



LESOTHO

Key economic indicators: 2023 (top), 2022 (bottom) and sparkline (2018-2023). Estimates are blue. Source: IMF WEO

Nominal GDP (USD billions)	Population (people, millions)	Real GDP growth (% yoy)	Unemployment (% labour force)	Current account balance (% GDP)	Gross govt debt (% GDP)
2.2 ▼ 2.3	2.1 ▲ 2.1	2.2 ▲ 1.6	na na	-0.2 ▲ -13.8	61.5 ▼ 64.5

Australia - Lesotho investment, 2023 (stocks)

Source: ABS

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

Australia's goods and services trade with Lesotho, 2023-24

Source: DFAT-adjusted ABS data

Exports		Destination Ranking: 204	Imports		Source Ranking: 184
Item		A\$k	Item		A\$k
Other services - details not provided		1,000.0	Crude vegetable matter, nes		1,059.3
Plastic articles, nes		17.4	Other textile clothing		33.9
Measuring & analysing instruments		9.6	Men's clothing, knitted		13.9
Crude vegetable matter, nes		5.6	Electrical circuits equipment		5.3
Total		1,032.6	Women's clothing, knitted		2.3
			Men's clothing (excl knitted)		1.0
			Total		1,115.7

Lesotho's global merchandise trade relationships, 2023

Source: Various international sources

Principal export destinations				Principal import sources			
Destination		Share	Rank	Destination		Share	Rank
South Africa		39.7%	1	South Africa		82.9%	1
Belgium		39.4%	2	China		7.7%	2
United States		17.6%	3	Taiwan		2.9%	3
Eswatini		0.8%	4	Japan		1.1%	4
Germany		0.6%	5	Zambia		0.7%	5
Australia		0.1%	13	Australia		0.0%	46

Flow of people from Lesotho

Source: Home Affairs, DESE

Visitor arrivals (movements)	Resident returns (movements)	International student numbers	Arrivals and returns, years ended Jun
Year ended Jun 2024	Year ended Jun 2024	2023	
10	0	<5	
0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

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IMF data may include forecasts or projections for recent years.
Merchandise trade 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. na - Data is not available. np - Data is not published. f.c.f - Fresh, chilled or frozen. nes - Not elsewhere specified.