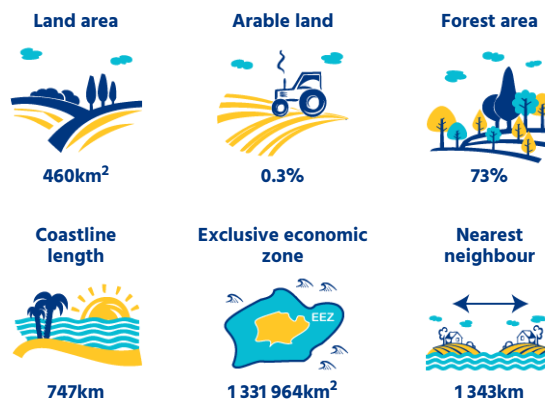


Seychelles

- > **Capital:** Victoria (4°37' S 55°27' E)
- > **International airport(s):** Seychelles International Airport
- > **Official language(s):** English, French, Seychellois Creole
- > **Currency:** Seychellois rupee (SCR)
- > **Time:** UTC +4
- > **Region:** Atlantic and Indian Ocean



GEOGRAPHY

Seychelles is an archipelago of with 115 islands in the Indian Ocean, about 1 600 km east of Kenya. It has the smallest population of any sovereign African country. The highest point is Morne Seychellois (905 m) on the largest island, Mahé. The Seychelles are composed of two island groups, the central Mahé group of over 40 mountainous granite islands, and a second group of more than 70 outer, flat, coralline islands. These outer islands rise only a few feet above sea level and are very sparsely populated.

CLIMATE

The climate is quite humid in the small islands that are classified as tropical rain forest. The temperature varies little throughout the year. Average annual rainfall in the Seychelles is 1 600 mm, varying by location with around 2 900 mm at Victoria to 3 600 mm in the mountains. Monthly average temperatures vary very little within 27-28 °C. The coolest months are July and August. (World Bank, 2020) The most pleasant time of the year is from May to November, when the southeast trade winds blow regularly. The hot season lasts from December to April, with a high humidity of about 80 per cent. While March and April are the hottest months, the temperature seldom exceeds 31 °C. Most of the islands lie outside the cyclone belt. However, in January 2013, Seychelles declared a state of emergency when tropical cyclone, Felleng, caused torrential rain, flooding and landslides that destroyed hundreds of houses.

ECONOMY

While Seychelles does produce agricultural goods for export, such as sweet potatoes, vanilla, coconuts and cinnamon, agriculture makes a modest contribution to GDP. The main exports products include tuna, skipjack and bonito, motorboats and petroleum oil. The main export partners include the United Arab Emirates, France, the British Virgin Islands and the United Kingdom. Since the 1970s, services, including tourism, have become a significant industry for the country, accounting for over 80 per cent of GDP. (UNCTAD, 2021). Recently, Seychelles have attracted foreign investment in hotels and other services. In 2019, Seychelles attracted 428 thousand tourist arrivals with an inbound tourism expenditure of 36 per cent over GDP (UNWTO, 2021). Government incentives have also given rise to increasing investment in real estate and new resort properties. The government has also promoted the development of farming, fishing, small-scale manufacturing and offshore finance to reduce dependence on tourism. At over US\$17 thousands, Seychelles had the highest GDP per capita in Africa in 2019 (UNCTAD, 2021), but income inequality remains significant.

CULTURE

Seychelles is a small country, but has a vibrant art scene with artisans, dancers, musicians, painters, poets, sculptors and writers. Painters take inspiration from the rich nature of Seychelles and sculptors produce works in wood, stone, bronze and cartonnage.

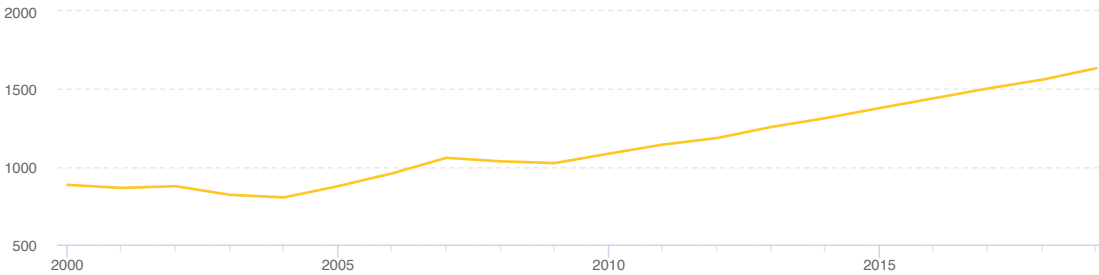
The lively Sega dance, with hip-swaying and shuffling of the feet, is still popular, as is the traditional Moutya, a mysterious, traditional dance. Music played in the country is varied, reflecting the fusion of cultures through the history of Seychelles.

Fish dishes are typical in the country and are cooked in several ways - baked, grilled, steamed, wrapped in banana leaves, salted and smoked. Curry with rice is also a significant part of the country's cuisine. People also consumer a lot of breadfruit, coconut, mangoes and kordonnyen fish and garnish their food with fresh flowers.

ECONOMIC TRENDS

Gross domestic product

US dollars at constant prices (2015) in millions



GDP per capita
2019



US\$17 381

Productive Capacity Index
2018



35.7

Economic and environmental vulnerability index
2019



40

Consumer Price Index growth
2019



2.3%

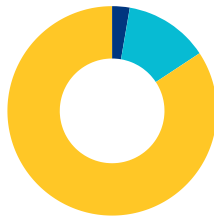
Unemployment rate



Total 3%
Female 2.7%, Male 3.2%

Main economic sectors, 2019

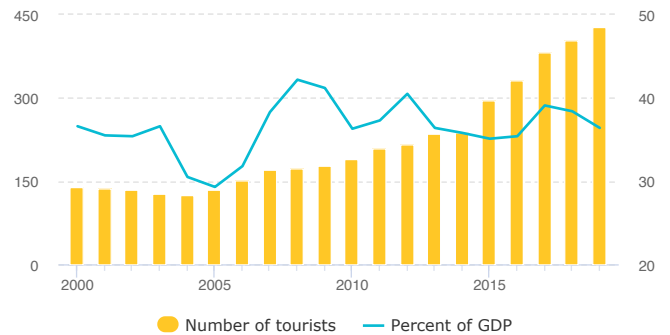
Percentage of GDP



- Services
- Industry
- Agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishing

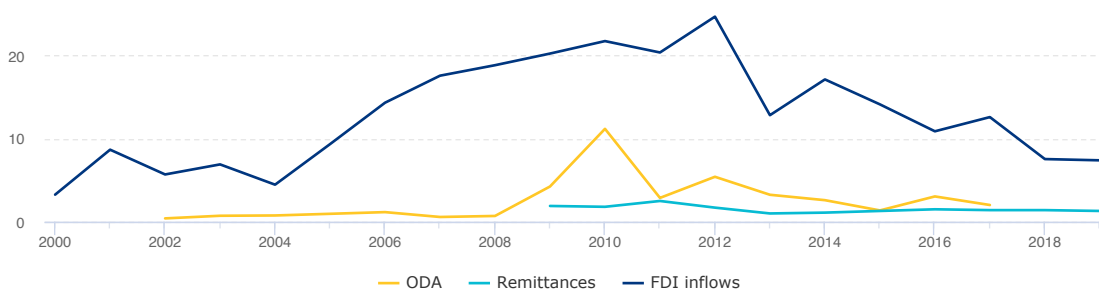
Tourist arrivals

Thousands of tourists, percentage of GDP



External financial resources

Percentage of GDP



Public debt as % of GDP

2018



9.4%

MARITIME TRANSPORT

Fleet size

Number of ships

| Ship type | 2011 | 2019 |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| Total fleet | 1 407 | 1 407 |
| Oil tankers | 264 | 266 |
| Bulk carriers | 311 | 333 |
| General cargo | 161 | 77 |
| Container ships | 52 | 49 |
| Other types of ships | 619 | 682 |

Port performance

Ranked by 2019 data within SIDS group

| Indicators | 2019 | SIDS Ranking |
|------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Number of port calls | 335 | 23 |
| Median time in port (days) | 2 | 4 |
| Average age of vessels | 20 | 9 |
| Average size (GT) of vessels | 21 026 | 16 |

Container port throughput

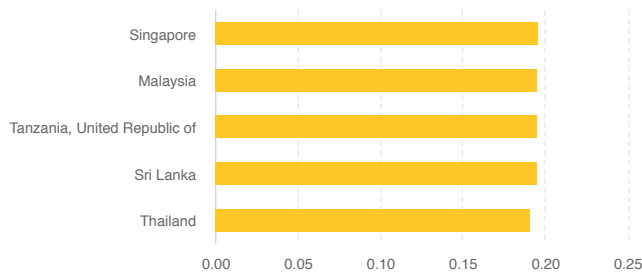
2019



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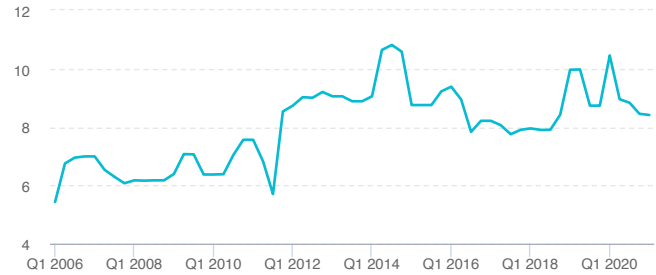
Bilateral connectivity index, 2019

Top 5 partners



Liner shipping connectivity index

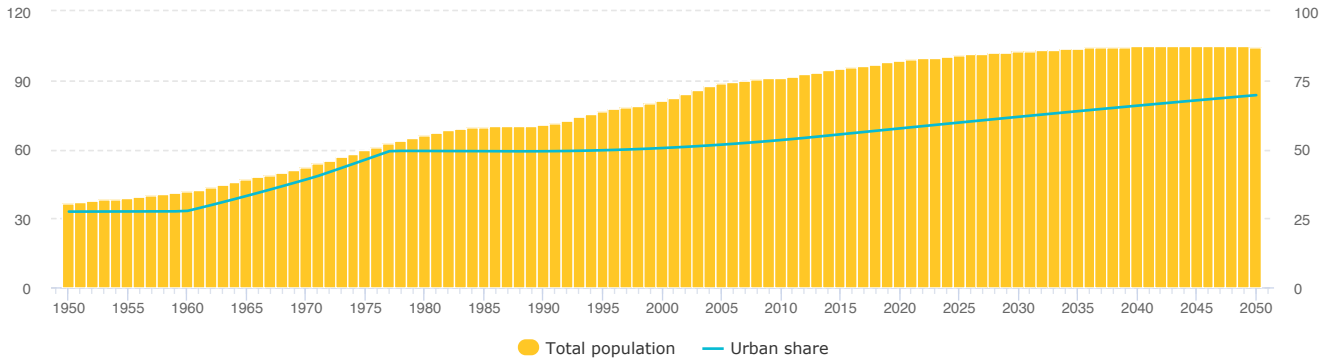
Maximum China Q1 2006=100



POPULATION

Total population

Thousands of people, share of urban population



Population development indicators

| Indicators | Period | Value |
|---|--------|-------|
| Poverty headcount (% of population) | 2018 | 0.5 |
| Human development index | 2018 | 0.8 |
| Human assets index | 2020 | 93 |
| Adult literacy rate (15+ years, both sexes %) | .. | .. |
| Gender inequality index | .. | .. |

Life expectancy at birth

2019



74 years

Population density

2019



212 persons per km²

Dependency ratio

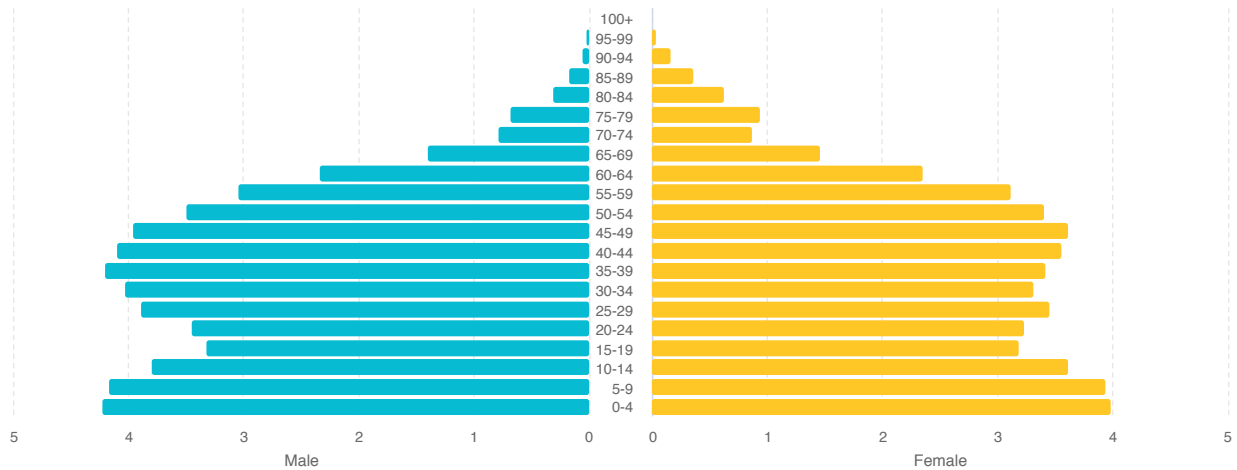
2019



Child: 34.7
Old-age: 11.4

Age structure by gender, 2019

Percentage of total population



INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Merchandise and services trade

US dollars in millions

| Indicators | 2005 | 2010 | 2015 | 2019 | 2019 (% of GDP) |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|
| Merchandise exports | 340 | 400 | 415 | 518 | 30.5 |
| Merchandise imports | 675 | 984 | 991 | 1167 | 68.7 |
| Services exports | 370 | 441 | 848 | 1123 | 66.1 |
| Services imports | 240 | 266 | 498 | 682 | 40.1 |

Trade openness Goods and services

2019



103% of GDP

Export concentration index

2019



0.44

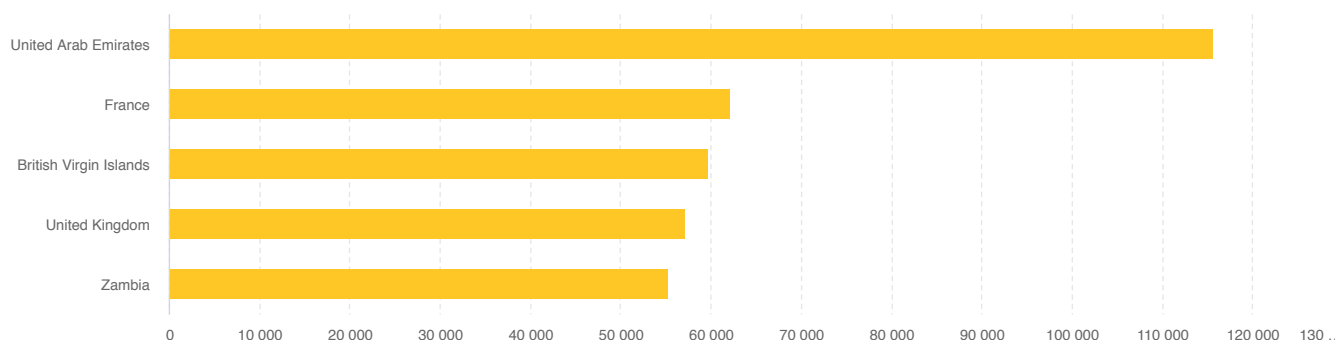
Food import dependency Average 2015-2019



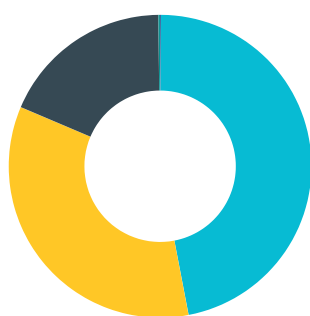
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Top 5 partners in merchandise trade, 2019

Exports in millions US dollars

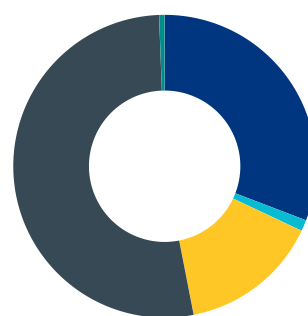


Merchandise exports by product group, 2019



- Agricultural raw materials
- All food items
- Fuels
- Manufactured goods
- Ores, metals, precious stones and non-monetary gold

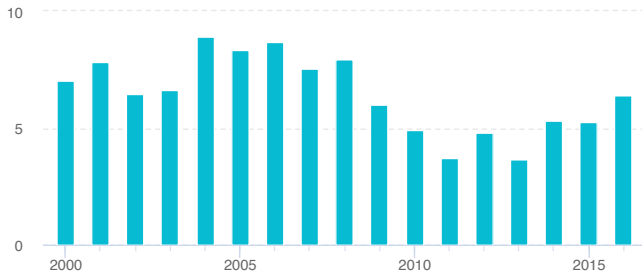
Services exports by category, 2019



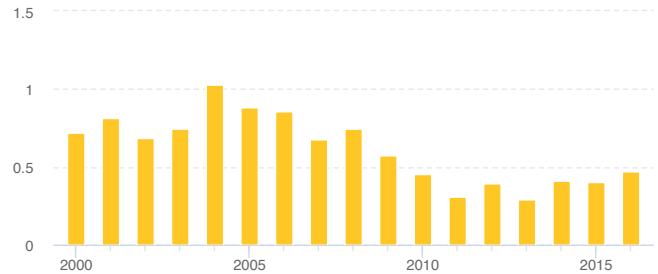
- Financial, insurance, business, intellectual property
- Telecommunications, computer, and information services
- Transport
- Travel
- Other

ENVIRONMENT

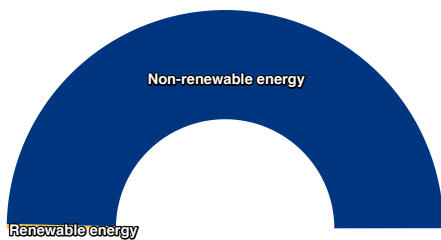
CO₂ emissions per capita
Kg per capita



CO₂ emissions per GDP
Kg per 2010 US\$ of GDP



Renewable energy share in total energy consumption, 2017
Percentage of total energy consumption



Material footprint per capita
2016



Terrestrial protected area
2018



Marine protected area
2018



Disasters indicators

Data not available

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Trade in ICT goods
2019



Exports: 0.0%
Imports: 2.3%

Trade in ICT services
2019



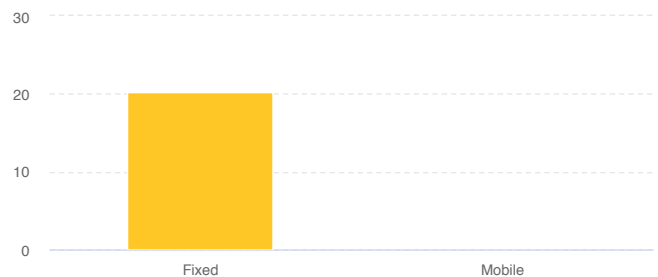
Exports: 1.2%
Imports: 0.2%

Share of internet users
2017



59%

Fixed broadband vs Mobile broadband subscriptions
Number of subscriptions per 100 people



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