

Introduction

Eswatini, formerly known as Swaziland, is a landlocked country located in Southern Africa. It is bordered to the north, west, and south by South Africa and to the east by Mozambique. Eswatini has a varied geography from mountains along the Mozambique border to savannas and rainforests. The government system is a monarchy; the chief of state is the king, and the head of government is the prime minister. Eswatini has a traditional economy in which a majority of the population engages in subsistence agriculture. Eswatini is a member of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).



Location: Southern Africa

Capital City: Mbabane (+2 GMT)

Chief of State: King Mswati III

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Cleopas Dlamini

Currency: Swazi Lilangeni (SZL)

Major Languages: <p>English (official, used for government business), siSwati (official)</p>

Primary Religions: <p>Christian 90% (Zionist - a blend of Christianity and traditional African religions - 40%, Roman Catholic 20%, other Christian 30% - includes Anglican, Methodist, Church of Jesus Christ, Jehovah's Witness), Muslim 2%, other 8% (includes Baha'i, Buddhist, Hindu, indigenous, Jewish) (2015 est.)</p>

Calling Code: 268

Voltage: 230

Key Websites

Main Government Page: gov.sz

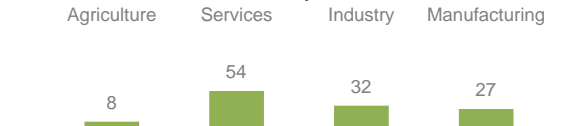
Commerce Ministry: gov.sz

Investment Promotion Agency: investeswatini.org.sz

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Lower Middle Income
Level of Development:	Data Unavailable
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$12.96 billion (2022)
GDP growth (annual %):	3.91% (2022)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$10,782.15 (2022)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$1,130,356,583.90 (2021)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	26.63% (2021)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	\$0.12 billion (2021)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	2.60% (2019)
Labor force, total:	396,163 (2022)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	24.39% (2022)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$2.18 billion (2021)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$2.14 billion (2021)

GDP Composition %



**Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

Rankings

Index	Rank
Global Competitiveness Index	121 / 141
Index of Economic Freedom	120 / 176
KOF Index of Globalization	126 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	129 / 139
Open Budget Index	82 / 114

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