# South Africa Economic Fact Sheet

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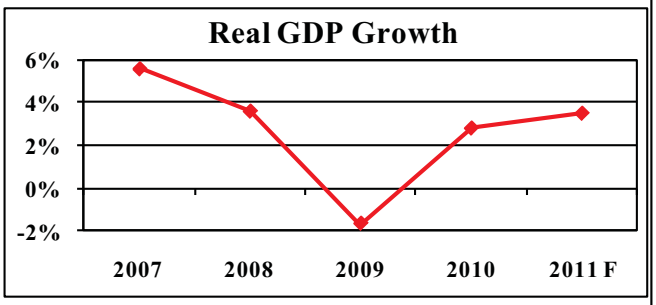
SOUTH AFRICA ECONOMIC FACT SHEET

## Economic Highlights

- SA's five year average real GDP growth of 3.2%, lower than the world average of 3.5% and the Sub-Saharan Africa average of 5.3% in 2010.
- The Rand (R) depreciated on average by 7.5% against the US$ between 2006 and 2010.
- Targeted inflation averaged 4.3% in 2010, lower than the Sub-Saharan Africa average of 8.7% but higher than the world average of 4.0%.
- Prime interest rate at 9.0%
- S.A. accounted for 0.6% of the World GDP and 34% of Sub-Saharan Africa GDP in 2010.




| (Billions) | 2010 | 2011 F |
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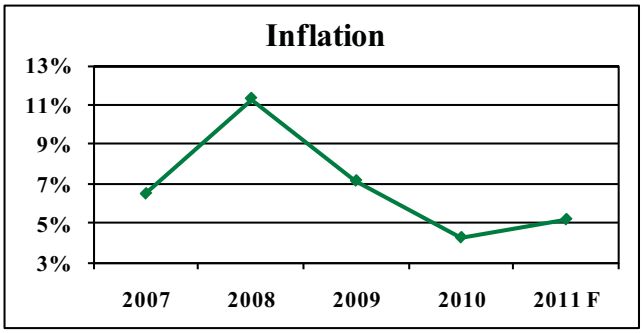
| Nominal GDP | $ 363.7 | $ 410.54 |
| Nominal GDP | R 2,662.8 | R 2,914.9 |
| Real GDP % Change | 2.8% | 3.6% |

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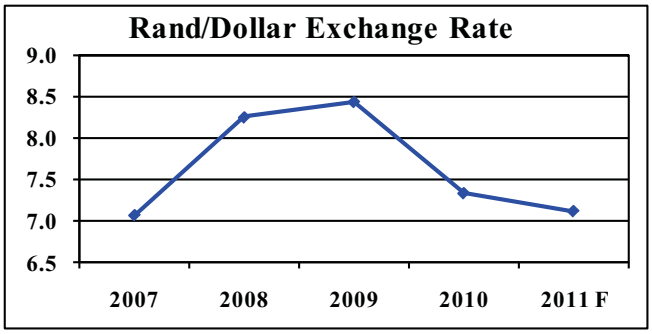
| Average CPI Inflation | 4.29% | 5.2% |
| Average Exchange Rate | R7.32/$1 | R7.1/$1 |



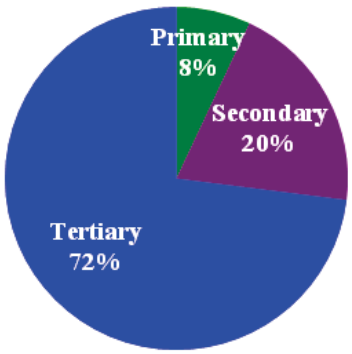

## Development Figures

- S.A. suffers from high unemployment and one of the most unequal income distributions in the world.
- S.A. wants to create 5 million jobs over the next 10 years by growing the economy by about 7% per annum.

| | 2010 | 2011 E |
|---|---|---|
| Unemployment | 25.3% | 25.5% |
| Population (millions) | 50.0 | 50.59 |
| Population Growth Rate | 1.4% | 1.1% |
| GDP Per Capita ($) | $7,254 | $8,115 |
| Disposable Income Per Capita of Households ($) | $4,282 | $4,788 |

## Industry Sectors

Sector Percentage of 2010 GDP




**Primary:** Agriculture, Mining

**Secondary:** Manufacturing, Construction, Utilities

**Tertiary:** Trade, Transport, Services

## Economic Ratios

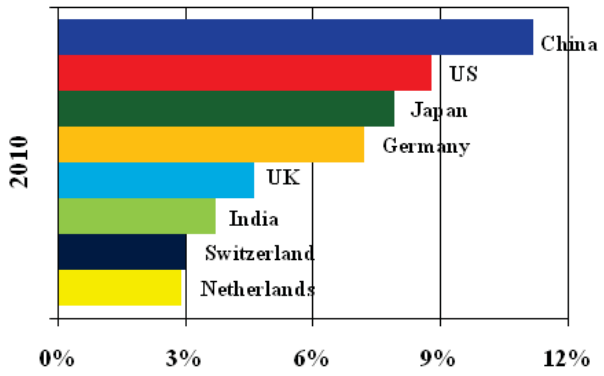
| | 2009 | 2010 |
|---|---|---|
| Current Account Balance/ GDP | -4.1 | -2.8 |
| Gross Savings/ GDP | 15.6 | 16.5 |
| Foreign Investment/ GDP | 6.6 | 3.1 |
| Gross Investment / GDP | 22.2 | 19.6 |
| **Fiscal year ending March 31:** | **2011** | **2012 F** |
| Budget Balance / GDP | -5.3 | -5.3 |
| Government Debt / GDP | 30.8 | 34.2 |

## U.S.-South African Trade

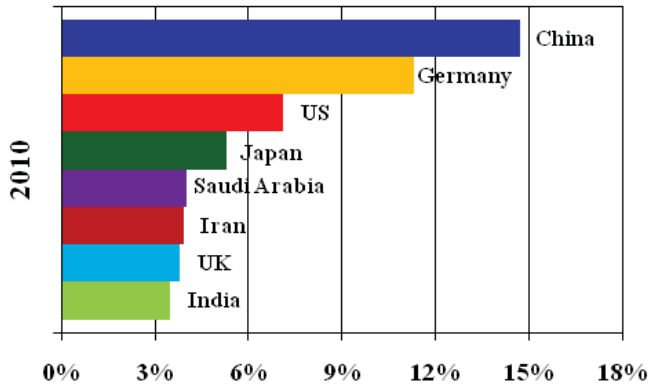
- U.S. is the third largest trading partner for S.A. after China and Germany.
- In 2010, S.A. exports to the U.S. increased by 40%, while S.A. imports from the U.S. increased by 25%.
- S.A. AGOA exports to the U.S. were $3.1billion in 2010.

| ($ Millions) | 2009 | 2010 |
|---|---|---|
| S.A. Exports to U.S. | $ 5,877 | $ 8,199 |
| S.A. Imports from U.S. | $ 4,203 | $ 5,268 |
| Total Trade U.S./S.A. | $ 10,079 | $ 13,467 |
| Total U.S. Trade with Sub-Saharan Africa | $61,797 | $ 80,788 |
| S.A.'s share of U.S. Sub-Saharan Africa Trade | 16.3% | 16.7% |

### South African Export Destinations




### South African Import Sources




## U.S. Investment in South Africa

- U.S. is the largest portfolio investor and fourth largest source of foreign direct investment in S.A. after the UK, Nederland, and Germany.
- Total U.S. Portfolio investment = $51.4 billion
- Total U.S. FDI = $6.6 billion (Dec. 31, 2009)

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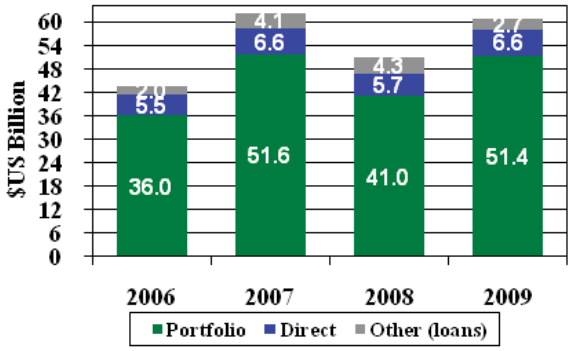
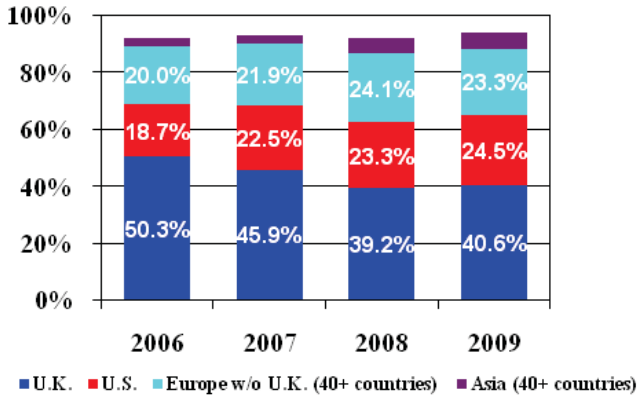



*Note: Rand amounts converted to dollars using annual average rate*

*E : Denotes Estimate and F Denotes Forecast*

### Foreign Investment In South Africa




| (R Billions) | 2008 | 2009 |
|---|---|---|
| FDI | R 632.6 | R 866.7 |
| Portfolio | R 797.1 | R 933.7 |
| Other (loans) | R381.5 | R 289.5 |
| Total Foreign Investment in S.A. | R 1,948.7 | R 2,089.9 |
| U.S. % of FDI | 7.5% | 6.4% |
| U.S. % of Portfolio Investment | 42.5% | 46.5% |
| U.S. % of Total Foreign Investment | 23.3% | 24.5% |