



**Basic information**

Land area:*	30 355Km <sup>2</sup>
Population (2018):*	1,9 million
Total GDP (2017):*	US\$6.656 billion
GDP/capita (2017):*	US\$3,300
GDP growth rate (2017):*	-1,6%
Agriculture exports (2018):**	US\$ 48 million
Agriculture imports (2018):**	US\$ 362 million
Capital city:*	Maseru

**Lesotho at a Glance**



**South Africa & Lesotho - Trading Partners\*\***

Formal trade relations: SACU

	AFF share	rank	Total trade share	rank
South Africa's exports to the world - Lesotho's share (2018):	3%	8	1%	20

**South Africa & Lesotho- AFF Trade\*\***

Millions of RSA Rand

	2015	2016	2017	2018
South Africa's total AFF exports to Lesotho:	4 701	5 669	5 354	5 407
South Africa's total AFF imports from Lesotho:	675	774	698	391
South Africa's AFF trade balance with Lesotho:	4 027	4 895	4 656	5 016

**South Africa - Top 5 AFF exports to Lesotho\*\***

	South Africa's share in Lesotho's imports	South Africa's main exports destination	Value of top five AFF exports				
			Millions of RSA Rand				
			2015	2016	2017	2018	
110313	Groats And Meal Of Corn (Me	5%	Lesotho	251	356	241	283
020713	Chicken Cuts & Edible Offal (	5%	Lesotho	26	91	253	274
240220	Cigarettes Containing Tobacc	4%	Namibia	218	193	246	211
110100	Wheat Or Meslin Flour	3%	Lesotho	139	157	163	166
220210	Waters, Incl Mineral & Aerate	3%	Botswana	92	99	137	150

**South Africa - Top 5 AFF imports from Lesotho\*\***

	Lesotho's share in South Africa's imports	Lesotho's main competitors in South Africa	Value of top five AFF imports				
			Millions of RSA Rand				
			2015	2016	2017	2018	
110100	Wheat Or Meslin Flour	35%	Italy	145	190	158	136
481910	Cartons, Boxes & Cases Corr	18%	China	48	54	56	69
510129	Wool, Not Crd/Cmb Degrease	10%	New Zealand	251	152	230	39
030314	Trout, Frozen	6%	Norway	9	11	12	23
230210	Bran Sharps & Oth Residues	6%	Zambia	42	77	48	22

**Lesotho - Top 5 AFF imports from World\*\***

Millions of RSA Rand

	Top supplier	Value of top five AFF imports				
		2015	2016	2017	2018	
110313	Groats And Meal Of Corn (Maize)	Mexico	251	366	241	283
020713	Chicken Cuts & Edible Offal (Incl Liver) Frsh/Chld	Mexico	26	91	253	274
240220	Cigarettes Containing Tobacco	Canada	218	193	246	211
110100	Wheat Or Meslin Flour	Mexico	139	157	163	166
220210	Waters, Incl Mineral & Aerated, Sweetnd Or Flavord	United States	92	99	137	150

Notes: \* CIA World Factbook  
\*\* Global Trade Atlas

Nota Bene: Rounding effect resulted in small values becoming zeros  
AFF stands for Agricultural, Forestry and Fisheries

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