

# CANADA

Fact Sheet

## General information:

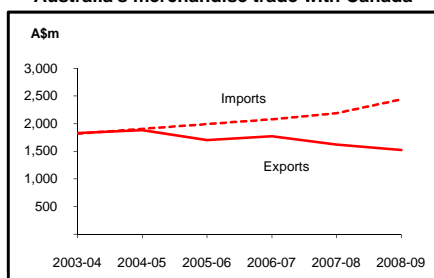
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**Capital:** Ottawa  
**Surface area:** 9,971 thousand sq km  
**Official languages:** English, French  
**Population:** 33.6 million (2009)  
**Exchange rate:** A\$1 = C\$0.9080 (Aug 2009)

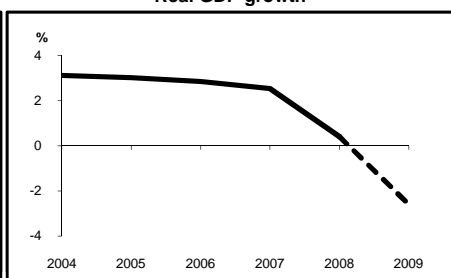
**Head of State:**  
 HM Queen Elizabeth II, represented by  
 Governor-General HE The Rt Hon Michaëlle Jean  
**Head of Government:**  
 Prime Minister The Rt Hon Stephen Joseph Harper

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	992.2	1,133.8	1,277.6	1,427.2	1,499.6	1,319.1
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	1,065.8	1,132.0	1,202.2	1,268.0	1,300.4	1,288.0
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	31,104	35,205	39,270	43,404	45,085	39,217
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	33,409	35,150	36,955	38,561	39,098	38,290
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.5	0.4	-2.6
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	22,934	21,376	17,925	14,530	7,606	-34,309
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	2.3	1.9	1.4	1.0	0.5	-2.6
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	38.3	37.7	36.1	34.8	35.3	29.7
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	1.8	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.4	0.1

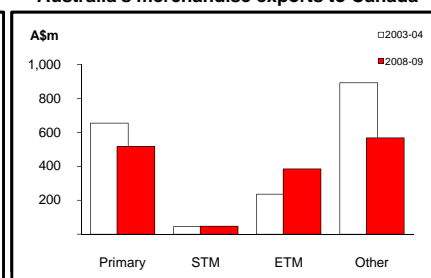
Australia's merchandise trade with Canada



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to Canada



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

### Australian merchandise trade with Canada, 2008-09:

Exports to Canada (A\$m):	1,519
Imports from Canada (A\$m):	2,438
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	3,957

Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
0.7%	22nd	-6.2%
1.1%	19th	11.4%
0.9%	21st	3.9%

### Major Australian exports, 2008-09\* (A\$m):

Alcoholic beverages	215
Nickel ores & concentrates	74
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	61
Beef	53

\*Includes A\$563m of confidential items, 37% of total exports.

### Major Australian imports, 2008-09 (A\$m):

Meat (excl beef)	149
Sulphur & iron pyrites	147
Iron ore & concentrates	143
Pumps (excl liquid pumps) & parts	127

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

Exports of services to Canada (A\$m):	815
Imports of services from Canada (A\$m):	913

### Total share:

1.5%
1.6%

### Major Australian service exports, 2008-09 (A\$m):

Personal travel excl education	338
Education-related travel	142

### Major Australian service imports, 2008-09 (A\$m):

Personal travel excl education	509
Business & professional	142

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

	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Canada (A\$m):	38,848	27,910
Canada's investment in Australia (A\$m):	18,158	10,177

## Canada's global merchandise trade relationships:

### Canada's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	United States	77.7%
2	United Kingdom	2.7%
3	Japan	2.3%
15	Australia	0.4%

### Canada's principal import sources, 2008

1	United States	52.4%
2	China	9.8%
3	Mexico	4.1%
31	Australia	0.4%

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.