

# South Africa

## Sub-Saharan Africa

## UPPER MIDDLE INCOME

Population (millions, 2009)	49.3
Population growth (avg. annual %, 2000-09)	1.4
Population density (people per km <sup>2</sup> , 2008)	40.1
Labor force (millions, 2008)	17.6
Unemployment rate (% of labor force, 2008)	22.9
Urban population (% of pop., 2009)	61.2
Surface area (1,000 km <sup>2</sup> , 2008)	1,219.1
GNI (US\$ billions, 2009)	279.7
GNI per capita, Atlas method (US\$, 2009)	5,770
GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2005-09)	3.7
Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line (% of pop., 2005)	20.6
Age dependency ratio (2009)	53.8

## Migration

### EMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of emigrants: **878.1 thousands**
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: **1.7%**
- Top destination countries: the United Kingdom, Mozambique, Australia, the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Portugal, the Netherlands

### SKILLED EMIGRATION, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary-educated population: **7.5%**
- Emigration of physicians:
  - (a) **12,108** or **29.4%** of physicians trained in the country (*Source: Bhargava, Docquier, and Moullan 2010*)
  - (b) **7,363** or **21.1%** of physicians born in the country (*Source: Clemens and Pettersson 2006*)
- Emigration of nurses: **4,844** or **5.1%** of nurses born in the country

### IMMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of immigrants: **1,862.9 thousands**
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: **3.7%**
- Females as percentage of immigrants: **42.7%**
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: **1.9%**
- Top source countries: Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana, Malawi, Australia, New Zealand

## Remittances

US\$ million	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010e
<b>Inward remittance flows<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>434</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>1,008</b>
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Compensation of employees	391	468	614	692	792	783	862	–
Migrants' transfers	44	55	44	43	41	39	40	–
<b>Outward remittance flows</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>–</b>
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Compensation of employees	706	935	1,041	1,055	1,172	1,119	1,144	–
Migrants' transfers	–	2	14	12	13	14	14	–

a. For comparison: net FDI inflows US\$9.6 bn, net ODA received US\$1.1 bn, total international reserves US\$34.1 bn, exports of goods and services US\$97.8 bn in 2008.

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