



LESOTHO

Key economic indicators: 2025 (top), 2024 (bottom) and sparkline (2020-2025). 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)
2.9 ▲ 2.5	2.4 ▲ 2.3	1.4 ▼ 4.9	na na	-3.3 ▼ 2.1	49.1 ▼ 52.8

Australia - Lesotho investment, 2025 (stocks)

Source: ABS

Investment in Lesotho

Total (A\$m)

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FDI (A\$m)

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Destination Ranking: na

Investment from Lesotho

Total (A\$m)

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FDI (A\$m)

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Source Ranking: na

Australia's goods and services trade with Lesotho, 2025

Source: DFAT-adjusted ABS data

Exports

Destination Ranking: 204

Item	A\$000
Education-related travel	1,000.0
Pearls & gems	4.7
Total	1,004.7

Imports

Source Ranking: 188

Item	A\$000
Recreational travel	1,000.0
Crude vegetable matter, nes	480.1
Oil-seeds & oleaginous fruits, hard	182.0
Men's clothing, knitted	107.8
Men's clothing (excl knitted)	32.3
Women's clothing, knitted	26.9
Total	1,862.8

Lesotho's global merchandise trade relationships, 2024

Source: Various international sources

Principal export destinations

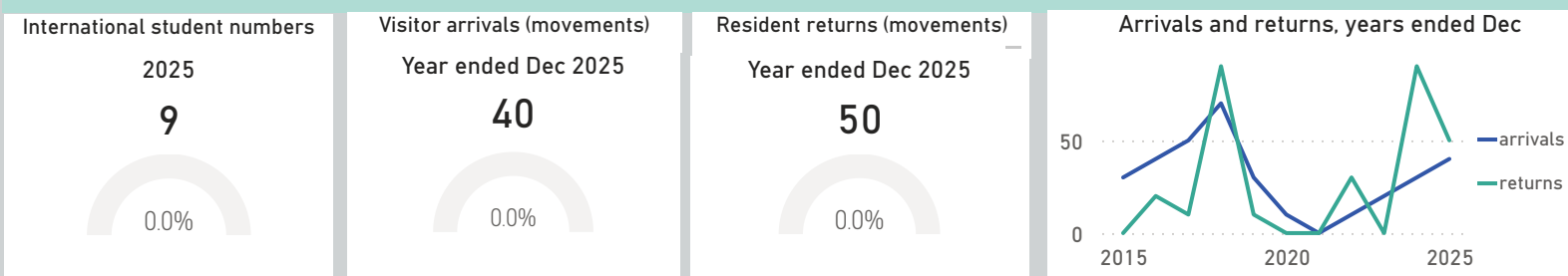
Destination	Share	Rank
Belgium	26.3%	1
United States	16.1%	2
Germany	0.6%	3
Canada	0.5%	4
United Kingdom	0.2%	5
Australia	0.0%	13

Principal import sources

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

Flow of people from Lesotho

Source: Home Affairs, DESE



Compiled by the Trade Data Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources. All data may be subject to future revisions.

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.

Belgium only: The majority of total investment from Belgium is portfolio investment liabilities in the form of debt securities (Belgium hosts a major clearing house and depository for euro-denominated bonds and other securities, Euroclear).

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.