COUNTRY PROFILE: LESOTHO

**GENERAL INFORMATION - 2016**

- **Population**: 2.2 Millions
- **GDP**: 2.241 Billion current US$
- **Merchandise trade**: 2.745 Billion current US$
- **Internet users**: 0.6 Millions
- **GDP growth**: 2.9%
- **Land area**: 30,360 km²

Source: UNCTAD and ITU (complete URL addresses in the General Notes)

**E-COMMERCE ASSESSMENT - 2017**

- **Rank in UNCTAD B2C E-commerce Index**: 125/144
- **Rank in ITU ICT Development Index**: 133/176
- **Rank in WEF Networked Readiness Index**: 115/139

Source: UNCTAD, ITU and WEF (complete URL address in the General Notes)

**Note**: 1 = Best

**ICT INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES - 2016**

- **Internet users**: 27.4
- **Fixed broadband subscriptions**: 33.8
- **Active mobile broadband subscriptions**: 35.9

**Fixed broadband Internet tariffs, PPP $/month**

- **Highest tariff**: 874.4
- **Lowest tariff**: 5.1

**Tariffs in 50% of eco. are below this value**: 34.1

Source: ITU (complete URL address in the General Notes)

**PAYMENTS - 2014**

- **Debit card used in the past year**: LESOTHO, #N/A, AFRICA, 7.6, WORLD, 21.9
- **Credit card used in the past year**: LESOTHO, #N/A, AFRICA, 1.8, WORLD, 13.5
- **Used an account to make a transaction through a mobile phone**: LESOTHO, #N/A, AFRICA, 4.9, WORLD, 8.5

Source: World Bank (complete URL address in the General Notes)
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TRADE LOGISTICS - 2016

- Percent of population having mail delivered at home
  - LESOTHO: 5.0
  - WORLD: 83.3

- Postal reliability index (0 to 100, 100 = Best)
  - LESOTHO: 7.0
  - WORLD: 56.0

- Days to clear direct exports through customs
  - LESOTHO: 4
  - WORLD: 7.7

Source: UPU and World Bank (complete URL addresses in the General Notes)

LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS - 2017

- LESOTHO
  - Electronic Transactions: Draft legislation
  - Consumer Protection: N/A
  - Privacy and data protection: Legislation
  - Cybercrime: No legislation


SKILLS DEVELOPMENT - 2013-17

- Percentage of firms using e-mail to interact with clients/suppliers
  - WORLD AVERAGE: 70.7
  - LESOTHO: 44.6
  - LDCs: 47.8
  - AFRICA: 53.0
  - WESTERN ASIA: 62.1
  - SOUTHERN, EASTERN & SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA & OCEANIA: 72.6
  - TRANSITION ECONOMIES: 84.6
  - LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: 84.1
  - DEVELOPED ECONOMIES: 81.4

Source: World Bank (complete URL address in the General Notes)

FINANCING FOR eCOMMERCE - 2014-15

- Percentage of firms identifying access to finance as a major constraint
  - WORLD AVERAGE: 18.4
  - LESOTHO: 32.8
  - DEVELOPED ECONOMIES: 15.2
  - TRANSITION ECONOMIES: 20.2
  - SOUTHERN, EASTERN & SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA & OCEANIA: 11.0
  - LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: 32.7
  - LDCs: 31.7
  - WESTERN ASIA: 27.8
  - AFRICA: 34.2

Source: World Bank (complete URL address in the General Notes)
NOTES:
- For merchandise trade - sum of exports and imports.
- Country groups are weighted using population for most indicators with the exception of those on skills development, financing for e-commerce and days to clear direct exports through customs.

SYMBOLS FOR MISSING VALUES:
0: Zero means nil or negligible
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