# SOUTH AFRICA

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**Member Trade Bloc** : WTO, African Free Trade Zone (AFTZ), SADC (Southern Africa Development Community)

**Location** : Southern Africa, at the southern tip of the continent of Africa

**Capital** : Cape Town (legislative);

**Surface Area** : 1,213,090 sq km

**Official Language** : English

**Population** : 57.9 million

Currency : Rand

| KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GDP (US$ Billion)Current prices: | 295.7 | 349.3 | 368.1 | 351.3 | 282.5 |
| GDP per capita (US$) | 5,316.0 | 6,179.9 | 6,353.8 | 5,977.9 | 4,735.7 |
| Real GDP growth (annual %) | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| Exports of goods & services(% of GDP) | 30.2 | 30.7 | 29.9 | 29.9 | 29.9 |
| Inflation, CPI (annual %) | 6.3 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 3.3 |
| Total Exports (US$ Billion) | 76.6 | 89.6 | 95.2 | 90.4 | 86.1 |
| Total Imports (US$ Billion) | 75.1 | 83.3 | 94.0 | 88.2 | 69.0 |

**GDP – COMPOSITION** : Agriculture: 2.8 %, Industry: 29.7%, Services: 67.5%

**MAJOR INDUSTRIES** : Mining (world's largest producer of platinum, gold, chromium), automobile assembly, metalworking, machinery, textiles, iron and steel, chemicals, fertilizer, foodstuffs, commercial ship repair

**MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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|---|---|---|---|
| **Major Export Destinations** | : | China | 11.4% |
| | | United States | 8.3% |
| | | Germany | 8.2% |
| | | **Pakistan** | **0.8%** |
| **Major Import Sources** | : | China | 20.7% |
| | | Germany | 9.1% |
| | | United States | 6.4% |
| | | **Pakistan** | **0.2%** |

**SOUTH AFRICA'S MAIN ITEMS OF EXPORTS** : Gold, diamonds, platinum, other metals and minerals, machinery and equipment

**SOUTH AFRICA'S MAIN ITEMS OF IMPORTS** : machinery and equipment, chemicals, petroleum products, scientific instruments, foodstuff

## PAKISTAN'S TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA (Million US$)

| YEAR | EXPORTS | IMPORTS | TOTAL TRADE | BALANCE OF TRADE | TOTAL EXPORT OF PAKISTAN | % SHARE IN TOTAL EXP. | TOTAL IMPORTS OF PAKISTAN | % SHARE IN TOTAL IMPORTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2016 | 163.4 | 377.3 | 540.7 | (213.9) | 20,533.8 | 0.8 | 46,998.3 | 0.8 |
| 2017 | 161.3 | 814.9 | 976.2 | (653.7) | 21,911.6 | 0.7 | 57,518.7 | 1.4 |
| 2018 | 160.7 | 947.5 | 1,108.1 | (786.8) | 23,778.6 | 0.7 | 60,391.1 | 1.6 |
| 2019 | 167.4 | 858.1 | 1,025.5 | (690.7) | 23,818.8 | 0.7 | 50,511.0 | 1.7 |
| 2020 | 159.8 | 726.8 | 886.6 | (567.0) | 21,994.0 | 0.7 | 45,895.0 | 1.6 |

| MAJOR ITEMS OF EXPORTS FROM PAKISTAN TO SOUTH AFRICA | | | | | | MAJOR ITEMS OF IMPORTS IN PAKISTAN FROM SOUTH AFRICA | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Million US$ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Specific Commodity Description | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | Specific Commodity Description | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral ... | 276.4 | 657.8 | 784.5 | 775.0 | 655.0 | Man-made staple fibres | 29.6 | 29.0 | 27.7 | 26.2 | 22.1 |
| Iron and steel | 59.0 | 98.3 | 84.8 | 33.3 | 20.5 | Cotton | 22.3 | 25.7 | 23.1 | 23.2 | 19.1 |
| Plastics and articles thereof | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 6.5 | 11.3 | Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard | 8.5 | 8.6 | 5.9 | 7.8 | 18.6 |
| Ores, slag and ash | 2.7 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 6.2 | Other made-up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags | 25.0 | 23.9 | 25.2 | 24.7 | 16.2 |
| Organic chemicals | 4.1 | 4.8 | 6.4 | 1.1 | 6.0 | Cereals | 9.8 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 10.0 | 13.6 |
| Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants | 1.8 | 1.2 | 3.5 | 5.1 | 5.8 | Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement | 3.5 | 3.5 | 9.4 | 6.0 | 10.6 |
| Miscellaneous edible preparations | 1.5 | 2.1 | 5.3 | 3.0 | 5.7 | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted | 6.7 | 7.8 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 6.8 |
| Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or ... | 0.5 | 1.3 | 8.2 | 6.0 | 1.8 | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted | 4.9 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 6.1 |
| Aluminium and articles thereof | 3.3 | 9.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 1.8 | Furniture; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings; ... | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.1 |
| Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and their derivatives; dyes, pigments and other colouring ... | 3.1 | 4.5 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 1.6 | Articles of leather; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles ... | 6.2 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 4.9 |