General information

**Capital:** Pretoria/Tshwane (administrative); Cape Town (legislative); Bloemfontein (judicial).

**Land area:** 1,213,090 sq km

**Official language(s):** Afrikaans, English, IsiZulu, IsiXhosa, Sepedi, Setswana, Sesotho, Xitsonga, Swazi, Tshivenda, IsiNdebele

**Population:** 57.9 million (2018)

**Currency:** Rand

**Economic indicators (a)**

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>GDP (US$b) (current prices)</th>
<th>GDP per capita (US$)</th>
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<th>Real GDP growth (% change yoy)</th>
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<td>350.9</td>
<td>6,429.8</td>
<td>713.7</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>317.6</td>
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<td>729.8</td>
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<td>740.3</td>
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**Australia's trade and investment relationship with South Africa (b)**

**Australia's merchandise trade with South Africa, 2018-19 (A$m)**

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<td>Exports to South Africa</td>
<td>1,714</td>
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<td>Imports from South Africa</td>
<td>1,176</td>
<td>0.4%</td>
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<td>Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)</td>
<td>2,890</td>
<td>0.4%</td>
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**Major Australian exports, 2018-19 (A$m)**

- Aluminium ores & conc (incl alumina): 920
- Coal: 266
- Precious metal ores & conc (excl gold): 63
- Specialised machinery & parts: 31

**Major Australian imports, 2018-19 (A$m)**

- Passenger motor vehicles: 402
- Other ores & concentrates: 42
- Specialised machinery & parts: 38
- Pig-iron: 30

**Australia's trade in services with South Africa, 2018-19 (A$m)**

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<td>Exports of services to South Africa</td>
<td>379</td>
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<td>702</td>
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**Major Australian services exports, 2018-19 (A$m)**

- Personal travel excluding education: 124
- Transport: 104

**Major Australian services imports, 2018-19 (A$m)**

- Personal travel excluding education: 387
- Transport: 147

**Australia's investment relationship with South Africa, 2018 (A$m)**

- Australia's investment in South Africa: 5,266
- South Africa's investment in Australia: 1,266

**South Africa's global merchandise trade relationships**

**South Africa's principal export destinations, 2018**

1. China: 9.1%
2. Germany: 7.5%
3. United States: 6.8%
4. Australia: 0.9%

**South Africa's principal import sources, 2018**

1. China: 18.4%
2. Germany: 9.9%
3. United States: 5.9%
15. Australia: 1.4%