



INVESTING IN LESOTHO

One pager investment fact sheet

Lesotho at a Glance:

GDP (PPP) in 2015:	\$6,297 billion
Real growth in 2015:	1.6%
Per Capita GDP in 2015:	\$1,067
Workforce in 2015:	859,896
Literacy rate in 2015:	87.4%

Lesotho's Apparel Industry: An AGOA Success Story:

Lesotho has exported \$295 million in apparel to the United States in 2016.

47 factories specialize in both woven and knit garments.

Competitive Advantages

The Government of Lesotho also offers incentives for manufacturing, including:

- 10% corporate tax on profits earned by manufacturing companies exporting outside SACU and within SACU
- No withholding tax on dividends distributed by manufacturing firms to local or foreign shareholders
- Unimpeded access to foreign exchange
- Training costs are allowable at 125% for tax purposes
- Import VAT credit facility that provides for an import VAT credit upon importation of raw materials and capital goods
- Bank administered foreign currency accounts are permissible

Export Destinations:

Of the \$894 million in goods and services exported in 2016, 33% went to the SACU countries, 36% to the United States, 26% to the European Union, and 5% to the rest of the world.