



EL SALVADOR

Fact Sheet

General information:

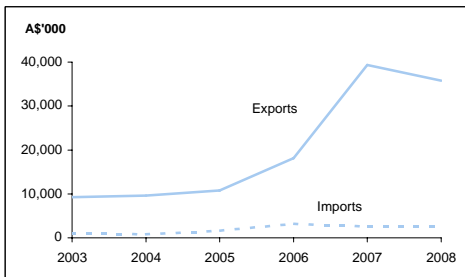
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Capital:	San Salvador
Surface area:	21 thousand sq km
Official language:	Spanish
Population:	5.8 million (2008)
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 5.6473 Colones (Feb 2009)

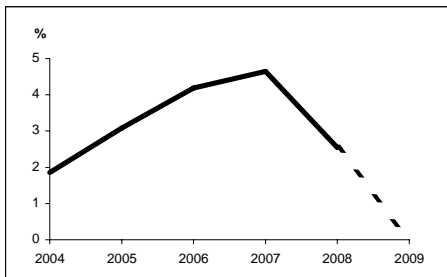
Head of State and Head of Government:
President Mr Mauricio Funes

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	15.8	17.1	18.7	20.4	22.1	23.0
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	33.8	36.1	38.8	41.7	43.7	44.1
GDP per capita (US\$):	2,808	3,013	3,270	3,547	3,824	3,956
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	6,013	6,367	6,800	7,257	7,552	7,570
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	1.9	3.1	4.2	4.7	2.5	0.0
Current account balance (US\$m):	-628	-569	-675	-1,119	-1,583	-520
Current account balance (% GDP):	-4.0	-3.3	-3.6	-5.5	-7.2	-2.3
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	28.0	26.8	27.8	27.1	27.5	24.7
Inflation (% change yoy):	4.5	4.7	4.0	4.6	7.3	1.8

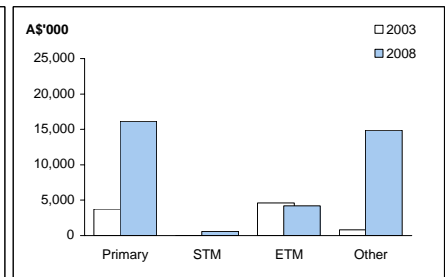
Australia's merchandise trade with El Salvador



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to El Salvador



Australia's trade relationship with El Salvador (d):

Australian merchandise trade with El Salvador, 2008:

Exports to El Salvador (A\$m):	36	Total share:	0.0%	Rank:	79th	Growth (yoy):	-9.0%
Imports from El Salvador (A\$m):	2		0.0%		123rd		-2.2%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	38		0.0%		98th		-8.6%

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

Milk & cream	15
Coated flat-rolled iron & steel	4
Cheese & curd	1
Paper & paperboard	1

*Includes A\$15m of confidential items, 42% of total exports.

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

Alcoholic beverages	1
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Australia's trade in services with El Salvador, 2008:

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

El Salvador's global merchandise trade relationships:

El Salvador's principal export destinations, 2007:

1	Guatemala	24.3%
2	United States	19.9%
3	Honduras	15.9%
32	Australia	0.1%

El Salvador's principal import sources, 2007:

1	United States	31.0%
2	Mexico	11.3%
3	Guatemala	9.7%
29	Australia	0.5%

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/EIU forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding.

na Data not available.