

South Africa

Goods Imports: FOB, by origin

Goods Exports: FOB, by last known destination

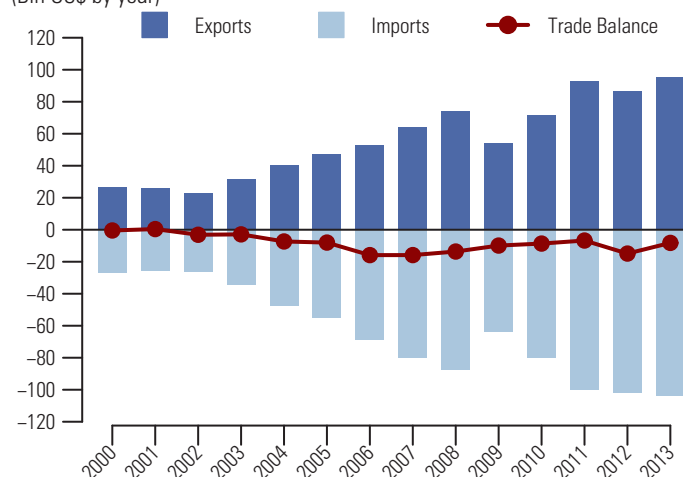
Trade System: General

Overview:

In 2013, the value of merchandise exports of South Africa increased moderately by 9.8 percent to reach 95.2 bln US\$, while its merchandise imports increased slightly by 1.8 percent to reach 103.5 bln US\$ (see graph 1, table 2 and table 3). The merchandise trade balance recorded a relatively small deficit of 8.2 bln US\$ (see graph 1). The largest merchandise trade balance was with MDG Sub-Saharan Africa at 14.7 bln US\$ (see graph 4). Merchandise exports in South Africa were diversified amongst partners; imports were also diversified. The top 23 partners accounted for 80 percent or more of exports and 23 partners accounted for 80 percent or more of imports (see graph 5). In 2012, the value of exports of services of South Africa increased slightly by 2.0 percent, reaching 15.2 bln US\$, while its imports of services decreased moderately by 9.9 percent and reached 17.7 bln US\$ (see graph 2). There was a relatively small trade in services deficit of 2.5 bln US\$.

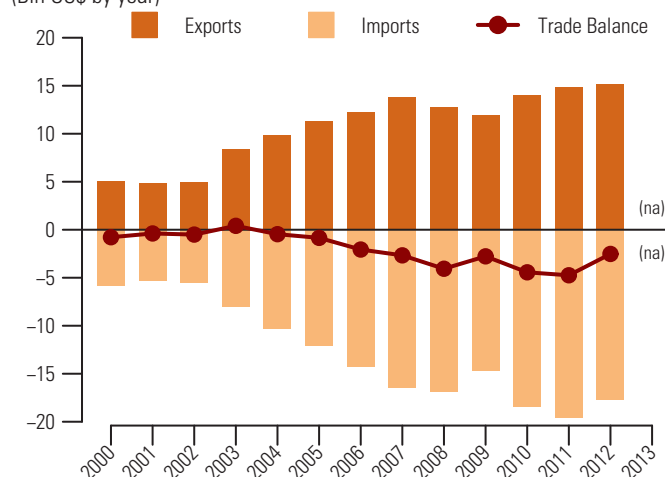
Graph 1: Total merchandise trade, by value

(Bln US\$ by year)



Graph 2: Total services trade, by value

(Bln US\$ by year)



Exports Profile:

"Goods classified chiefly by material" (SITC section 6), "machinery and transport equipment" (SITC section 7) and "crude materials + anim. & veg. oils" (SITC section 2+4) were the largest commodity groups for exports in 2013 representing respectively 24.8, 18.8 and 18.4 percent of exported goods (see table 2). From 2011 to 2013, the largest export commodity was "platinum, unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form" (HS code 7110) (see table 1). The top three destinations for merchandise exports were China, Areas nes and the United States, accounting for respectively 12.6, 8.5 and 8.3 percent of total exports. "Travel" (EBOPS code 236) accounted for the largest share of exports of services in 2012 at 10.0 bln US\$, followed by "Other business services" (EBOPS code 268) at 3.4 bln US\$ and "Transportation" (EBOPS code 205) at 1.7 bln US\$ (see graph 3).

Graph 3: Exports of services by EBOPS category

(% share in 2012)

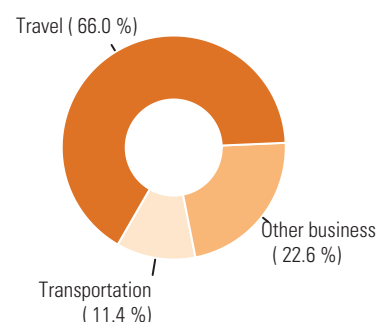


Table 1: Top 10 export commodities 2011 to 2013

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	
	All Commodities.....	92 975.6	86 712.0	95 224.8				
7110	Platinum, unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form.....	10 990.5	7 939.2	8 412.7	37.1	7.3	32.2	thsd US\$/kg 681
2601	Iron ores and concentrates, including roasted iron pyrites.....	9 001.8	7 509.9	8 428.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	US\$/kg 281
7108	Gold (including gold plated with platinum).....	6 936.8	8 671.8	6 614.0	96.4		44.6	thsd US\$/kg 971
2701	Coal; briquettes, ovoids and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal.....	7 523.8	7 004.3	5 933.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	US\$/kg 321
7202	Ferro-alloys.....	4 652.5	3 561.8	3 670.7	1.1	1.0	1.0	US\$/kg 671
8703	Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....	4 284.6	3 591.4	3 667.0	20.5	21.1	21.4	thsd US\$/unit 781
8704	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods.....	1 701.1	2 713.2	2 974.8	9.4	19.9	21.0	thsd US\$/unit 782
8421	Centrifuges, including centrifugal dryers.....	2 846.1	2 165.9	2 054.4				743
2710	Petroleum oils, other than crude.....	1 430.7	1 887.7	3 213.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	US\$/kg 334
7102	Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set.....	2 249.1	1 738.9	2 115.0	286.3			US\$/carat 667

Services Imports and Exports: EBOPS 2002 categories

Table 2: Merchandise exports by SITC

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

SITC	2013	Avg. Growth rates		2013 share
		2009-2013	2012-2013	
Total	95224.8	15.3	9.8	100.0
0+1	9005.9	14.4	44.2	9.5
2+4	17509.6	19.7	6.6	18.4
3	10222.5	14.1	4.5	10.7
5	6869.6	13.8	10.9	7.2
6	23649.9	7.8	11.0	24.8
7	17879.7	13.5	11.8	18.8
8	3037.7	21.2	71.5	3.2
9	7050.0	141.5	-21.6	7.4

Table 3: Merchandise imports by SITC

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

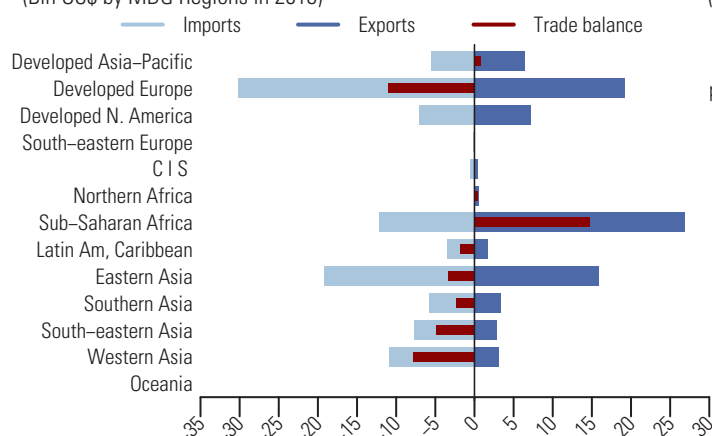
SITC	2013	Avg. Growth rates		2013 share
		2009-2013	2012-2013	
Total	103461.3	12.9	1.8	100.0
0+1	5866.2	13.5	9.5	5.7
2+4	3021.2	13.3	-3.1	2.9
3	22277.3	13.0	-2.4	21.5
5	10989.5	13.3	4.8	10.6
6	10936.8	13.4	6.0	10.6
7	35446.6	12.4	1.7	34.3
8	8686.7	11.0	4.2	8.4
9	6237.0	15.4	-1.3	6.0

SITC Legend

SITC Code	Description
Total	All commodities
0+1	Food, animals + beverages, tobacco
2+4	Crude materials + anim. & veg. oils
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants
5	Chemicals
6	Goods classified chiefly by material
7	Machinery and transport equipment
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles
9	Not classified elsewhere in the SITC

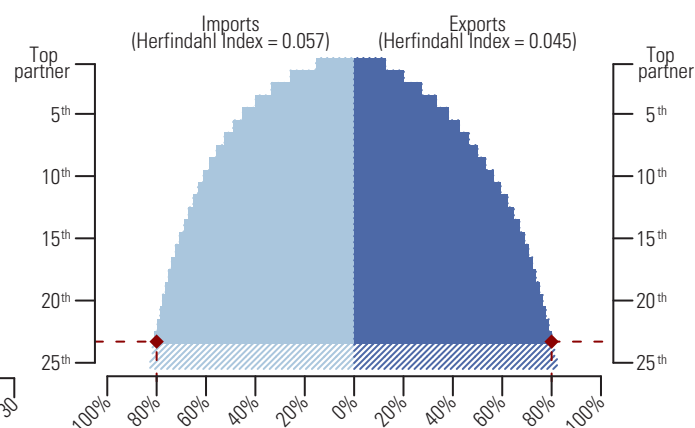
Graph 4: Merchandise trade balance

(Bln US\$ by MDG Regions in 2013)



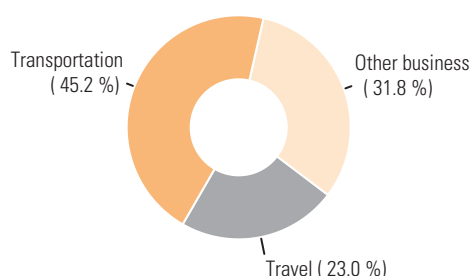
Graph 5: Partner concentration of merchandise trade

(Cumulative share by ranked partners in 2013)



Graph 6: Imports of services by EBOPS category

(% share in 2012)



Imports Profile:

"Machinery and transport equipment" (SITC section 7), "mineral fuels, lubricants" (SITC section 3) and "chemicals" (SITC section 5) were the largest commodity groups for imports in 2013 representing respectively 34.3, 21.5 and 10.6 percent of imported goods (see table 3). From 2011 to 2013, the largest import commodity was "petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude" (HS code 2709) (see table 4). The top three partners for merchandise imports were China, Germany and the United States, accounting for respectively 14.7, 10.4 and 7.2 percent of total imports. "Transportation" (EBOPS code 205) accounted for the largest share of imports of services in 2012 at 8.0 bln US\$, followed by "Other business services" (EBOPS code 268) at 5.6 bln US\$ and "Travel" (EBOPS code 236) at 4.1 bln US\$ (see graph 6).

Table 4: Top 10 import commodities 2011 to 2013

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value				SITC code
		2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	Unit	
All Commodities.....		99726.0	101610.6	103461.3					
2709 Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude.....		14085.6	15757.5	14721.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	US\$/kg	333
9999 Commodities not specified according to kind.....		6078.7	6311.4	6234.3					931
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		5737.8	5858.8	6433.8	1.0	1.1	1.0	US\$/kg	334
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		5078.5	5176.1	5494.7	16.3	16.0	14.2	thsd US\$/unit	781
8517 Electrical apparatus for line telephony or line telegraphy.....		3377.3	3069.8	3405.9					764
8471 Automatic data processing machines and units thereof.....		1941.8	1996.8	2055.2	189.8	167.0	165.3	US\$/unit	752
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		1726.7	1854.4	1815.5	51.4	61.7	55.8	US\$/kg	542
8704 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods.....		1398.9	1618.6	1241.8	29.2	5.5	13.2	thsd US\$/unit	782
8708 Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05.....		1375.1	1280.6	1265.1	9.7	9.6	9.1	US\$/kg	784
8429 Self-propelled bulldozers, angledozers, graders, levellers, scrapers.....		1060.6	1208.6	1005.8	90.1	7.8	10.4	thsd US\$/unit	723