



LESOTHO

Key economic indicators: 2024 (top), 2023 (bottom) and sparkline (2019-2024). 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)
2.3 ▲ 2.2	2.2 ▲ 2.1	2.6 ▲ 2.0	na na	0.5 ▲ -0.3	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	Imports		Source Ranking: 183
Item	A\$000		Item	A\$000	
Other services - details not provided	1,000.0		Recreational travel	1,000.0	
Beef, f.c.f.	300.0		Crude vegetable matter, nes	788.4	
Measuring & analysing instruments	22.9		Other textile clothing	26.9	
Total	1,322.9		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				Principal import sources			
Destination	Share	Rank		Destination	Share	Rank	
Belgium	26.3%	1		China	5.9%	1	
United States	16.1%	2		Taiwan	2.0%	2	
Germany	0.6%	3		Japan	1.4%	3	
Canada	0.5%	4		India	0.7%	4	
United Kingdom	0.2%	5		Hong Kong (SAR of China)	0.3%	5	
Australia	0.0%	13		Australia	0.0%	31	

Flow of people from Lesotho

Source: Home Affairs, DESE

Visitor arrivals (movements)	Resident returns (movements)	International student numbers	Arrivals and returns, years ended Dec
Year ended Dec 2024	Year ended Dec 2024	2024	
30	90	8	
0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	

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.

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.