The Republic of Djibouti is situated on the northeast coast of the Horn of Africa at the intersection of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, with a strategic location as a deep-water port. It is bordered by Eritrea in the north, Ethiopia in the west and south, and Somalia in the southeast.

### Cities and Population

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<td>Djibouti City</td>
<td>475,322</td>
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<td>Ali Sabieh</td>
<td>37,939</td>
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<td>Dikhil</td>
<td>24,886</td>
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<td>Tadjoura</td>
<td>14,820</td>
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<td>Arta</td>
<td>13,260</td>
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### Facts and Figures

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<td>Total Population</td>
<td>1 Million</td>
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<td>Area</td>
<td>23,200 km2</td>
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<td>Time Zone</td>
<td>CAT (UTC+3)</td>
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<td>Capital City</td>
<td>Djibouti</td>
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<td>International Telephone Code</td>
<td>+253</td>
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<td>Currency</td>
<td>Franc (DJF)</td>
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<td>Exchange Rate</td>
<td>Djiboutian Franc 177.72: US$1</td>
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<td>GDP Current</td>
<td>USD1.97 Billion</td>
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<td>GDP per capita</td>
<td>US$ 3,408.846</td>
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<td>GDP Growth Rate</td>
<td>5.5%</td>
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<td>Ease of Doing Business (2020)</td>
<td>112</td>
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<td>Language(s)</td>
<td>Arabic (official), Afar, Somali</td>
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<td>Inflation Rate</td>
<td>3.32%</td>
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<td>Important International Participation</td>
<td>World Trade Organisation (WTO), Africa Union (AU), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie and the Arab League.</td>
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### Djibouti Trade with the World

#### Exports (US$'000)
- 2015: 139,162
- 2016: 112,805
- 2017: 160,702
- 2018: 157,159
- 2019: 164,063

#### Imports (US$'000)
- 2015: 4,267,929
- 2016: 4,533,130
- 2017: 4,843,784
- 2018: 5,749,040
- 2019: 4,277,602

#### Trade Balance (US$'000)
- 2015: -4,128,767
- 2016: -4,420,325
- 2017: -4,683,082
- 2018: -5,591,881
- 2019: -4,113,539

Source: Trademap

### Major export destinations of Djibouti

- China: 36%
- United Kingdom: 13%
- Australia: 13%
- Other markets: 19%

Source: Trademap

### Major import sources of Djibouti

- China: 52%
- India: 13%
- Saudi Arabia: 8%
- Other markets: 6%

Source: Trademap
### Major Export Products of Djibouti

- Live camels and other camelids [Camelidae]
- Bromides of sodium or of potassium
- Live sheep
- Live goats
- Waste and scrap of primary cells, primary batteries
- Dried, shelled kidney beans
- Dried, shelled chickpeas
- Coffee (excluding roasted and decaffeinated)
- Soya beans
- Petroleum bitumen
- Cigarette paper in the form of booklets or tubes
- Self-propelled mechanical shovels
- Dried, shelled peas
- Turbo propellers
- Black fermented tea
- Wood charcoal
- Containers, incl. containers for the transport of fluids

### Major Import Products of Djibouti

- Mineral or chemical fertilisers
- Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel
- Palm oil and its fractions
- Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose
- Rice
- Sunflower-seed, safflower or cotton-seed oil and fractions
- Bars and rods, of iron or non-alloy steel
- Mineral or chemical nitrogenous fertilisers
- Petroleum oils (excluding crude)
- Furniture
- Footwear
- Soap
- Polymers of ethylene, in primary forms
- Men's or boys' suits
- Women's or girls' suits

### COMESA – Djibouti Trade

#### COMESA Exports to Djibouti (US$'000)
- 2014: 114,656
- 2015: 131,236
- 2016: 151,454
- 2017: 156,216
- 2018: 119,065

#### COMESA Imports from Djibouti (US$'000)
- 2014: 1,343
- 2015: 6,919
- 2016: 1,508
- 2017: 4,556
- 2018: 8,461

#### Trade Balance (US$'000)
- 2014: 113,313
- 2015: 124,317
- 2016: 149,946
- 2017: 151,660
- 2018: 110,604

**Source:** ITC Trademap
**Djibouti’s Exports to COMESA Countries**

- Live camels
- Parts of aeroplanes or helicopters
- Motor vehicles for the transport of goods
- Woven fabrics of yarn
- Lac; natural gums
- Articles and equipment for general physical exercise, gymnastics or athletics
- Articles and equipment for sport and outdoor games
- Wooden furniture
- Worn clothing and clothing accessories, blankets and travelling rugs
- Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons
- Carpet tiles of vegetable textile materials
- Tableware and kitchenware

**COMESA Countries can supply the following products to Djibouti:**

- Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals (excluding crude)
- Wheat or meslin flour
- Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures.
- Organic surface-active agents (excluding soap)
- Tea, flavoured and unflavoured
- Yeasts, active and inactive
- Soap
- Citrus fruit
- Sacks and bags- packing of goods, of all types of textile materials
- Carboys, bottles, flasks, jars, pots, phials, ampoules and other containers, of glass
- Mineral or chemical nitrogenous fertilisers
- Cane or beet sugar
- Fixed vegetable fats and oils
- Manufactured tobacco..
- Toilet or facial tissue stock, towel or napkin
- Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment
- Soups and broths
- Cheese and curd

**International Markets Djibouti can target and supply products**

The markets with greatest potential for Djibouti’s exports are Saudi Arabia, USA, India and China, among others.

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<th>Products with potential</th>
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<td>1) Saudi Arabia</td>
<td>Live camels and other camelids [camelidae], live sheep, live goats, wood charcoal, containers, incl. containers for the transport of fluids, coffee (excluding roasted and decaffeinated), groats and meal of cereals (excluding wheat and maize), soap, line telephone sets with cordless handsets parts suitable for reception apparatus.</td>
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<td>2) United States of America</td>
<td>Turbo-propellers, coffee, electrical machines and apparatus, machines and mechanical appliances, dried shelled beans, footwear with outer soles of rubber, live ornamental fish (excluding freshwater), cereal flours (excluding wheat, meslin and maize), electronic integrated circuits, parts of valves and similar articles for pipes, audio-frequency electric amplifiers, jerseys, input or output units for automatic data-processing machines, steering wheels, live ornamental freshwater fish, instruments and apparatus for physical or chemical analysis using UV.</td>
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