

South Africa

Main Indicators

Indicator	Source	IMF (World Economic Outlook)	unit	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Population			Millions of inhabitants	60	61	62	62	63
GDP			billion EUR	355	387	353	371	378
GDP per capita			EUR	5,894	6,357	5,727	5,945	5,990
Real GDP growth			%	4.9	2.1	0.8	0.5	1.1
Inflation rate			%	4.6	6.9	5.9	4.4	3.2
Current account balance			% of GDP	3.7	-0.3	-1.1	-0.7	-0.5

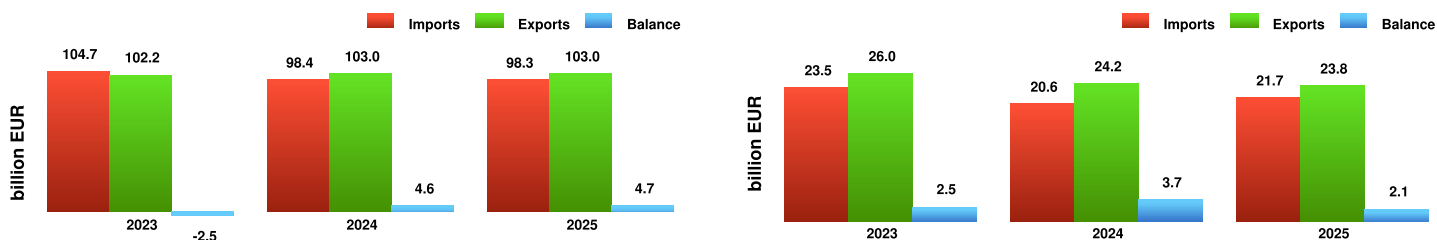
Trade in goods

South Africa with World

Source IMF

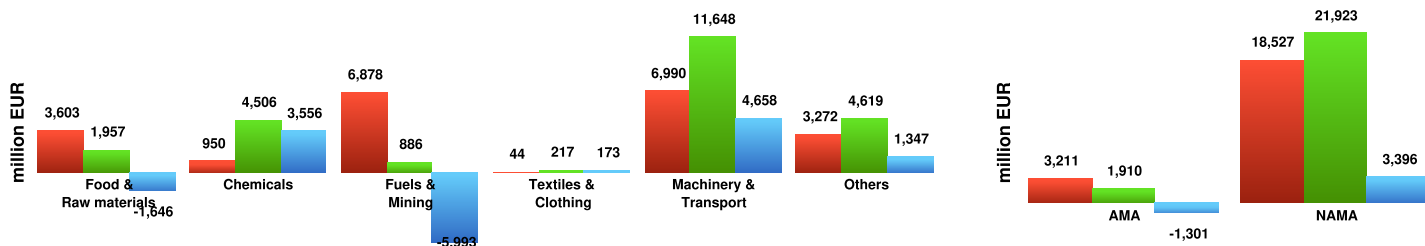
EU27 with South Africa

Source Eurostat



EU27 Merchandise trade with South Africa by product (2025) - SITC (UN) & AMA/NAMA (WTO)

Source Eurostat



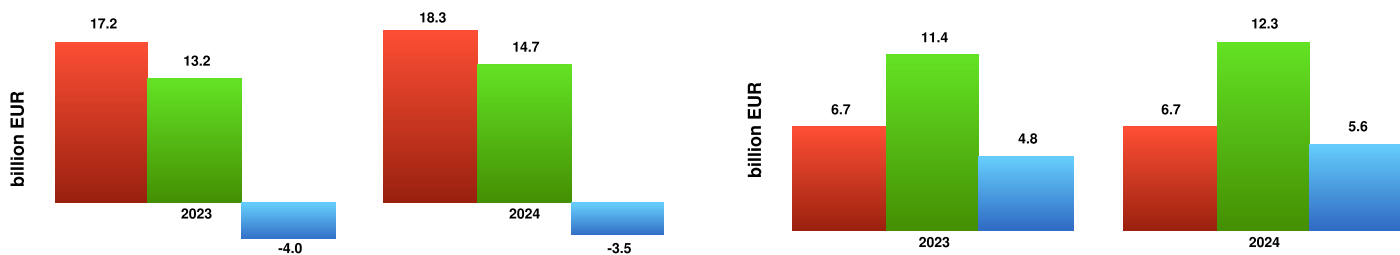
Trade in services

South Africa with World

Source World Trade Organization

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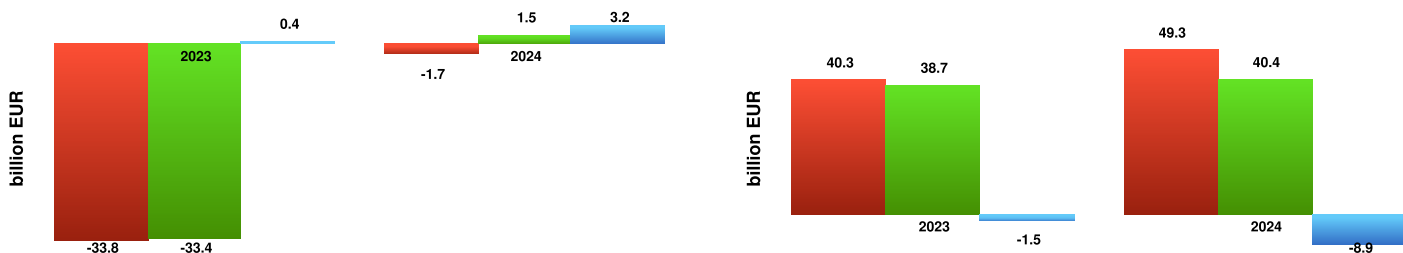
Foreign Direct Investment

EU27 FDI Flows with South Africa

Source Eurostat

EU27 FDI Stocks with South Africa

Source Eurostat



South Africa Merchandise trade with World

indicator	unit	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Annual average growth
imports	billion EUR	83.2	111.4	104.7	98.4	98.3	4.2
exports	billion EUR	103.5	117.2	102.2	103.0	103.0	-0.1
balance	billion EUR	20.2	5.8	-2.5	4.6	4.7	

EU27 Merchandise trade with South Africa

indicator	unit	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Annual average growth
imports	billion EUR	22.1	29.3	23.5	20.6	21.7	-0.4
exports	billion EUR	22.0	26.4	26.0	24.2	23.8	2.0
balance	billion EUR	-0.1	-2.9	2.5	3.7	2.1	

EU27 Merchandise trade with South Africa by product - SITC (UN, WTO/ITS) & AMA/NAMA (WTO) breakdowns

indicator	unit	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Annual average growth
Agricultural Products (AMA/WTO)							
imports	million EUR	2,293	2,618	2,890	2,789	3,211	8.8
exports	million EUR	1,690	2,006	2,155	1,857	1,910	3.1
balance	million EUR	-603	-612	-735	-932	-1,301	
Non-Agricultural Products (NAMA/WTO)							
imports	million EUR	19,821	26,639	20,634	17,779	18,527	-1.7
exports	million EUR	20,320	24,350	23,892	22,363	21,923	1.9
balance	million EUR	500	-2,289	3,258	4,583	3,396	
Food and raw materials							
imports	million EUR	2,627	3,023	3,242	3,177	3,603	8.2
exports	million EUR	1,691	2,047	2,187	1,912	1,957	3.7
balance	million EUR	-937	-977	-1,055	-1,265	-1,646	
Fuels and mining							
imports	million EUR	9,165	13,317	8,817	6,659	6,878	-6.9
exports	million EUR	1,392	1,604	1,174	1,203	886	-10.7
balance	million EUR	-7,773	-11,713	-7,644	-5,456	-5,993	
Chemicals							
imports	million EUR	1,179	1,195	995	884	950	-5.2
exports	million EUR	4,763	5,316	4,794	4,544	4,506	-1.4
balance	million EUR	3,584	4,121	3,799	3,660	3,556	
Machinery and transport equipment							
imports	million EUR	5,231	6,193	7,471	6,435	6,990	7.5
exports	million EUR	9,529	11,990	12,739	11,568	11,648	5.1
balance	million EUR	4,298	5,797	5,268	5,132	4,658	
Textiles and clothing							
imports	million EUR	42	43	45	47	44	1.4
exports	million EUR	231	268	252	243	217	-1.5
balance	million EUR	189	225	207	196	173	
Others							
imports	million EUR	3,870	5,486	2,954	3,367	3,272	-4.1
exports	million EUR	4,406	5,132	4,901	4,750	4,619	1.2
balance	million EUR	536	-354	1,947	1,383	1,347	

South Africa Trade in services with World

indicator	unit	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Annual average growth
imports	billion EUR	11.5	17.3	17.2	18.3		16.7
exports	billion EUR	7.7	12.0	13.2	14.7		24.0
balance	billion EUR	-3.8	-5.3	-4.0	-3.5		

EU27 Trade in services with South Africa

indicator	unit	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Annual average growth
imports	billion EUR	3.2	4.7	6.7	6.7		
exports	billion EUR	8.2	11.2	11.4	12.3		
balance	billion EUR	5.0	6.5	4.8	5.6		

EU27 Foreign direct investment with South Africa

indicator	unit	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Annual average growth
stocks: inward	billion EUR	99.8	85.6	40.3	49.3		-20.9
stocks: outward	billion EUR	66.1	74.3	38.7	40.4		-15.1
stocks: balance	billion EUR	-33.7	-11.4	-1.5	-8.9		
flows: in	billion EUR	-0.1	-1.5	-33.8	-1.7		
flows: out	billion EUR	31.7	4.1	-33.4	1.5		-64.0
flows: balance	billion EUR	31.8	5.6	0.4	3.2		