABS data

Exports	Destination Ranking: 199
Item	A\$000
Other services - details not provided	1,000.0
Beef, f.c.f.	300.0
Measuring & analysing instruments	22.9
Total	1,322.9

Imports	Source Ranking: 183
Item	A\$000
Recreational travel	1,000.0
Crude vegetable matter, nes	788.4
Other textile clothing	26.9
Men's clothing, knitted	15.3
Electrical circuits equipment	2.9
Men's clothing (excl knitted)	1.0
Total	1,834.6

## Lesotho's global merchandise trade relationships, 2024

Source: Various international sources

Principal export destinations			
Destination	•	Share	Rank
Belgium		26.3%	1
United States		16.1%	2
Germany		0.6%	3
Canada		0.5%	4
United Kingdom		0.2%	5
Australia		0.0%	13

Destination	Share	Rank
China	5.9%	1
Taiwan	2.0%	2
Japan	1.4%	3
India	0.7%	4
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	0.3%	5
Australia	0.0%	31

Principal import sources

### Flow of people from Lesotho

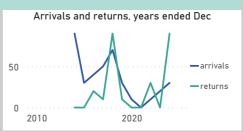
Source: Home Affairs, DESE

Visitor arrivals (movements)
Year ended Dec 2024

0.0%

Year ended Dec 2024
90

International student numbers
2024
8



Compiled by the Trade Data Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources. IMF data may include forecasts or projections for recent years.

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