

# Lesotho

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## Data Source

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Data: © Michael Bauer Research GmbH 2023 based on © Lesotho Bureau of Statistics, UN.  
Boundaries: © Michael Bauer Research GmbH, Nuremberg, Germany, 2023.  
Settlement Points: These settlement points were created using the European Commission Global Human Settlement Layer (GHSL), 100 meter resolution 2025 Population Raster Layer. The points were verified using the latest Esri imagery. More information about the data can be found here: <https://ghslsys.jrc.ec.europa.eu>.

## Dataset Information

Lesotho	
3 Letter ISO Country code	LSO
Currency	Lesotho loti
3 Letter Currency code	LSL
Number of attributes available	28
Number of geography levels	2

## Geography Levels

Geography Levels	Geography Levels Available for Lesotho	Available through ArcGIS.com Maps	Feature Count
Country	X	X	1
Districts	X	X	10

## Data Apportionment Settings

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Threshold Upper Bound	Aggregation Method	Level of Geography
150 km	Block Apportion	LS.Districts
more	Centroids In Polygon	LS.Districts

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## Change Summary

Changes to geography level names

None.

New Attributes

None.

Attributes no longer available

None.

## Change Notes

Market Data are now projections for 2023 (before: 2021). Unemployed persons are shown for 2022 (before 2020). Using new input data from the official statistics leads to deviations in Age and Gender and Marital Status. The new input data comes from the 2019 Labour Force Survey (LFS). Compared with the 2016 Census Data, that was used in 2021 there are significant changes in the number of divorced and widowed people in Lesotho. Using new national input data from the official statistics also leads to deviations for Unemployment data.

The settlement points have been updated from Worldpop.org raster-based points to newer and more detailed raster-based points. These settlement points are an improvement over the previous version and could result in changes to previously run values in some trade areas. Settlement points are used in the data apportionment algorithm to redistribute data variables to input polygon features.

## Other Data Notes

None.