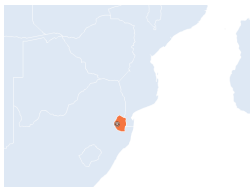


Introduction

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 where most 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 Russell 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

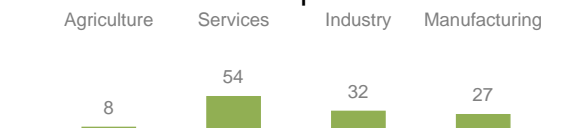
Commerce Ministry: gov.sz

Investment Promotion Agency: investeswatini.org.sz

Key Economic Facts

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| 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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