

Country Overview

Country: South Africa

Capital: Pretoria, Cape Town, Bloemfontein

Currency: South African Rand (ZAR) 1 USD = 17.38 ZAR

Official languages: English, Afrikaans and nine ethnic languages, of which Zulu and Xhosa are the most widely spoken

Continent: Africa



Facts and Figures



Population
62.3 million



GDP (PPP)
\$960.5 billion



GDP (3-year average growth rate)
2.5%



Unemployment
28%



GDP Per Capita
\$15,424



Inflation (CPI)
5.9%

Source: www.heritage.org/

Imports & Exports Overview - Bahrain & South Africa

Bahrain Foreign Trade with South Africa 2025

Year	Total Imports	Total Exports	Balance of Trade	Volume of Trade	Volume of Trade % Change
2022	66,716,934	75,806,113	9,089,179	142,523,047	-
2023	42,599,671	125,375,276	82,775,605	167,974,947	18%
2024	49,076,252	46,305,360	-2,770,892	95,381,612	-43%

- South Africa **39th** import market for Bahrain (2024)
- South Africa **36th** export market for Bahrain (2024)
- Bahrain's imports increased by **15%** (2023-2024)
- Bahrain's exports decreased by **63%** (2023-2024)

Bahrain's Top Imports from South Africa (USD)

GOLD INGOTS	1,632,583
STRAWBERRIES, FRESH	1,700,213
Pears, FRESH	2,042,514
BONELESS MEAT OF FRESH OR CHILLED BOVINE...	2,649,108
FRESH LEMONS	3,088,203
PRIVATE CARS, CURRENT, SPARK IGNITION, 1001...	3,149,380
APPLES, FRESH	3,452,940
Mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas),...	3,609,857
ORANGES, fresh or dried	3,965,086
UNWROUGHT ALUMINIUM ALLOYS	9,066,668

Bahrain's Top Exports to South Africa (USD)

PERFUMED OR COSMETIC COATED TISSUE	372,358
OTHER SLIVERS OF GLASS FIBRES	375,637
ARTIFICIAL CORUNDUM	604,428
ORGANIC SURFACE ACTIVE PRODUCTS AND...	701,336
OTHER Anti-oxidising preparations and Other...	1,160,200
POWDERS OF NON-LAMELLAR STRUCTURE...	1,488,801
ALUMINIUM WIRE, NOT ALLOYED, OVER 7 MM...	2,357,782
DYED COTTON WOVEN FABRICS, PLAIN, 100-200...	6,126,732
SWEET BISCUITS	9,086,753
UNWROUGHT ALUMINIUM ALLOYS	23,221,331

Source: Information and e-Government Authority

Market Opportunities



Chemicals



Clothing



Automotive



Digital Economy



Healthcare



Forestry



Agribusiness



Mining