Main destination markets

- South Africa: 17% of South Africa's world exports
- China: 15% of South Africa's world exports
- Germany: 13% of South Africa's world exports
- United Kingdom: 9% of South Africa's world exports

South Africa's intra-Africa trade 2019

- South Africa's imports from SADC countries: 27% of total imports
- South Africa's exports to SADC countries: 34% of total exports

Main source markets

- Nigeria: 24% of South Africa's imports
- Mozambique: 16% of South Africa's imports
- Eswatini: 9% of South Africa's imports
- Namibia: 9% of South Africa's imports

Mentioned products and services

- Tobacco
- Agricultural products
- Chemicals
- Minerals
- Manufactured goods
- Services

South Africa's intra-Africa trade & tariff profile 2019

- Duty-free: 55% of South Africa's imports from SADC countries
- Preferential tariff: 16% of South Africa's imports from SADC countries
- Non-preferential tariff: 29% of South Africa's imports from SADC countries

The non-tariff cost of bilateral trade between South Africa & designated African trade partners

- South Africa: 17% of total cost
- Duty-free: 34% of total cost
- Preferential tariff: 19% of total cost
- Non-preferential tariff: 48% of total cost

The ESCAP-World Bank trade cost database includes the cost of transportation and the time to complete import procedures and obtain necessary information as non-tariff costs affecting bilateral trade between partners, especially for agricultural trade. The cost of trade with numerous African countries is higher than for trade with partner countries beyond the African continent. Furthermore, in most cases the cost of apparel trade is higher than for trade in manufactured goods, except for manufactured trade between South Africa and Zimbabwe.