

AFRICA CONTEXT INDICATORS

A datasheet on Economic Development, Trade, Agriculture, Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy

LESOTHO

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Region ¹	Sub-Saharan Africa
Subregion	Southern Africa
Income Group	Lower middle income

★ = Self-Reliance Indicator



Economic Development

Lesotho SSA Year

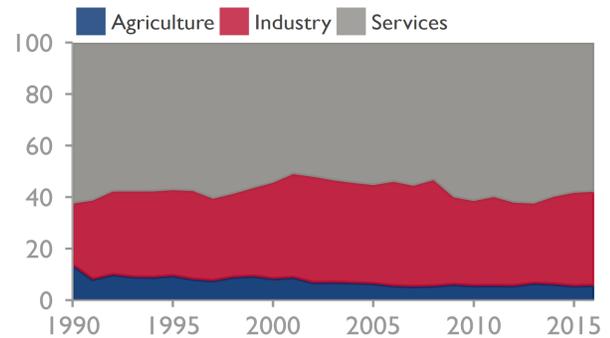
★ GDP per capita (PPP) ²	\$3,130	\$4,671	(2017)
★ Poverty rate (\$5/day) ³	88.4%	86.3%	(2010)
Real GDP growth (annual %) ²	5.6%	3.7%	(2017)
Inflation, end of period consumer prices (%) ⁴	5.5%	9.6%	(2018)
Real interest rate (%) ²	12.8%	6.8%	(2017)
Personal remittances received, per capita ⁵	\$180	\$32	(2017)
Gross capital formation (% of GDP) ²	28.3%	23.9%	(2016)
Household consumption (% of GDP) ²	77.5%	73.6%	(2016)
Government expenditure (% of GDP) ²	34.9%	17.7%	(2016)
Net exports (% of GDP) ⁵	-40.9%	-14.4%	(2016)
★ Economic Gender Gap (0-1, 1=equality) ⁶	0.66	0.70	(2017)
Labor force participation rate (%) ²	66.5%	68.0%	(2017)
Male ²	74.4%	74.2%	(2017)
Female ²	59.3%	62.0%	(2017)



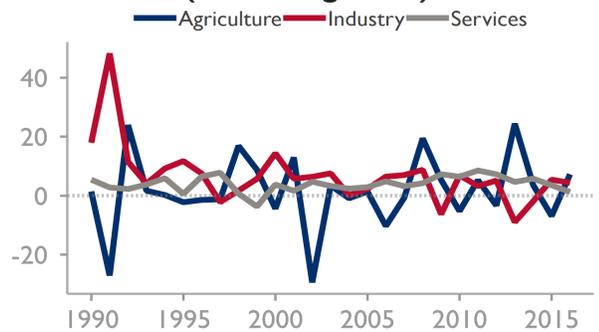
Trade

★ Trade freedom (0-100, least to greatest freedom) ⁷	69	67	(2018)
Tariff rate for imports (%) ⁸	6.5%	10.1%	(2016)
Tariffs faced by exports (%) ⁸	2.5%	3.1%	(2016)
Complexity of tariffs index (1-7, higher is better) ⁸	4.9	6.2	(2016)
Border compliance (hrs) - time to export ²	4	104	(2017)
- time to import ²	5	144	(2017)
Documentary compliance (hrs) - time to export ²	3	96	(2017)
- time to import ²	3	115	(2017)
★ Export diversification (0-1, lower is better) ⁹	0.28	0.45	(2016)
Trade (% GDP) ²	125.4%	73.2%	(2016)
Top 3 export categories to US by value ⁶	Women's or Girls' Coats, Etc., Knitted; Men's or Boys' Coats, Jackets, Etc., Not Knitted; Other Articles of Apparel of Textile Fabrics		(2017)
Top 3 import categories from US by value ⁶	Medicaments, Including Veterinary; Aircraft, Equipment, Spacecraft, & Parts; Measuring, Checking, & Controlling Instruments		(2017)

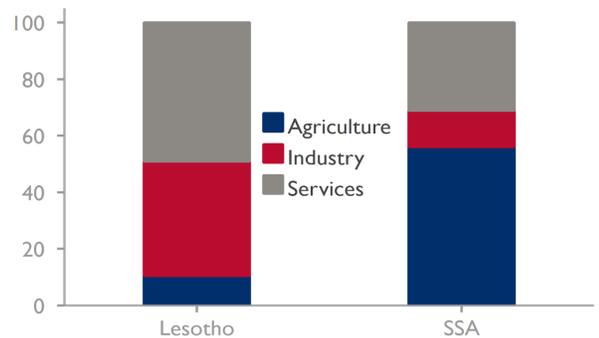
Value added (% of GDP)²



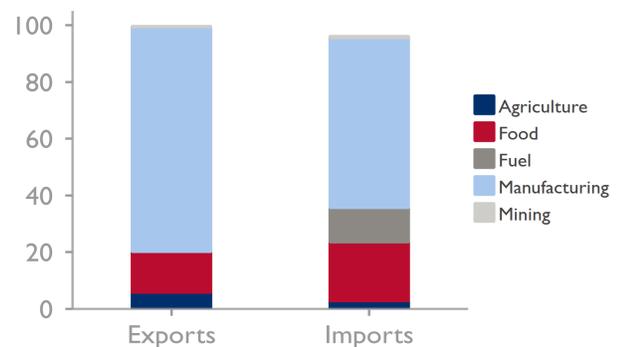
Value added (annual % growth)²



Employment by sector (%), 2017²



Shares of merchandise trade (%), 2012²





Agriculture

	Lesotho	SSA	Year
Arable land (% of agricultural area) ¹¹	12.0%	28.7%	(2015)
Permanent crops (% of agricultural area) ¹¹	0.2%	5.0%	(2015)
Permanent meadows & pastures (% of ag area) ¹¹	87.8%	66.3%	(2015)
Irrigated land (% of agricultural area) ²	0.1%	0.1%	(2013)
Agricultural policy costs (1-7, higher is better) ¹²	3.99	3.56	(2017)
Fertilizer consumption (kg/ha of arable land) ²	n/a		
Cereal yield (kg/ha) ²	508	1,406	(2016)
Agriculture value added/worker (\$US) ²	\$2,201	\$1,665	(2016)
Prevalence of undernourishment (% of pop.) ²	14.5%	22.8%	(2015)
Children under 5 stunted (%) ²	33.2%	30.8%	(2014)
underweight (%) ²	10.3%	15.9%	(2014)
wasted (%) ²	2.8%	5.9%	(2014)



Environment and Natural Resources

★ Biodiversity and Habitat Protections (0-100) ¹³	17.4	70.8	(2018)
Tree Cover Loss Index (0-100, higher is better) ¹³	n/a		
ND-GAIN Vulnerability (0-1, higher is worse) ¹⁴	0.51	0.55	(2016)
ND-GAIN Readiness (0-1, higher is better) ¹⁴	0.31	0.27	(2016)
Water dependency ratio (%) ¹⁶	0.0%	32.2%	(2014)
Freshwater withdrawals (% of total agriculture) ²	8.7%	48.4%	(2000)
industry ²	45.7%	13.9%	(2000)
domestic ²	45.7%	37.7%	(2000)
★ Child Health (0-100, higher is better) ¹⁷	62	48	(2017)
People with improved sources of drinking water urban (% of urban population) ¹⁸	96.3%	91.3%	(2014)
rural (% of rural population) ¹⁸	76.9%	69.6%	(2014)
Population using improved sanitation facilities urban (% urban population) ¹⁹	45.7%	43.8%	(2015)
rural (% rural population) ¹⁹	43.1%	22.6%	(2015)
Population practicing open defecation (%) ²	30.0%	25.2%	(2015)
Electric power consumption (kWh per capita) ²	n/a		



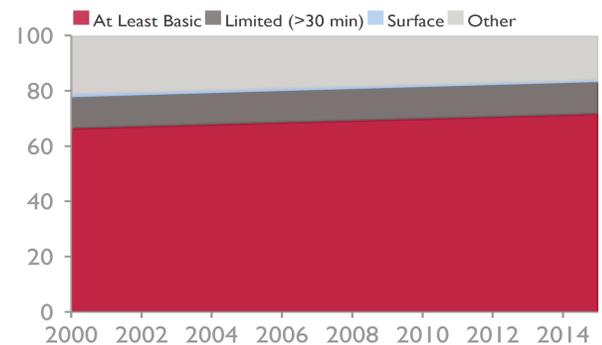
Energy

★ Electricity production (kWh per capita) ²⁰	236.2	453.9	(2016)
Renewable electricity output (% of total) ²	100%	49%	(2015)
CO2 emissions (MT per capita) ²	1.2	0.8	(2014)
★ Business Environment (0-100, higher is better) ²¹	48	47	(2017)
Firms: Electricity is a major constraint (%) ²²	24.8%	41.8%	(2016)
Firms: Number of power outages/month ²²	2.2	7.1	(2016)

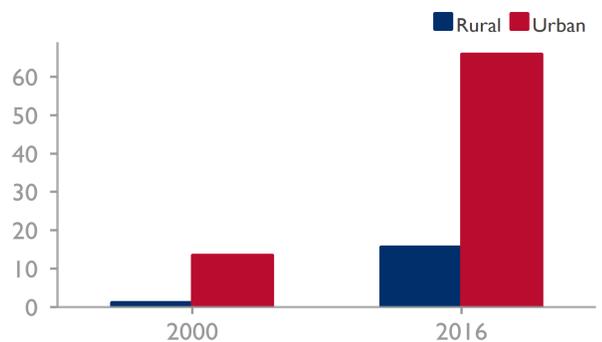
Enabling the Business of Agriculture 2017: Distance to Frontier Score (0-100, higher is better), by Category²³



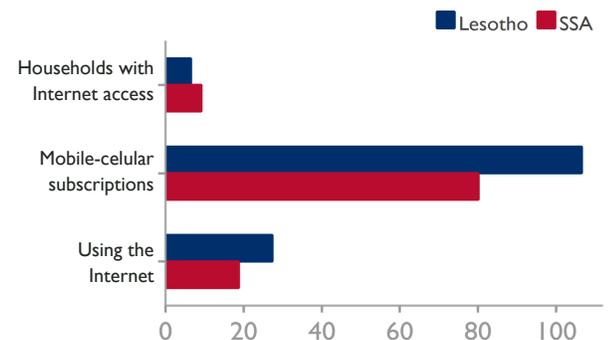
Water Source by type (%)¹⁹



Access to Electricity (%)²



★ Select Components of the ICT Use Self-Reliance Indicator (per 100 inhabitants), 2016²⁴



★ ICT Use (1-7, higher is better)²⁰

Lesotho 2.13 | SSA 1.83

Sources: 1. Regions based on USAID classifications; 2. World Bank, World Development Indicators (WDI); 3. World Bank, PovcalNet; 4. International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Economic Outlook Database (WEO); 5. Calculated by Data Services, based on World Bank, World Development Indicators; 6. World Economic Forum (WEF), Global Gender Gap Report; 7. Heritage Foundation, Index of Economic Freedom; 8. World Economic Forum (WEF), Enabling Trade Index; 9. UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), UNCTADstat; 10. U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC), Trade DataWeb; 11. Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), FAOSTAT Land and Fertilizer Data; 12. World Economic Forum (WEF), Global Competitiveness Index; 13. CIESIN and Yale, Environmental Performance Index (EPI); 14. Notre Dame Climate Adaptation Initiative (ND-GAIN) Country Index; 16. Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), AQUASTAT; 17. CIESIN, Natural Resource Management Index (NRMI); 18. Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), STATcompiler; 19. WHO/UNICEF, Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) for Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene; 20. World Economic Forum (WEF), Networked Readiness Index; 21. Legatum Institute, Legatum Prosperity Index; 22. World Bank, Enterprise Surveys; 23. World Bank, Enabling the Business of Agriculture; 24. International Telecommunication Union (ITU), World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Database.