



BELIZE

Fact Sheet

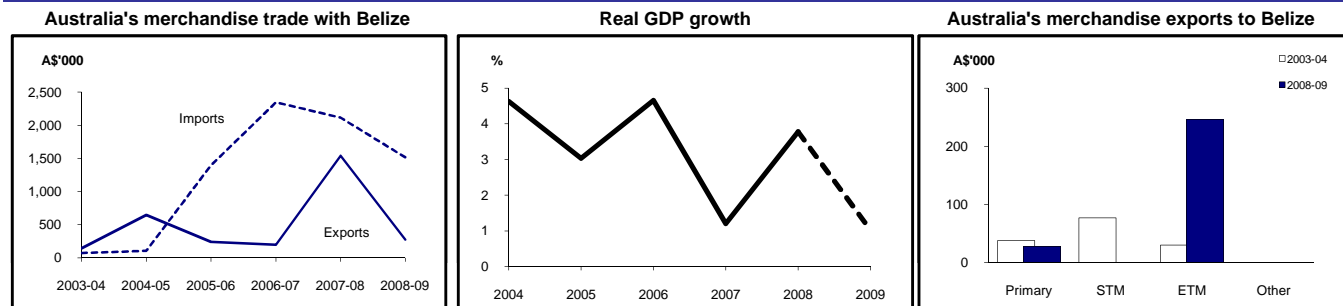
General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

Capital: Belmopan
Surface area: 23 thousand sq km
Official language: English
Population: 0.3 million (2009)
Exchange rate: A\$1 = B\$ 1.6688 (Aug 2009)

Head of State:
 HM Queen Elizabeth II, represented by the
 Governor-General, HE Sir Colville Young
Head of Government:
 Prime Minister The Hon Dean Oliver Barrow

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$m) (current prices):	1,056	1,115	1,213	1,277	1,359	1,407
GDP PPP (US\$m) (c):	1,997	2,137	2,310	2,404	2,548	2,614
GDP per capita (US\$):	3,859	3,821	4,028	4,108	4,241	4,259
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	7,295	7,325	7,670	7,737	7,954	7,914
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	4.6	3.0	4.7	1.2	3.8	1.0
Current account balance (US\$m):	-155	-152	-25	-51	-138	-94
Current account balance (% GDP):	-14.7	-13.6	-2.1	-4.0	-10.2	-6.7
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	51.5	56.2	65.1	64.5	62.8	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	3.1	3.7	4.2	2.3	6.4	2.7



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Belize (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Belize, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Belize (A\$'000):	274	0.0%	195th	-82.2%
Imports from Belize (A\$'000):	1,511	0.0%	132nd	-28.4%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	1,785	0.0%	186th	-51.1%

Major Australian exports, 2008-09 (A\$'000):

Wire products	67
Food processing machines & parts	48
Measuring & analysing instruments	39
Aircraft, spacecraft & parts	35

Major Australian imports, 2008-09 (A\$'000):

Fruit juices	758
Fixed vegetable oils & fats, soft	116
Hand or machine tools	98
Medical instruments (incl veterinary)	80

Australia's trade in services with Belize, 2008-09:

		Total share:
Exports of services to Belize (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Belize (A\$m):	na	na

Australia's investment relationship with Belize, 2008 (e):

	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Belize (A\$m):	na	na
Belize's investment in Australia (A\$m):	np	na

Belize's global merchandise trade relationships:

Belize's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	United States	45.0%
2	United Kingdom	19.6%
3	Costa Rica	16.8%
33	Australia	0.0%

Belize's principal import sources, 2008:

1	United States	34.2%
2	Netherlands Antilles	11.9%
3	Mexico	9.4%
34	Australia	0.1%

Compiled by the Market Information and Research Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) All recent data subject to revision; (b) IMF forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding; (e) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available. np Data not published.