OVERVIEW

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

Zambia
1,057.4
18.4
Population (million)*
Life expectancy at birth (years)*
Exports to GDP ratio (%)**
Female labor force participation*
Share of internet users***

GRADUATION PROGRESS

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

Zambia 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.

Trade Impacts of LDC Graduation examines the implications of graduation in terms of LDCs’ participation in the multilateral trading system, market access opportunities and development assistance.

EVOLUTION OF EXPORTS


Commercial services exports of Zambia grew from USD 665 million in 2011 to USD 1.0 billion in 2019 but decreased to USD 554 million in 2020, mainly due to a collapse of travel services induced by the pandemic.

Over the past decade, Zambia recorded deficits in commercial services trade, while experiencing fluctuations in its merchandise trade balance. In 2020, it reported a trade surplus of USD 1.9 billion, as merchandise exports expanded mainly due to an increase in copper prices, while imports sharply decreased.

Top-5 export destinations accounted for 90% of all goods exports of Zambia in 2020.

The biggest market was Switzerland, accounting for more than 40% of its goods exports.

Metals, mainly copper, represented more than two thirds of its goods exports.

### TRADE POLICY

**Regional trade agreements in force in 2021**

Preference underutilization refers to the share of imports from Zambia facing MFN duties despite being eligible for trade preferences.

**Tariffs applied to exports of Zambia**

(weighted average, 2019)

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

**Bound tariffs** (simple average)

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<th>Sector</th>
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<td>Agriculture</td>
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<td>Non-agricultural goods</td>
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**Binding coverage**

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**Tariffs applied by Zambia to its imports** (simple average)

Including interpolated data. Latest tariff data available for 2018.

### TRADE STRUCTURE

**Number of exported goods**

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<th>Country</th>
<th>2020</th>
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<td>Zambia</td>
<td>512</td>
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**Number of export partners**

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<td>Zambia</td>
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Average across all graduating WTO Members

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* HS 4-digit products based on export statistics in 2020.

Source: UN COMTRADE.