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Lesotho

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General information

Capital city	Official language	Currency
Maseru	**Sesotho, English**	**Lesotho Loti**

Land area in relation to Germany
km²

Germany
349,380

Lesotho
30,360
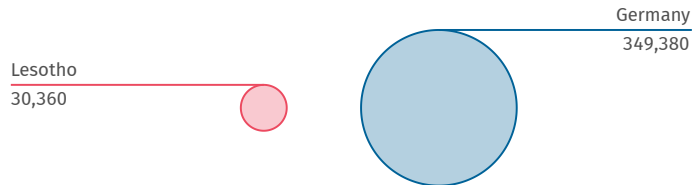
Source: WB-WDI

Economy and finance

Gross domestic product (GDP), total	GDP, real change	GDP per capita	GDP per capita
bn US$	% since 2000	US$	internat. US$
2.068	**+64**	**1,003**	**2,718**
(2020)	(2020)	(2020)	(2020)
Source: IMF-WEO	Source: IMF-WEO*	Source: IMF-WEO	Source: IMF-WEO

Gross domestic product, real change
% on previous year

4.9

-4.5

2000 2005 2010 2015 2020
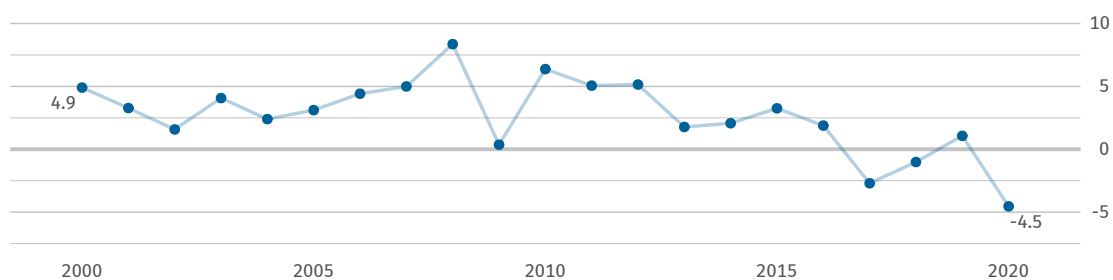
Source: IMF-WEO

Gross domestic product per capita
US$

453

1,003

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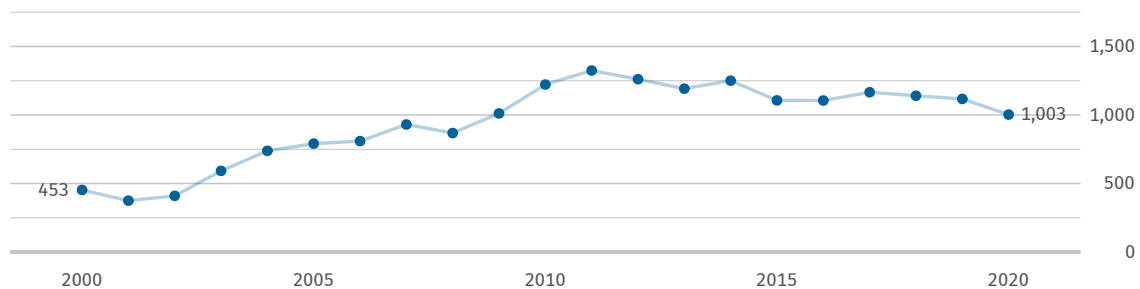
Source: IMF-WEO

Inflation rate (change of consumer price index)	General government gross debt	General government net lending / borrowing
% on previous year	% of GDP	% of GDP
+5.0	**50.3**	**-7.6**
(2020)	(2020)	(2020)
Source: IMF-IFS	Source: IMF-WEO	Source: IMF-WEO

General government revenue and expenditure
% of GDP

Source: IMF-WEO
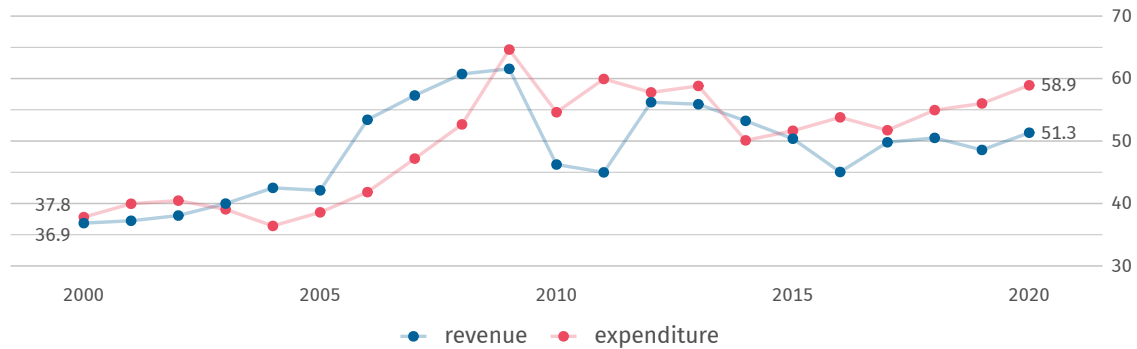
General government net lending / borrowing
% of GDP

Source: IMF-WEO
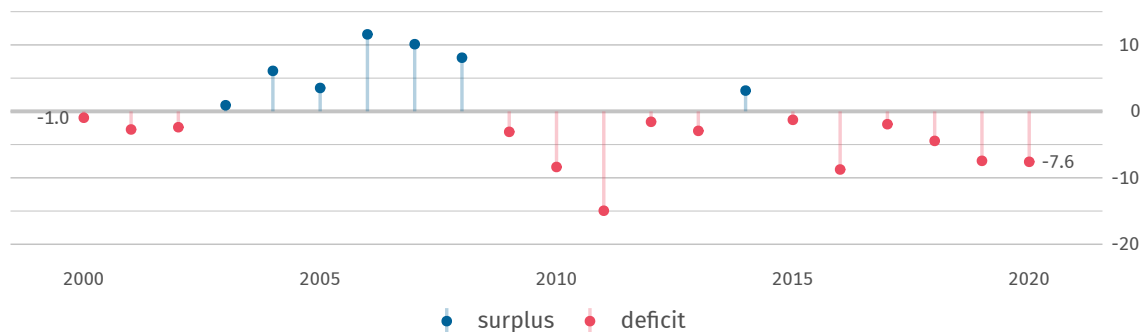
Foreign direct investment (FDI): inward stocks	Foreign direct investment (FDI): outward stocks	Foreign direct investment (FDI): net flow, inward	Foreign direct investment (FDI): net flow, outward
bn US$	bn US$	bn US$	bn US$
0.732	**0.253**	**0.118**	**-0.031**
(2019)	(2014)	(2019)	(2014)
Source: UNCTAD	Source: UNCTAD	Source: UNCTAD	Source: UNCTAD

Population

Population total 1,000	Population density inhabitants per km²	Life expectancy at birth (women) years	Life expectancy at birth (men) years
2,142	**69**	**57.6**	**51.2**
(2020)	(2018)	(2019)	(2019)
Source: WB-WDI	Source: WB-WDI	Source: WB-WDI	Source: WB-WDI

Population in relation to Germany 2020
1,000

Germany
83,241

Lesotho
2,142

Source: WB-WDI

Population
1,000

2,125

Projection medium variant after 2019

3,000

2,000

1,000

0
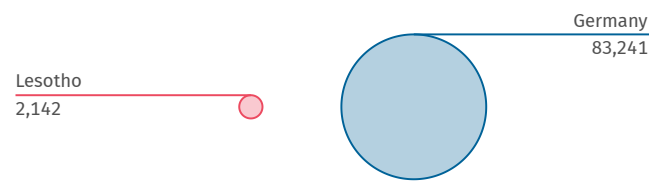
1950   1975   2000   2025   2050   2075   2100
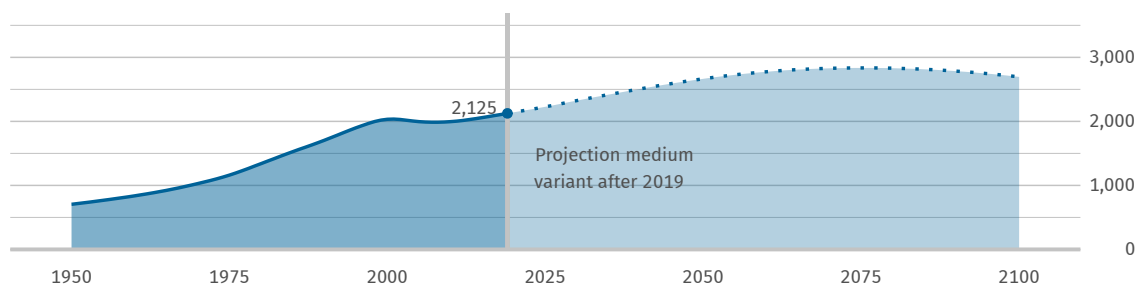
Source: UN-POP

Population by age group
proportion, %

Projection medium variant after 2015

100

75

50

25

0

1950   1975   2000   2025   2050   2075   2100

under 15-year-olds   15- to 64-year-olds   65-year-olds and older

Source: UN-POP

Health

Practising physicians	Hospital beds	Prevalence of raised blood pressure	Prevalence of obesity (BMI >= 30)
per 1,000 inhabitants	per 1,000 inhabitants	%	%
0.0	**1.3**	**29.0**	**16.6**
(2003)	(2006)	(2015)	(2016)
Source: WHO	Source: WHO	Source: WHO	Source: WHO

Education

Government expenditure on education	Pupil-teacher ratio (primary education)	Pupil-teacher ratio (secondary education)	Students (tertiary education)
% of GDP	number	number	per 100,000 inhabitants
7.0	**32.9**	**25.3**	**1,024**
(2018)	(2017)	(2017)	(2018)
Source: UNESCO	Source: UNESCO	Source: UNESCO	Source: UNESCO*

Labour force

Employment rate (persons aged 15+)	Labour force (persons aged 15+)	Labour force participation rate (persons aged 15+)	Self-employment (persons aged 15+)
%	1,000	%	%
50.2	**986**	**66.7**	**16.7**
(2020)	(2020)	(2020)	(2020)
Source: ILOSTAT	Source: ILOSTAT	Source: ILOSTAT	Source: ILOSTAT

Employment rate (persons aged 15+)
%
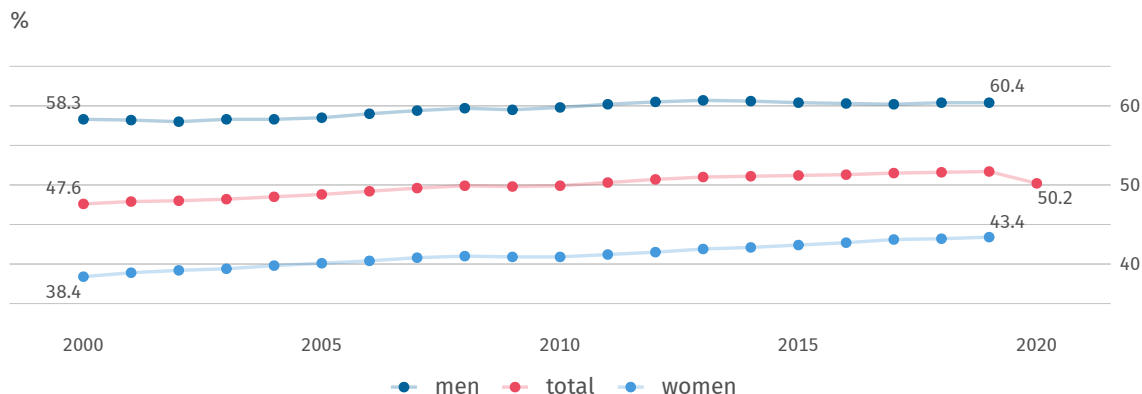
Source: ILOSTAT

Employment and gross value added by sector 2020
%

Employment

8.4	41.9	49.6	0.1

Gross value added

6.4	29.9	52.8	10.9

■ agriculture, forestry, fisheries ■ industry ■ services ■ not specified

Source employment: ILOSTAT
Source gross value added: WB-WDI

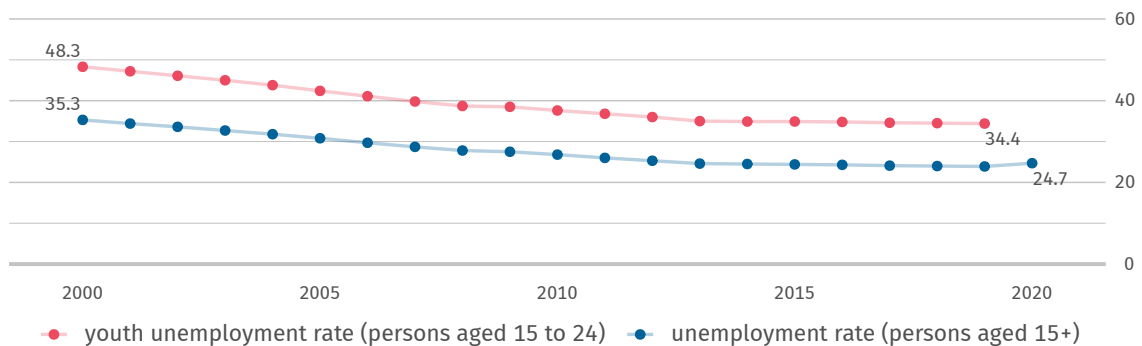| Unemployment rate (persons aged 15+) %	Unemployment rate (persons aged 15 to 24) %	Long-term unemployment rate (persons aged 15+) % of unemployed persons
24.7 (2020) Source: ILOSTAT	**34.4** (2019) Source: ILOSTAT	**61.7** (2008) Source: ILOSTAT

Unemployment rate and youth unemployment rate
%

—•— youth unemployment rate (persons aged 15 to 24)   —•— unemployment rate (persons aged 15+)

Source: ILOSTAT

Living conditions

Human Development Index (HDI)	Human Development Index (HDI)	Income distribution: Gini coefficient
value (0 low to 1 high)	rank (of 188 countries)	value (0 to 100; 0=equal distribution)
0.527	**165**	**44.9**
(2019)	(2019)	(2017)
Source: UNDP	Source: UNDP	Source: WB-WDI

Production

Index of industrial production
2010=100

No data

Source: IMF-IFS

Agriculture and forestry

Change of agricultural production	Agricultural land	Forest area
% since 2000	% of land area	% of land area
-4	**70.6**	**1.1**
(2019)	(2019)	(2019)
Source: FAO*	Source: FAO*	Source: FAO*

Index of agricultural production
2014 to 2016 = 100
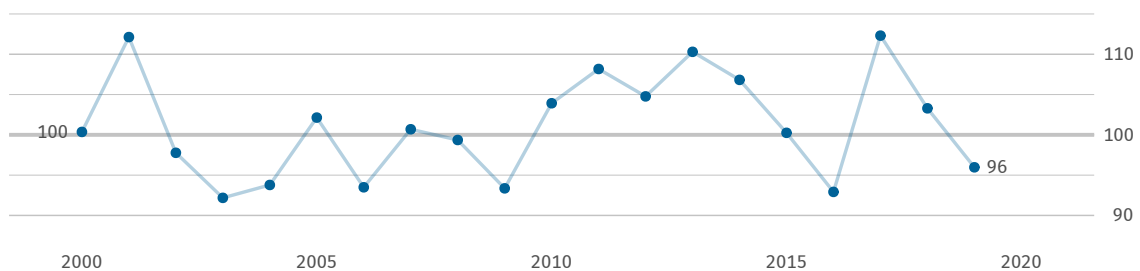
Source: FAO

Foreign trade

Export of goods	Import of goods	Trade balance, goods
bn US$	bn US$	bn US$
0.673	**2.066**	**-1.392**
(2017)	(2017)	(2017)
Source: UN Comtrade	Source: UN Comtrade	Source: UN Comtrade*

Export and import of goods
bn US$

2.066

0.613

0.336

0.673

exported goods, total   imported goods, total

2005, 2006, 2007: Missing data. Source: UN Comtrade

Foreign trade balance
bn US$

-0.277

-1.392

trade surplus   trade deficit

2005, 2006, 2007: Missing data. Source: UN Comtrade

Goods exported to Germany	Goods exported to Germany	Goods imported from Germany	Goods imported from Germany
mn US$	% of all goods exported	mn US$	% of all goods imported
5.9	**0.9**	**2.3**	**0.1**
(2017)	(2017)	(2017)	(2017)
Source: UN Comtrade	Source: UN Comtrade*	Source: UN Comtrade	Source: UN Comtrade*

Main trading partners 2017

Exports of goods
%

South Africa	49.2
United States	45.5
Eswatini	1.7
Germany	0.9
Canada	0.8

Imports of goods
%

South Africa	70.7
China	14.8
Other Asia, nes	5.3
India	2.5
Japan	1.6
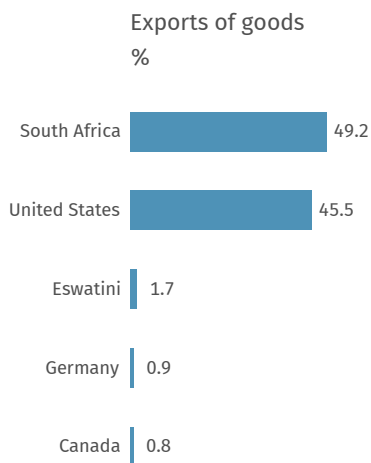
Main commodities traded 2017

Exports of goods
%

Apparel, knitted or crocheted	40.0
Apparel, not knitted or crocheted	26.5
Electrical goods, appliances	7.5
Wool, horsehair yarn and woven fabric	5.6
Cotton	4.6

Imports of goods
%

Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	17.8
Articles of iron or steel	12.7
Knitted or crocheted fabrics	5.5
Vehicles (excl. rail) and parts	5.4
Electrical goods, appliances	5.3
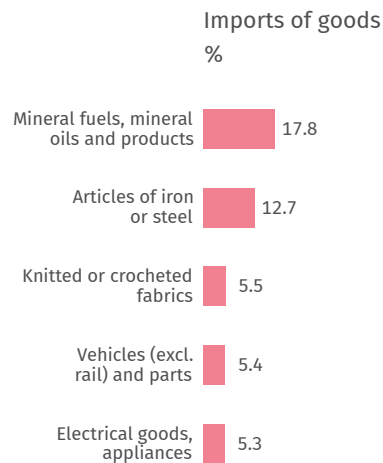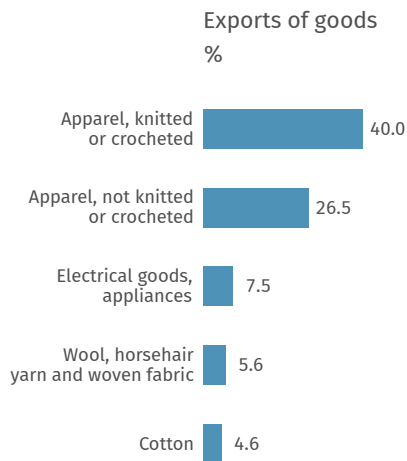
Source: UN Comtrade*

Classification of commodities: Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding Systems (HS2).

Transport

Passenger cars	Total rail network	Air transport
per 1,000 inhabitants	km per 1 mn inhabitants	per 1,000 inhabitants
No data	**No data**	**No data**
Source: OICA*	Source: WB-WDI*	Source: WB-WDI*

Gasoline price at the pump
US$ per litre
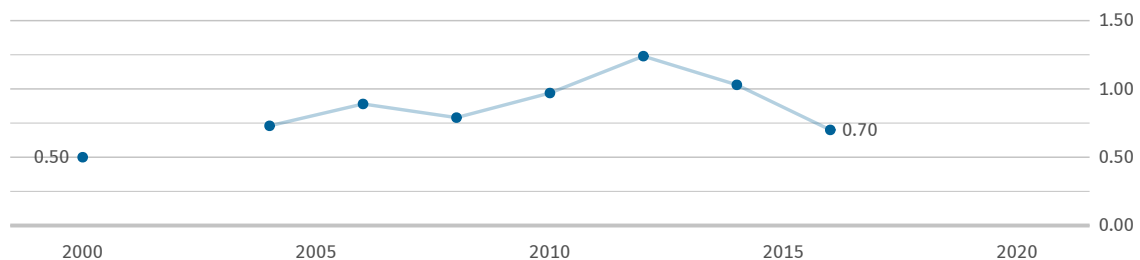
Data collection conducted every two years.
2002: Missing data. Source: WB-WDI

Environment and energy

Carbon dioxide emissions	Total primary energy supply	Gross electricity consumption	Renewable energy
tonnes per capita	kg oil equivalent per capita	kWh per capita	% of total final energy consumption
0.3	**10**	**No data**	**52.1**
(2019)	(2007)		(2015)
Source: EDGAR	Source: WB-WDI	Source: WB-WDI	Source: WB-WDI

Carbon dioxide emissions in relation to Germany 2019
tonnes per capita

Germany
8.5

Lesotho
0.3
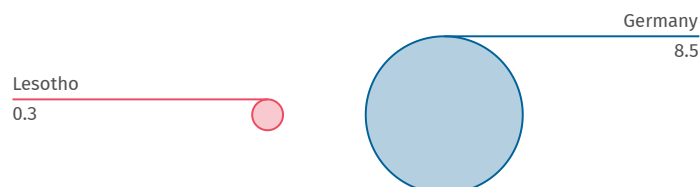
Source: EDGAR

Science, research, technology

Gross domestic expenditure on R&D	Researchers	Resident patent applications
% of GDP	per 1 mn inhabitants	per 1 mn inhabitants
0.0	**24**	**No data**
(2015)	(2015)	
Source: UNESCO	Source: UNESCO	Source: WIPO

Dissemination of modern communication technology
per 100 inhabitants

- mobile cellular subscriptions
- internet users
- fixed broadband subscriptions

2006: Missing data. Source: ITU
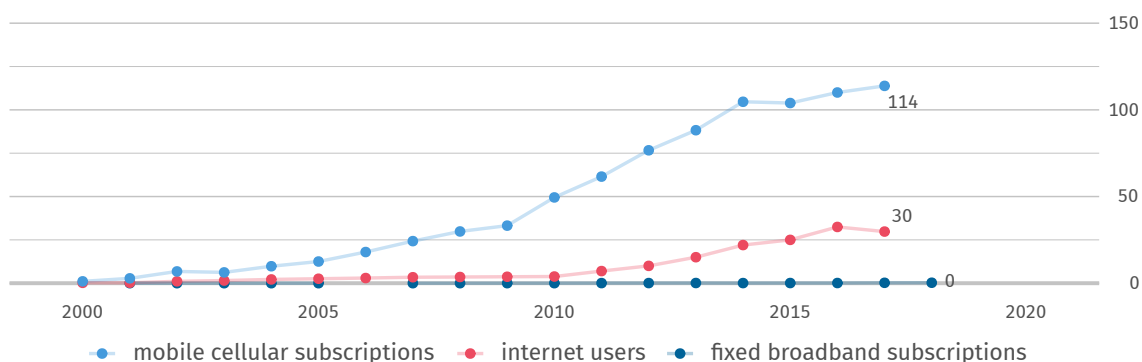
Sources

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FAO	United Nations, Food and Agricultural Organization
ILOSTAT	International Labour Organization, ILOSTAT - Database
IMF-IFS	International Monetary Fund, International Financial Statistics
IMF-WEO	International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook
ITU	United Nations, International Telecommunication Union
OICA	International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers
UN Comtrade	United Nations, Comtrade Database
UNCTAD	United Nations, Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNPOP	United Nations, Population Division
WB-WDI	World Bank, World Development Indicators
WHO	World Health Organization, Global Health Observatory
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization

* Own calculations based on the original data source.

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