

Country Profile

G-20 advanced industrial and emerging countries

South Africa



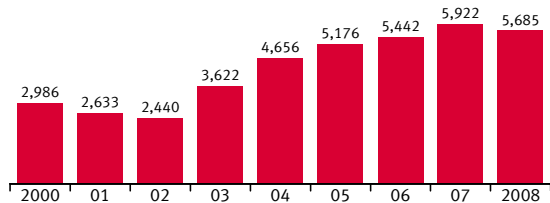
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General information

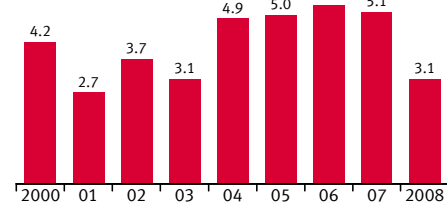
Capital city	Pretoria	
Currency	Rand (ZAR)	
Official languages	Afrikaans, English, IsiZulu, others	
Population (1,000)	50,492 (2010)	
Land area (km ²)	1,214,470	
Gross domestic product (current, mn US-\$)	276 764 (2008)	
Exchange rate (average), ZAR per €	11.67 (2009)	

Gross domestic product per capita
in current US-\$



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Real gross domestic product
Change on previous year in %



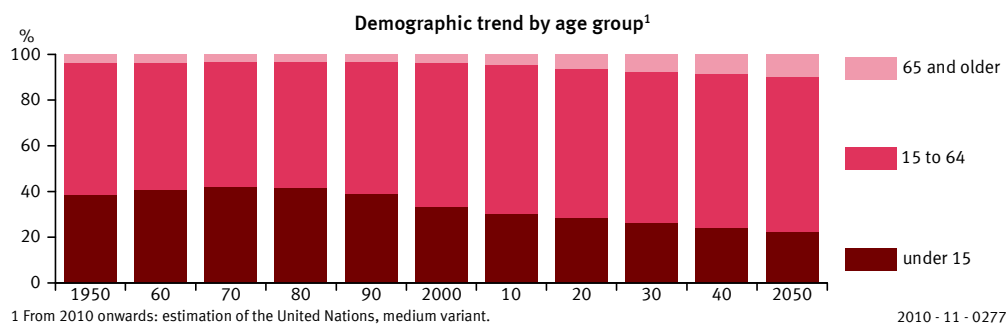
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Economy and finance

	unit	1995	2000	2005	2008
Gross domestic product (GDP), current prices	bn US-\$	151.1	133.0	242.7	276.8
GDP per capita, current prices	US-\$	3,685	2,986	5,176	5,685
Economic development (GDP)	% change on previous year	3.1	4.2	5.0	3.1
General government budget balance	% of GDP	.	.	.	.
Public debt	% of GDP	.	.	.	.
Inflation rate (annual change of price index)	% change on previous year	8.7	5.4	3.4	11.5
Consumer price index, food	2000 = 100	71.8	100.0	137.9	190.0
Tax revenue	% of GDP	.	.	.	.
Exchange rate, annual average	Rand per US-\$	3.63	6.94	6.36	8.26
Stock of inward foreign direct investment (FDI)	bn US-\$	15.0	43.5	79.0	119.4
Stock of outward foreign direct investment (FDI)	bn US-\$	23.3	32.3	37.7	62.3
Net flow: inward FDI	mn US-\$	1,241	888	6,644	9,009
Net flow: outward FDI	mn US-\$	2,498	271	930	-3,533
Gross value added: Agriculture	% of GDP	3.9	3.3	2.7	3.3
Gross value added: Industry	% of GDP	34.8	31.8	30.8	33.7
Gross value added: Services	% of GDP	61.3	64.9	66.5	63.0

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Population and migration	unit	1995	2000	2005	2008
Population	1,000	39,120	44,000	46,892	48,687
Population density	inhabitants per km ²	32.2	36.2	38.6	40.1
Share of population aged under 15	% of total population	36.0	33.6	31.7	30.8
Share of population aged 15 to 64 years	% of total population	60.7	62.7	64.3	64.9
Share of population aged 65 years and older	% of total population	3.4	3.7	4.1	4.4
Share of foreign-born population	% of total population	2.8	2.3	2.7	.
Fertility rate, total	births per woman	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.5
Population change	% on previous year	+2.2	+2.5	+1.2	+1.7
Life expectancy at birth (male)	years	56.9	52.9	49.8	50.0
Life expectancy at birth (female)	years	64.2	58.8	53.8	53.1



Health	unit	1995	2000	2005	2008
Public expenditure on health	% of GDP	.	3.0 ¹	3.5	3.0 ²
Hospital beds	per 1,000 inhabitants	.	.	2.8	.
Physicians	per 1,000 inhabitants	0.6 ³	0.7 ⁴	0.8 ⁵	.
Infant mortality rate	per 1,000 live births	43.4	51.9	50.1	47.9

¹ 2003 – ² 2007 – ³ 1996 – ⁴ 2001 – ⁵ 2004.

Education	unit	1995	2000	2005	2008
Public expenditure on education	% of GDP	.	5.6	5.4	5.1
Pupil-teacher ratio, primary	number	.	33.5	29.6	31.0 ²
Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary	number	.	28.1	32.9	29.0 ²

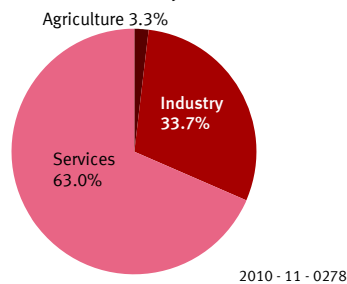
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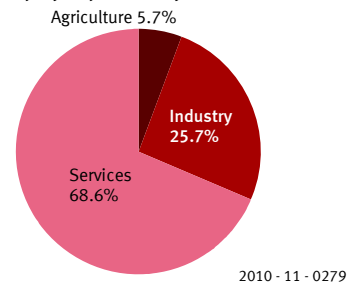
Labour force	unit	1995	2000	2005	2008
Labour force (age 15+)	1,000	12,673	15,280	17,141	18,642
Labour force participation rate (age 15+)	%	50.6	52.3	53.5	55.3
Labour force participation rate (male, 15+)	%	62.3	61.2	59.9	60.0
Labour force participation rate (female, 15+)	%	40.5	44.3	45.9	47.2
Employment rate (age 15+)	%	44.0	38.7	38.7	41.1
Self-employed persons (age 15+)	% of total employment	.	17.8 ¹	.	17.0 ²
Unemployed persons (age 15-64)	1,000	.	4,162	4,487	4,075
Unemployment rate (age 15-64)	%	.	25.4	26.7	22.9
Long-term unemployment rate (age 15-64)	% of unemployed persons	.	.	.	.
Unemployment rate (age 15-24)	%	.	44.2	.	46.9 ²
Average labour costs in manufacturing	US-\$ per hour	.	.	.	.

¹ 2001 – ² 2007.

Gross value added by sector 2008



Employed persons by sector 2008



Living conditions	unit	1995	2000	2005	2008
Gross national income, Atlas method	US-\$ per capita	3,740	3,050	4,810	5,820
Human development index (HDI)	rank	89	107	121	129 ²
Ratio of the richest 10% to the poorest 10%	quotient of income share	29.5	35.1	.	.

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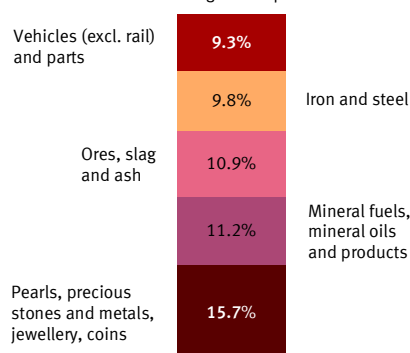
Business, production	unit	1995	2000	2005	2008
Production index of manufacturing industry	2005 = 100	82.9	89.6	100.0	110.6
Production: crude steel	1,000 tons	8,741	8,481	9,494	8,269
Production: passenger cars	1,000 vehicles	.	230.6	324.9	321.1
Producer price index (industrial production)	2005 = 100	55.8	75.5	100.0	136.6

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Agriculture	unit	1995	2000	2005	2008
Agricultural land	% of land area	81.9	82.0	82.0	81.8
Economically active population in agriculture	1,000	1,583	1,485	1,347	1,261 ¹
Index of agricultural production	1999 bis 2001 = 100	80	105	111	107
Index of agricultural exports (value)	1999 bis 2001 = 100	104	99	182	169 ²
Forest area	% of land area	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6

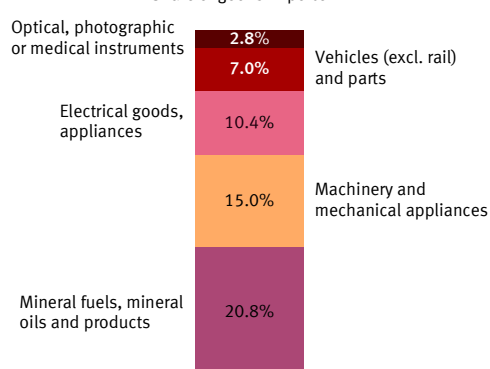
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Selected exports by major commodity groups 2009
Share of goods exported



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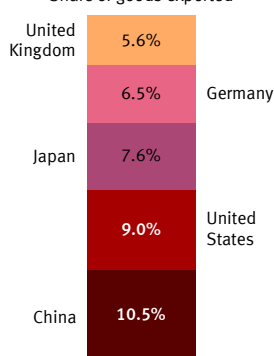
Selected imports by major commodity groups 2009
Share of goods imported



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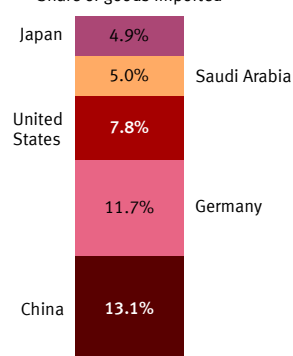
External trade	unit	1995	2000	2005	2009
Import of goods	mn US-\$.	26,771	55,033	63,766
Export of goods	mn US-\$	.	26,298	46,991	53,864
Trade balance	mn US-\$	.	-473	-8,042	-9,902
↘ Goods imported from Germany	mn US-\$	.	3,524	7,716	7,438
Main product group: Machinery and mech. appl.	mn US-\$	.	626	1,264	1,522
Share of goods imported from Germany	% of all goods imported	.	13.2	14.0	11.7
↘ Goods exported to Germany	mn US-\$	.	1,900	3,330	3,513
Main product group: Machinery and mech. appl.	mn US-\$	.	319	758	767
Share of goods exported to Germany	% of all goods exported	.	7.2	7.1	6.5

Destination countries 2009
Share of goods exported



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Origin countries 2009
Share of goods imported



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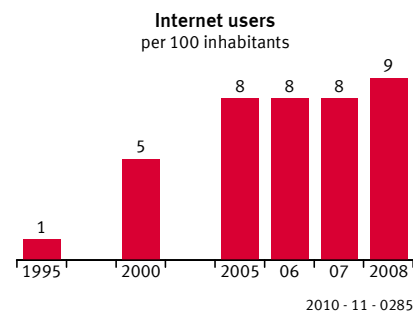
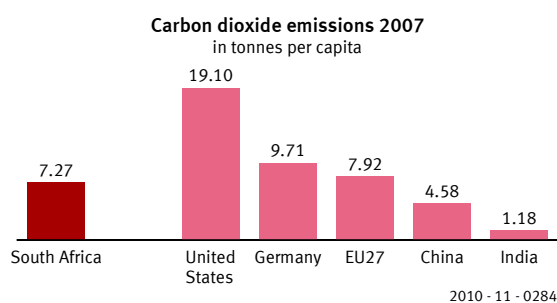
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Transport	unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
Passenger cars	per 1,000 inhabitants	97	87	98	.
Rail transport: passengers	mn passenger-km	9,675	13,260	10,842	14,856
Rail transport: freight	bn ton-km	96.6	106.6	109.7	108.5
Air transport: passengers	mn passengers	6.4	8.0	11.8	12.9
Air transport: freight	mn ton-km	263.1	687.6	923.4	939.2
Pump price for gasoline	US-\$ per litre	0.51	0.50	0.85 ¹	0.87 ²

¹ 2006 – ² 2008.

Environment and energy	unit	1995	2000	2005	2007
CO ₂ emissions	metric tons per capita	7.08	6.78	7.05	7.27
Energy consumption	kg oil equivalent per capita	2,696	2,529	2,722	2,739 ¹
Gross electricity consumption	kWh per capita	4,434	4,417	4,858	4,810 ¹
Fossil-free energy	% of energy consumption	2.8	3.1	2.5	2.7 ¹

¹ 2006.



Science, research, technology	unit	1995	2000	2005	2008
Research and development (R&D) expenditure	% of GDP	0.6 ³	0.7 ⁴	0.9	1.0 ¹
Researchers in R&D sector	per mn inhabitants	199 ³	311 ⁴	360	382 ¹
Resident patent applications	per mn inhabitants	142	.	.	.
Internet users	per 100 inhabitants	1.3	18.6	70.6	90.6
Mobile phone subscriptions	per 100 inhabitants	0.7	5.4	7.5	8.4
Fixed broadband subscriptions	per 100 inhabitants	.	.	0.3	0.9

¹ 2006 – ³ 1997 – ⁴ 2001.

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Methodology and sources

The indicators presented in this country profile are predominantly taken from official international statistical sources. Official national statistics are only used to complete the profile where necessary. All database extractions were carried out in May 2010. The following overview lists the sources used for each section.

General information ▪ ECB, IMF, UNpop, World Bank	Business, production ▪ IMF (IFS), World Steel Association, OICA
Economy and finance ▪ IMF, UNCTAD, UNdata, ILO	Agriculture ▪ FAOSTAT
Population and migration ▪ World Bank	External trade ▪ UN Comtrade
Health ▪ WHO, World Bank	Transport ▪ World Bank, GTZ
Education ▪ UNESCO	Environment and energy ▪ IEA, World Bank
Labour force ▪ ILO, World Bank	Science, research, technology ▪ UNESCO, ITU, UNdata, WIPO
Living conditions ▪ World Bank, UNDP	

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