

South Africa

Statistical Country Profile



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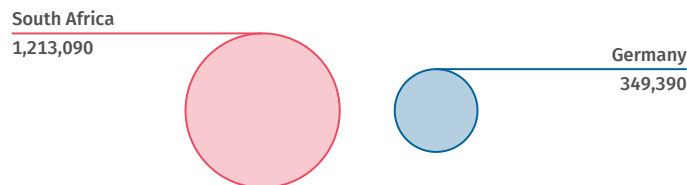
General information

Capital city
Pretoria

Official language
**Afrikaans, English, IsiZulu,
others**

Currency
Rand

Land area in relation to Germany
km²



Source: WB-WDI



Economy and finance

Gross domestic product
(GDP), total

bn US\$

378

(2023)

Source: IMF-WEO

GDP,
real change

% since 2000

+64

(2023)

Source: IMF-WEO*

GDP
per capita

US\$

6,138

(2023)

Source: IMF-WEO

GDP
per capita

internat. US\$

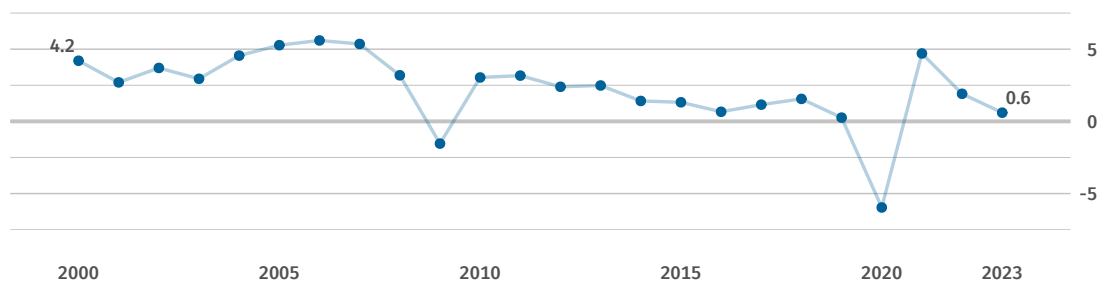
16,140

(2023)

Source: IMF-WEO

Gross domestic product, real change

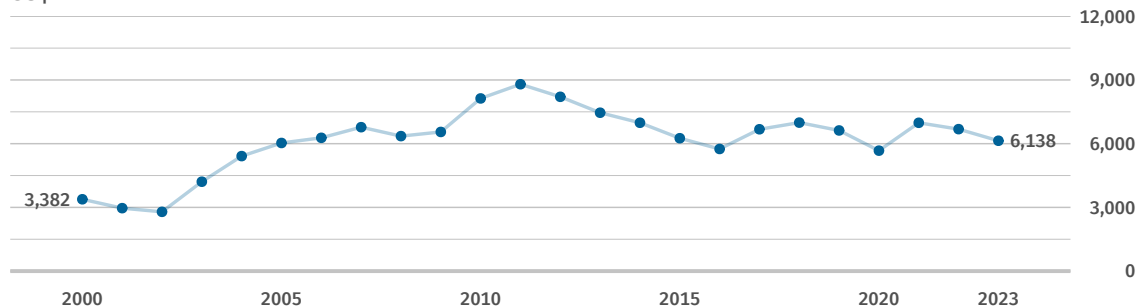
% on previous year



Source: IMF-WEO

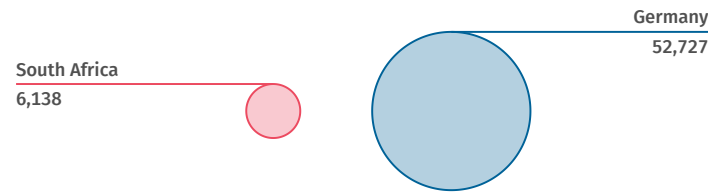
Gross domestic product per capita

US\$



Source: IMF-WEO

Gross domestic product per capita in relation to Germany, 2023
US\$



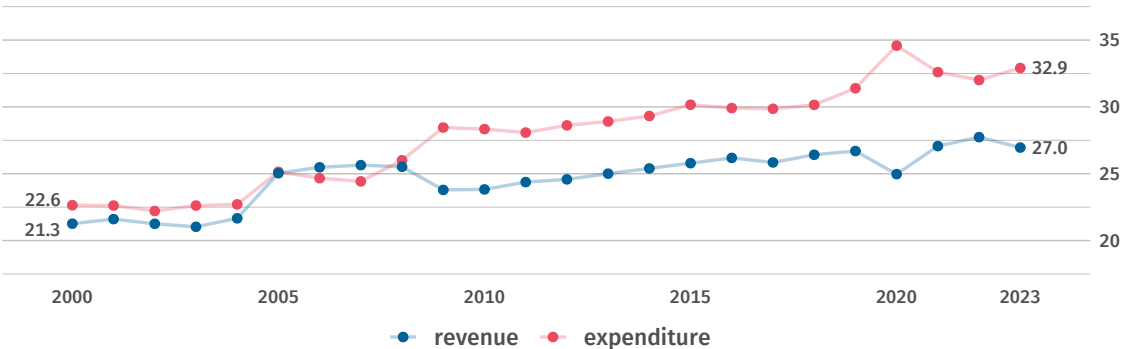
Source: IMF-WEO

Inflation rate
(change of consumer
price index)
% on previous year
+6.1
(2023)
Source: IMF-IFS

General government
gross debt
% of GDP
73.9
(2023)
Source: IMF-WEO

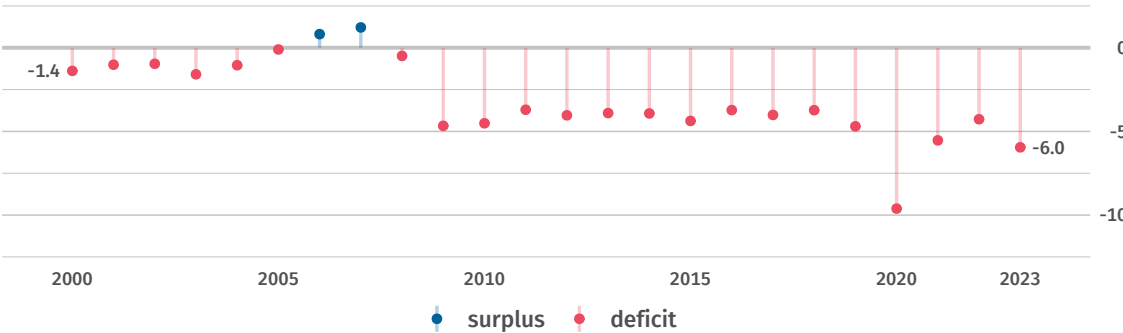
General government
net lending / borrowing
% of GDP
-6.0
(2023)
Source: IMF-WEO

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

bn US\$

174

(2022)

Source: UNCTAD

Foreign direct investment (FDI):
outward stocks

bn US\$

200

(2022)

Source: UNCTAD

Foreign direct investment (FDI):
net flow, inward

bn US\$

9

(2022)

Source: UNCTAD

Foreign direct investment (FDI):
net flow, outward

bn US\$

3

(2022)

Source: UNCTAD



Population

Population
total

1,000

60,414

(2023)

Source: WB-WDI

Population
density

inhabitants per km²

49

(2021)

Source: WB-WDI

Life expectancy
at birth (women)

years

64.2

(2022)

Source: WB-WDI

Life expectancy
at birth (men)

years

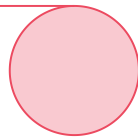
58.6

(2022)

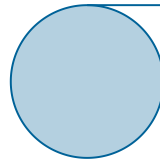
Source: WB-WDI

Population in relation to Germany, 2023 1,000

South Africa
60,414

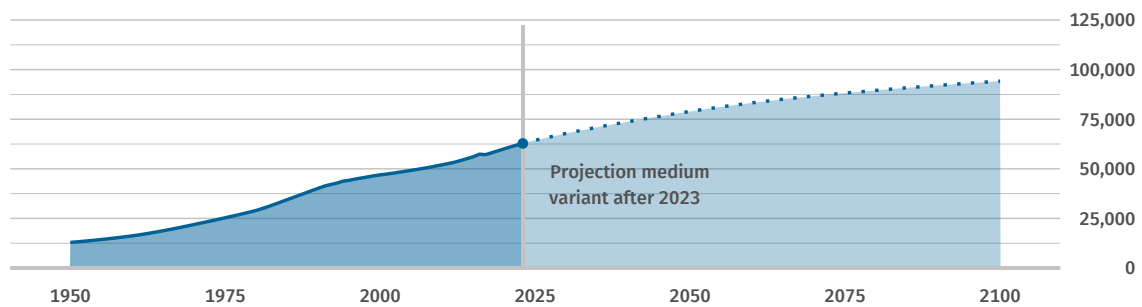


Germany
84,482



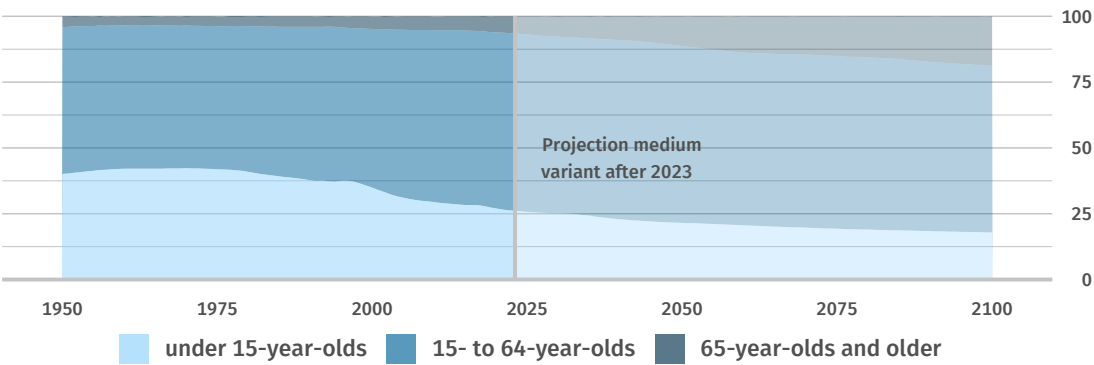
Source: WB-WDI

Population 1,000



Source: UN-POP

Population by age group
proportion, %



Source: UN-POP

Population pyramid, 2023
% of total population



Source: UN-POP



Health

Practising physicians per 1,000 inhabitants 0.8 (2021) Source: WHO	Hospital beds per 1,000 inhabitants 2.3 (2010) Source: WHO	Prevalence of raised blood pressure % 33.7 (2019) Source: WHO	Prevalence of obesity (BMI >= 30) % 30.8 (2022) Source: WHO
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Education

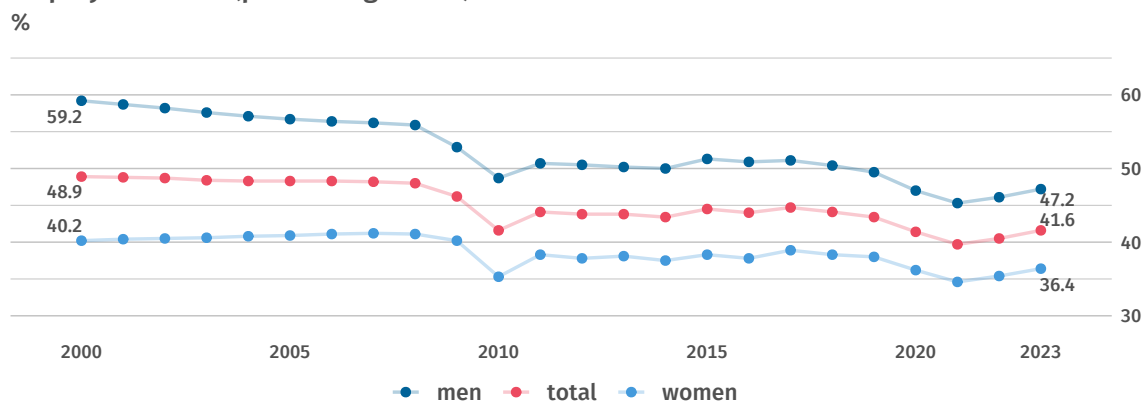
Government expenditure on education % of GDP 6.6 (2021) Source: UNESCO	Pupil-teacher ratio (primary education) number 30.3 (2015) Source: UNESCO	Pupil-teacher ratio (secondary education) number 27.6 (2017) Source: UNESCO	Students (tertiary education) per 100,000 inhabitants 2,038 (2018) Source: UNESCO*
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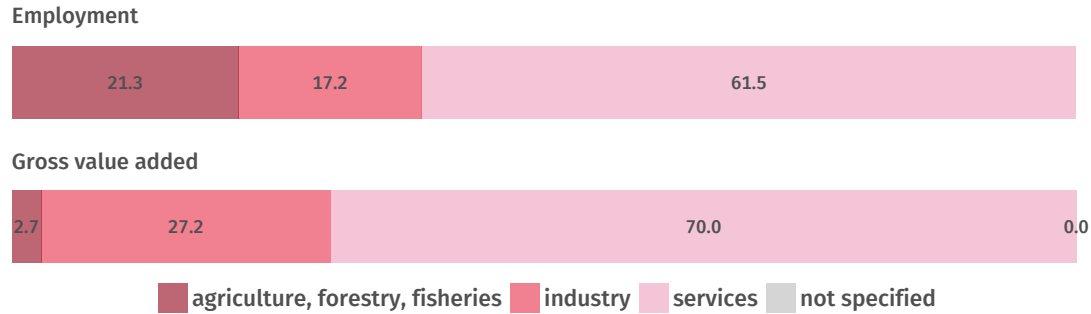
Labour force

Employment rate (persons aged 15+) % 41.6 (2023) Source: ILOSTAT	Labour force (persons aged 15+) 1,000 25,158 (2023) Source: ILOSTAT	Labour force participation rate (persons aged 15+) % 58.1 (2023) Source: ILOSTAT	Self-employment (persons aged 15+) % 29.0 (2022) Source: ILOSTAT
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Employment rate (persons aged 15+)



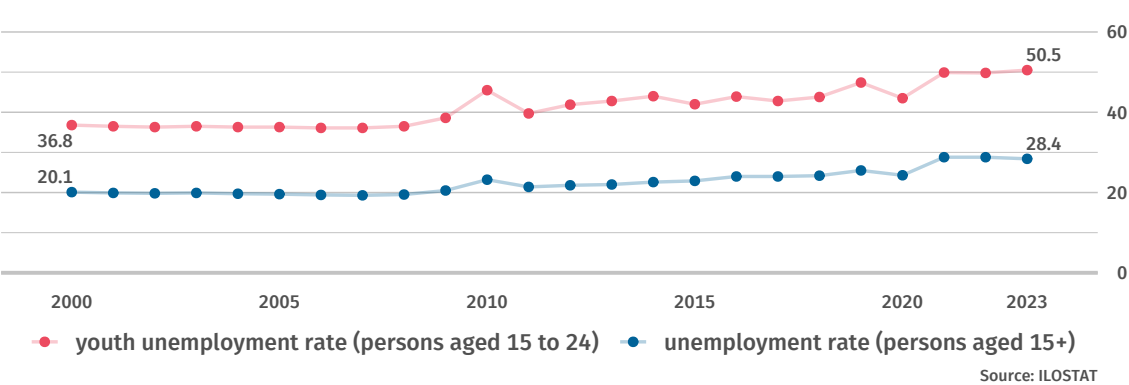
Employment and gross value added by sector, 2021



Source for employment: ILOSTAT
Source for gross value added: UNSD

Unemployment rate (persons aged 15+) % 28.4 (2023) Source: ILOSTAT	Unemployment rate (persons aged 15 to 24) % 50.5 (2023) Source: ILOSTAT	Long-term unemployment rate (persons aged 15+) % of unemployed persons 77.2 (2021) Source: ILOSTAT
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Unemployment rate and youth unemployment rate





Living conditions

Human Development
Index (HDI)

value (0 low to 1 high)

0.717

(2022)

Source: UNDP

Human Development
Index (HDI)

rank (of 193 countries)

110

(2022)

Source: UNDP

Income distribution:
Gini coefficient

value (0 to 100; 0=equal distribution)

63.0

(2014)

Source: WB-WDI



Manufacturing

Index of industrial production
2010=100

No data

Source: IMF-IFS



Agriculture and forestry

Change in agricultural
production

% since 2000

+59

(2021)

Source: FAO*

Agricultural
land

% of land area

79.4

(2021)

Source: FAO*

Forest
area

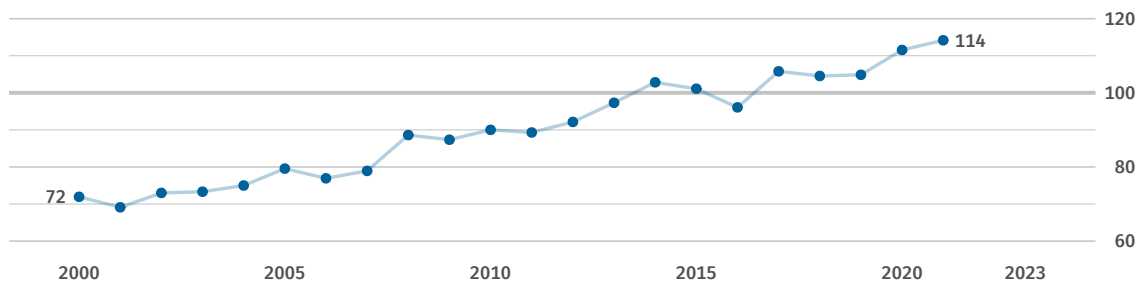
% of land area

14.0

(2021)

Source: FAO*

Index of agricultural production
2014 to 2016 = 100



Source: FAO



Foreign trade

Export of goods

bn US\$

111

(2023)

Source: UN Comtrade

Import of goods

bn US\$

107

(2023)

Source: UN Comtrade

Trade balance, goods

bn US\$

+3

(2023)

Source: UN Comtrade*

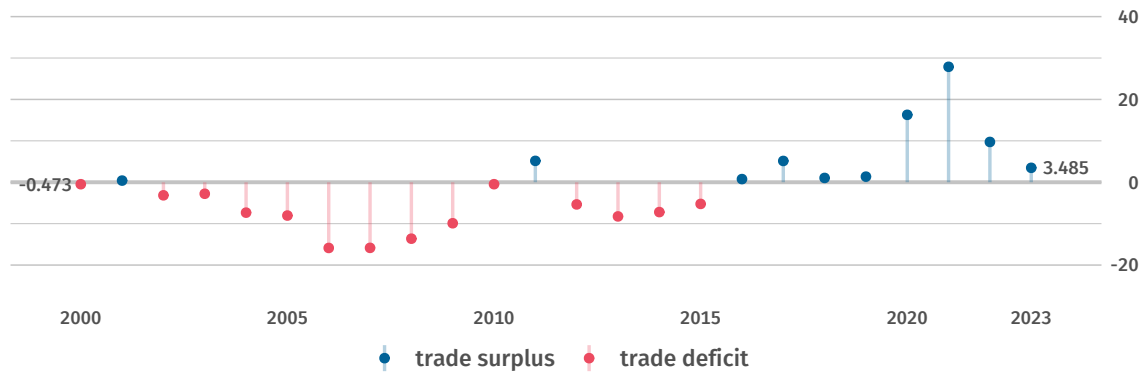
Export and import of goods

bn US\$



Foreign trade balance

bn US\$



Goods exported to Germany

mn US\$

7,487

(2023)

Source: UN Comtrade

Goods exported to Germany

% of all goods exported

6.8

(2023)

Source: UN Comtrade*

Goods imported from Germany

mn US\$

8,683

(2023)

Source: UN Comtrade

Goods imported from Germany

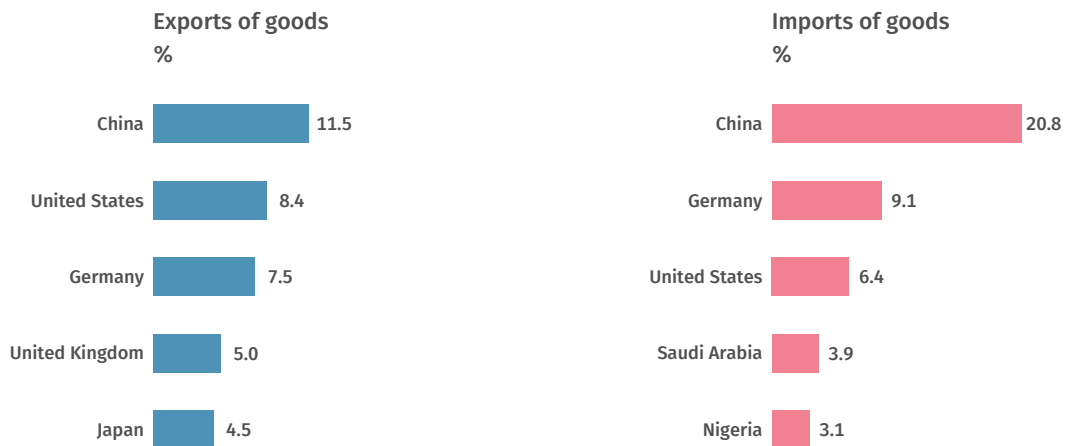
% of all goods imported

8.1

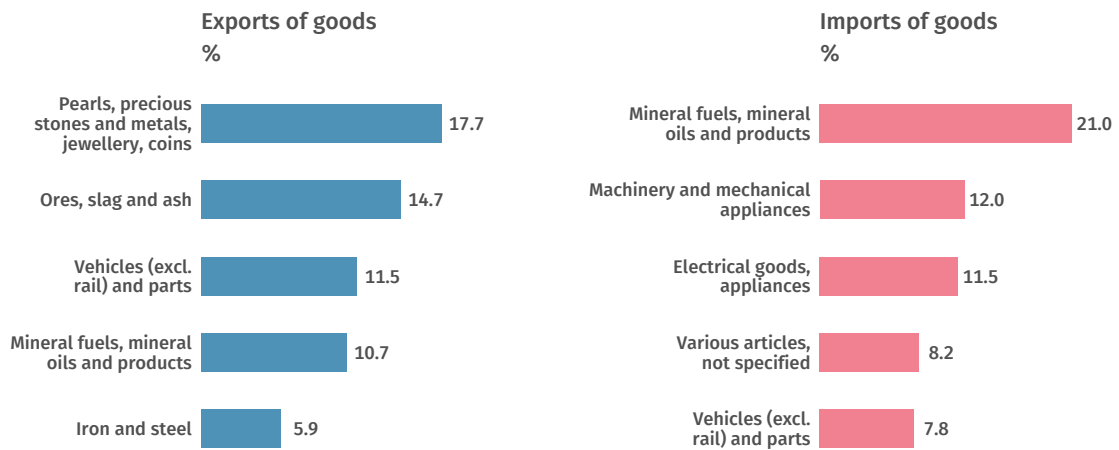
(2023)

Source: UN Comtrade*

Main trading partners, 2023



Main commodities traded, 2023



Source: UN Comtrade*

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

Transport

Passenger cars per 1,000 inhabitants 117 (2020) Source: OICA*	Total rail network km per 1 mn inhabitants 353 (2021) Source: WB-WDI*	Air transport, passengers per 1,000 inhabitants 157 (2021) Source: WB-WDI*
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Pump price for gasoline in relation to Germany US\$ per litre

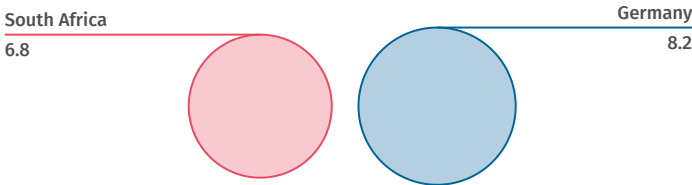


Source: GPP, 2024-07-29

Environment and energy

Carbon dioxide emissions tonnes per capita 6.8 (2022) Source: EDGAR	Total primary energy supply kg oil equivalent per capita 2,686 (2014) Source: WB-WDI	Gross electricity consumption kWh per capita 4,184 (2014) Source: WB-WDI	Renewable energy % of total final energy consumption 9.7 (2021) Source: WB-WDI
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Carbon dioxide emissions in relation to Germany, 2022 tonnes per capita



Source: EDGAR



Science, research and technology

Gross domestic
expenditure on R&D
% of GDP

0.8

(2017)

Source: UNESCO

Researchers

per 1 mn inhabitants

518

(2017)

Source: UNESCO

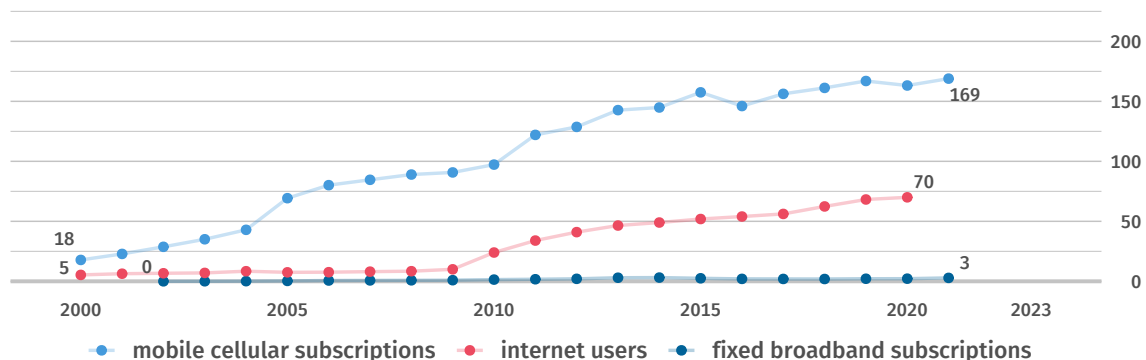
Resident patent
applications
per 1 mn inhabitants

30

(2021)

Source: WIPO

Dissemination of communication technology per 100 inhabitants



Source: ITU



Sources

EDGAR	Emissions Database for Global Atmospheric Research, European Commission
FAO	United Nations, Food and Agricultural Organization
GPP	GlobalPetrolPrices.com
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
UNSD	United Nations, Statistics Division
WB-WDI	World Bank, World Development Indicators
WHO	World Health Organization, Global Health Observatory
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization

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