



Ethiopia



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- **Location:** Ethiopia is situated west of Somalia. Other border countries are Sudan, Kenya, Eritrea and Djibouti.
- **Population:** (2010 est.) 79,456,000
- **Language:** Amharic
- **Capital:** Addis Ababa



2 Economic data

✓ Real growth rate of the GDP from 2008 till 2010¹

Year	GDP - real growth rate	Date of Information
2009	11.60 %	2008 est.
2010	8.70 %	2009 est.
2011	7.00 %	2010 est.

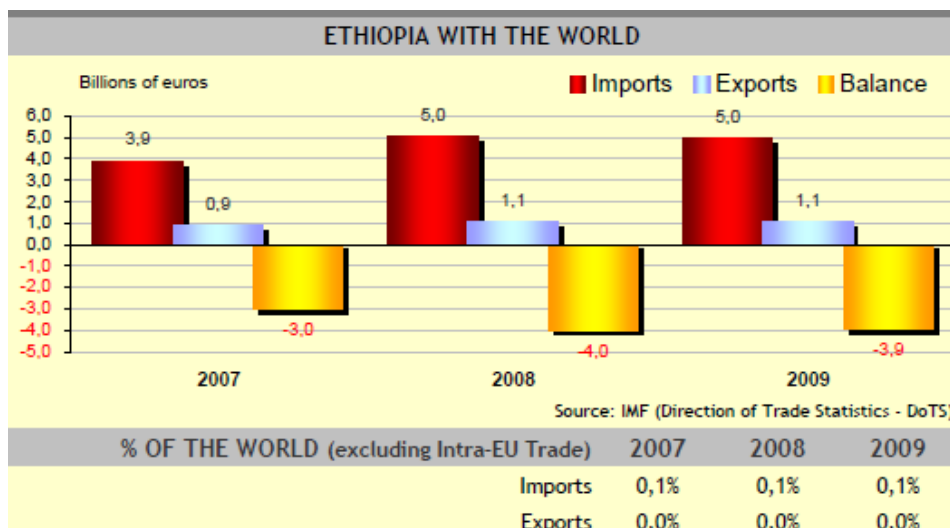
During the past three years the growth rate has dropped.

✓ Inflation rate¹

Year	Inflation rate
2008	44.39 %
2009	8.50 %
2010	12.00 %

The inflation rate dropped considerably from 2008 to 2009. In 2010 the inflation rate was slightly higher than in 2009.

✓ Trade with the world²



On the graph above you can see that the number of imports has increased in the period 2007-2009. The number of exports has remained the same.

¹ Wallonia Export & Investment, <http://www.awex.be>

² European Commission Trade, <http://trade.ec.europa.eu>, *Ethiopia – Trade Statistics*





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3 Key sectors for exports and imports³

Merchant trade 2009			
<i>Merchandise exports</i>	1,596 million US\$	<i>Merchandise imports</i>	7,963 million US\$
Breakdown in economy's total exports	Percentage	Breakdown in economy's total imports	Percentage
• Agricultural products	84.8%	• Agricultural products	11.4%
• Fuels and mining products	0.7%	• Fuels and mining products	17.1%
• Manufactures	10.1%	• Manufactures	71.5%
<i>By main destination (2008)</i>		<i>By main origin (2008)</i>	
1. European Union (27)	30.0%	1. China	24.1%
2. China	15.0%	2. European Union (27)	16.2%
3. Somalia	8.3%	3. Saudi Arabia	11.7%
4. Saudi Arabia	7.1%	4. India	8.0%
5. Switzerland	6.5%	5. United States	6.0%

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

✓ Agriculture⁴

GDP composition by sector (2010 est.)

Sector	Percentage
Agriculture	42.9%
Industry	13.7%
Services	43.4%

Agriculture made up 42.9% of GDP in 2010. Ethiopia's agriculture products are cereals, pulses, coffee, oilseed, cotton, sugarcane, potatoes, qat (a narcotic leaf), cut flowers; hides, cattle, sheep, goats, and fish.

In 2009 85% of the population was engaged in agriculture.

4 Political situation⁵

In 1995 Ethiopia adopted a new constitution that guaranteed equal rights and freedom of expression to all Ethiopians. The current president is Girma Wolde-Giorgis who has been governing Ethiopia since 2001. He was re-elected in 2007. The federal state consists of nine states and two special city administrations (Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa).

5 Security Problems⁶

Even though Ethiopia hasn't had any large terrorist attacks, the country is still a potential target for a number of reasons. Since the attack on Kampala on 11 July 2010, there has been an increase of security measures in hotels and airports. Addis Ababa may be a possible target for attacks because it is the political and economical centre of the country. It is safe to travel through the rest of the country if you take into account the safety measures.

6 Certificates of Origin – ATA Carnet

There are no special rules for the Certificates of Origin in Ethiopia. Ethiopia hasn't signed the A.T.A. Convention; therefore no ATA Carnets are used.

³ World Trade Organisation (WTO), <http://stat.wto.org>

⁴ CIA, <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/et.html>

⁵ Embassy of Ethiopia, <http://www.ethiopianembassy.be>; Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia, <http://www.mfa.gov.et>

⁶ Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Kingdom of Belgium <http://diplomatie.belgium.be>





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