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 ▼	2.1 ▲	2.2 ▲	na	-0.2 ▲	61.5 ▼
2.3	2.1	1.6	na	-13.8	64.5

Australia - Lesotho investment, 2023 (stocks)

Source: ABS

Investment in Lesotho

Total (A$m)	FDI (A$m)
np	-

Destination Ranking: na

Investment from Lesotho

Total (A$m)	FDI (A$m)
np	-

Source Ranking: na

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

Source: DFAT-adjusted ABS data

Exports

Destination Ranking: 204

Item	A$k
Other services - details not provided	1,000.0
Plastic articles, nes	17.4
Measuring & analysing instruments	9.6
Crude vegetable matter, nes	5.6
Total	**1,032.6**

Imports

Source Ranking: 184

Item	A$k
Crude vegetable matter, nes	1,059.3
Other textile clothing	33.9
Men's clothing, knitted	13.9
Electrical circuits equipment	5.3
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

Destination	Share	Rank
South Africa	39.7%	1
Belgium	39.4%	2
United States	17.6%	3
Eswatini	0.8%	4
Germany	0.6%	5
Australia	0.1%	13

Principal import sources

Destination	Share	Rank
South Africa	82.9%	1
China	7.7%	2
Taiwan	2.9%	3
Japan	1.1%	4
Zambia	0.7%	5
Australia	0.0%	46

Flow of people from Lesotho

Source: Home Affairs, DESE

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

Arrivals and returns, years ended Jun

—— arrivals
—— returns