



# Kenya



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

- **Location:** Central Africa. Kenya's bordering countries are Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.
- **Population:** (2010 est.) 40,863,000
- **Language:** Swahili and English
- **Capital:** Nairobi



## 2 Economic data

- ✓ **Real growth rate of the GDP from 2008 till 2010<sup>1</sup>**

Year	GDP - real growth rate	Date of Information
2009	1.70 %	2008 est.
2010	2.60 %	2009 est.
2011	4.00 %	2010 est.

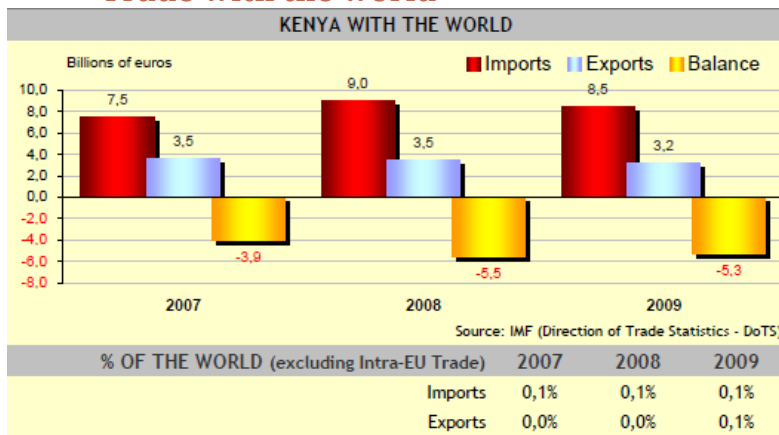
The real growth rate has increased during the past three years.

- ✓ **Inflation rate<sup>2</sup>**

Year	Inflation rate
2008	26.24 %
2009	20.50 %
2010	6.50 %

The inflation rate amounted to 6.50 % in 2010, which is a lot lower than in 2008 and 2009.

- ✓ **Trade with the world<sup>3</sup>**



The chart above shows exports and imports from the period 2007-2009. Exports have decreased, and imports have increased during that period.

<sup>1</sup> Britannica, <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/315078/Kenya>

<sup>2</sup> Wallonia Export & Investment, [www.awex.be/fr](http://www.awex.be/fr)

<sup>3</sup> European Commission Trade, <http://trade.ec.europa.eu>, Kenya - Trade Statistics





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## 3 Key sectors for Exports/imports<sup>4</sup>

Merchant trade 2009			
<i>Merchandise exports</i>	4,421 million US\$	<i>Merchandise imports</i>	10,207 million US\$
<b>Breakdown in economy's total exports</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Breakdown in economy's total imports</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
• Agricultural products	55.5%	• Agricultural products	16.2%
• Fuels and mining products	6.0%	• Fuels and mining products	22.3%
• Manufactures	35.5%	• Manufactures	57.9%
<i>By main destination</i>		<i>By main origin</i>	
1. European Union	26.0%	1. European Union (27)	17.6%
2. Uganda	12.3%	2. United Arab Emirates	14.9%
3. Tanzania	8.5%	3. India	11.8%
4. United States	6.0%	4. China	8.4%
5. Egypt	4.5%	5. South Africa	6.1%

Agricultural products made up the largest part of the economy's total exports in 2009, while manufactures made up the largest part of the total imports of 2009. Kenya exports and imports most products to the European Union.

### ✓ **Agriculture<sup>5</sup>**

#### GDP composition by sector (2010 est.)

Sector	Percentage
Agriculture	22%
Industry	16%
Services	62%

Agriculture is the mainstay of the Kenyan economy. It engages 75% of the population and contributes 22% to the country's GDP. Major agricultural products are tea, coffee, wheat, sugar cane, dairy products and eggs.

Kenya is famous world over for the production of high quality tea. The tea industry operates under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture for technical and policy guidance.

### ✓ **Tourism<sup>6</sup>**

The tourism sector has experienced an impressive performance this year as indicated during the release of Tourism Performance Results by the Minister of Tourism, Hon. Najib Balala, on October 14 2010. The tourism sector contributes immensely to Kenya's economic performance, which accounts for 11% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

## 4 Political situation<sup>7 8</sup>

The Republic of Kenya is a unitary multiparty republic with one legislative house. Kenya has been independent since 12 December 1963. Hon. Mwai Kibaki is the third president of the Republic of Kenya. He's also a respected economist, who served as finance minister and vice president in the 1970s and 1980s.

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

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

<sup>6</sup> Ministry of Tourism (Kenya), [http://www.tourism.go.ke/ministry.nsf/pages/facts\\_figures](http://www.tourism.go.ke/ministry.nsf/pages/facts_figures)

<sup>7</sup> BBC News, [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/country\\_profiles/1024563.stm#leaders](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/country_profiles/1024563.stm#leaders)

<sup>8</sup> Encyclopaedia Britannica, [www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com)





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## 5 Security problems<sup>9</sup>

There's a lot of criminality e.g. carjacking and particularly around Nairobi. It's not advised to visit the northern regions.

## 6 Certificates of Origin and ATA Carnets

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

## 7 Contact

For further information please contact the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

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<sup>9</sup> Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Kingdom of Belgium, <http://diplomatie.belgium.be/fr/>

