



# Burundi



## 1 ID<sup>1</sup>

- **Location:** Central Africa. Burundi can be found next to Rwanda, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- **Population<sup>1</sup>:** (2010 est.) 8,519,000
- **Language:** Kirundi, French and Swahili
- **Capital:** Bujumbura



## 2 Economic data

### ✓ Real growth rate of the GDP from 2008 until 2010<sup>2</sup>

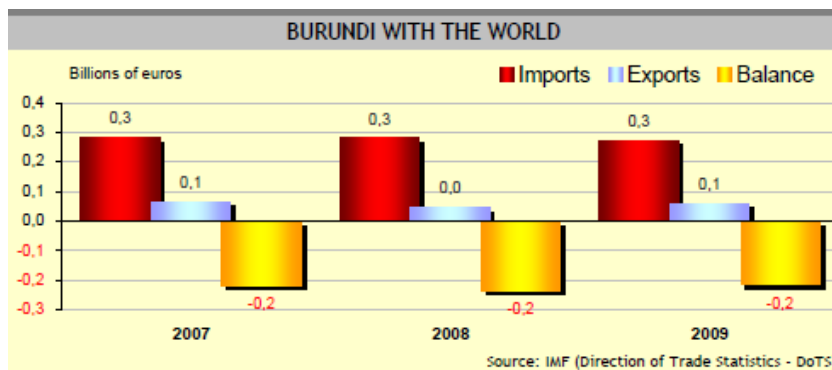
Year	GDP - real growth rate	Date of Information
2009	4.50 %	2008 est.
2010	3.50 %	2009 est.
2011	3.90%	2010 est.

The real growth rate of the GDP dropped 1 per cent in 2010, compared to 2009. In 2011 the rate increased with 0.40 per cent.

### ✓ Inflation rate<sup>3</sup>

Year	Inflation rate
2008	24.4 %
2009	10.7 %

### ✓ Trade with the world<sup>3</sup>



On the graph above you can see that exports and imports in Burundi have remained the same. The amount of imports is three times as high as the amount of exports.

## 3 Key sectors for exports and imports<sup>4</sup>

Merchant trade 2009			
Merchandise exports	64 million US\$	Merchandise imports	402 million US\$
Breakdown in economy's	Percentage	Breakdown in economy's	Percentage

<sup>1</sup> Britannica, <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/85931/Burundi>

<sup>2</sup> CIA, <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/by.html>

<sup>3</sup> European Commission Trade, <http://trade.ec.europa.eu>, *Burundi – Trade Statistics*

<sup>4</sup> World Trade Organization (WTO), <http://stat.wto.org>





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total exports (2008)			total imports (2008)		
• Agricultural products	61.1%		• Agricultural products	10.0%	
• Fuels and mining products	15.0%		• Fuels and mining products	3.0%	
• Manufactures	23.9%		• Manufactures	64.9%	
<i>By main destination</i>			<i>By main origin</i>		
1. United Arab Emirates	43.6%		1. European Union (27)	40.5%	
2. Switzerland	15.3%		2. Uganda	9.6%	
3. European Union (27)	11.7%		3. Kenya	8.8%	
4. Kenya	5.3%		4. China	7.3%	
5. Congo, Dem. Rep. of	4.2%		5. India	5.0%	

In the chart above you can see that agricultural products make up the largest percentage of all exports in 2009. Manufactures made up the largest percentage of the imports.

## ✓ Agriculture

### GDP composition by sector (2010 est.)<sup>5</sup>

Sector	Percentage
Agriculture	31.6%
Industry	21.4%
Services	47%

Burundi's largest industry is agriculture, which accounted for 31.6% of the GDP in 2010. If we take a look at the labour force, we can see that 93.6% of the population works in the agricultural sector.<sup>4</sup> There are two types of crops cultivated: food crops (beans, bananas, sweet potatoes, cassava, maize and sorghum) and cash crops (coffee, tea, cotton and quinquina). The nation's largest source of revenue is coffee. Other agriculture products include cotton, tea, maize, sorghum, sweet potatoes, bananas, manioc (tapioca); beef, milk, and hides.

<u>Industry</u> <sup>6</sup>	<u>Exports in value</u> (in USD thousands)	<u>Imports in value</u> (in USD thousands)
All industries in sector 09	66,867	48
Coffee	59,590	0
Tea	7,262	3

## 4 Political Situation<sup>7</sup>

Burundi is a republic and the head of state is Mr. Pierre Nkurunziza. He was a former Hutu rebel leader, and the first president to be chosen in democratic elections since the start of Burundi's civil war.

## 5 Security Problems<sup>8</sup>

Security is still very low at some parts of the country because of a long process of election (from May till September 2010). Due to safety reasons, it's not advised to travel to the following regions of Burundi: Bujumbura Rural, Bubanza, Cibitoke, and Ruyigib, nor to take any minibuses or public taxis. There are no trains in Burundi.

## 6 Certificates of Origin and ATA Carnet

There are no special rules for the Certificates of Origin and Burundi hasn't signed the A.T.A. Convention.

<sup>5</sup> CIA, <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/by.html>

<sup>6</sup> International Trade Centre, <http://www.intracen.org>

<sup>7</sup> BBC News, [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/country\\_profiles/1068873.stm#facts](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/country_profiles/1068873.stm#facts)

<sup>8</sup> Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, <http://diplomatie.belgium.be/fr/>





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