**OVERVIEW**

WTO Member: since 1995  
LDC graduation: met criteria for the first time in 2021

Senegal  
All 46 LDCs

Population (millions)*  
Life expectancy at birth (years)*  
Exports to GDP ratio (%)**  
Female labor force participation*  
Share of internet users***

1,057.4  
68  
18  
35  
43

Senegal  
Other graduating WTO members

Criteria monitored by the United Nations for graduation from the LDC category:

- **GNI**: Gross National Income per capita, $
- **EVI**: Economic Vulnerability Index
- **HAI**: Human Assets Index

Senegal met the eligibility criteria for the first time in the UN triennial review of 2021 (E/2021/33). It may be considered to be eligible for graduation at the 2024 triennial review.

**GRADUATION PROGRESS**

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**EVIHAI GNI (right axis)**

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**EVOLUTION OF EXPORTS**

**Merchandise exports** of Senegal increased from USD 2.5 billion in 2011 to USD 4.2 billion in 2019. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a decline of its merchandise exports to USD 3.9 billion in 2020.

**Commercial services exports** of Senegal averaged USD 1.1 billion during 2011-2019. They stood at USD 1.2 billion in 2019 but dropped below USD 800 million in 2020, mainly due to a collapse of travel services induced by the pandemic.

**Merchandise exports**

(USD billion)


Agricultural products  
Manufactures  
Fuels and mining products  
Total merchandise

0 1 2 3 4 5

**Commercial services exports**

(USD billion)


Travel  
Other commercial services  
Transport  
Total commercial services

0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5


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Sources: * World Bank (WDI), ** WTO, *** ITU; 2020 or 2019.
Senegal’s trade deficit averaged USD 4.0 billion over the period 2011-2019 and increased to USD 5.5 billion in 2020, resulting from increasing imports and a sharp decline of exports of commercial services.

**Trade balance (USD billion)**

The biggest market was Mali, accounting for more than 25% of its goods exports.

Fuels represented more than a fifth of its goods exports, followed by gold.

**Top-5 export markets in 2019**
share of global imports from Senegal

**Top-5 export product groups, 2019**
share of global imports from Senegal

Other sectors summarize all product groups that do not belong to agriculture, textiles, clothing, or fuels.

Notes: Information as of January 2022. Figures for the year 2020 include estimates. Number of traded goods at 4-digit product level of the harmonized system (HS) and number of trading partners in 2020 based on trade data exceeding USD 10,000 retrieved from UN COMTRADE. Regional trade agreements in force and notified to the GATT/WTO taken from the WTO RTA database. Preference underutilization rates based on data of the WTO Integrated Database (GT/WD/2014).