MADAGASCAR ECONOMIC DATA

Land area	: 592,000 km²
Cultivable land area	: 296,000 km²
Cultivated land area	: 3 million hectares
Population	: 14.06million (1996)
Population growth	: 3.2% (1990 - 1996)

Population breakdown per %	
- Antananarivo	**28%**
- Fianarantsoa	**22%**
- Toamasina	**16%**
- Toliara	**15%**
- Mahajanga	**11%**
- Antsiranana	**8%**

Weather in Antananarivo:

Hottest month : December, 16-27°C;
Coldest month : July, 9-20°C;
Driest month : June, 8mm average rainfall
Wettest month : January, 300 mm average rainfall
Climate : Tropical, cooler in the highlands

Languages : Malagasy, French
Measures : Metric system
Currency : Ariary
Exchange rates : 1 Rand = 1500 Ariary
Time : 3 hours ahead of GMT
Time difference : 1 hour behind South African time
Inflation : 6% in 2005

Worker minimum salary :

150,000 FMG in 1997 = ±116 Rand

Human Development

Coefficient **:** 0.371
Adult literacy **:** 80%

Latest economic figures

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in nominal term and in real term – Inflation rate

Years	Nominal GDP (billions of Ariary)	Real GDP (billions of Ariary)	Growth (%)	Inflation (%)
1997	18 050	409	3,7	7,3
1998	20 350	425	3,9	8,5
1999	4 671	445	4,7	9,7
2000	23 355	466	4,8	9,8
2001	29 845	494	6	7,3
2002	30 040	432	- 12,7	15,2
2003	33 885	474	9,8	2,8
2004	40 778	499	5,3	13,8
2005	49 568	531	6,4	5,8

Sectors importance in GDP

Years	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary
1998	28,1	12,5	52,5
1999	27,2	12,5	52,4
2000	31,8	12,5	48,9
2001	25,7	13,5	53,8
2002	29,8	9,7	51,3
2003	26,8	9,5	51,6
2004	26,5	9,4	53,1
2005	25,6	9	55,5

The greatest macroeconomics aggregates

	UNIT	2001	2002	2003	2004
GDP growth rate at constant prices	%	6	- 12,7	9,8	9,8
GDP Deflator	%	7,3	15,2	2,8	14,3
GDP at constant prices (1984 prices)	Billions Ariary	494	432	474	499
GDP at actual price	Billions Ariary	5 969	6 008	6 777	8 156
GDP a head in actual currency	Ariary	384 352	382 892	420 212	491 796
GDP a head	US $	308	280	339	266
Structure (in % of the GDP)					

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