



# GERMANY

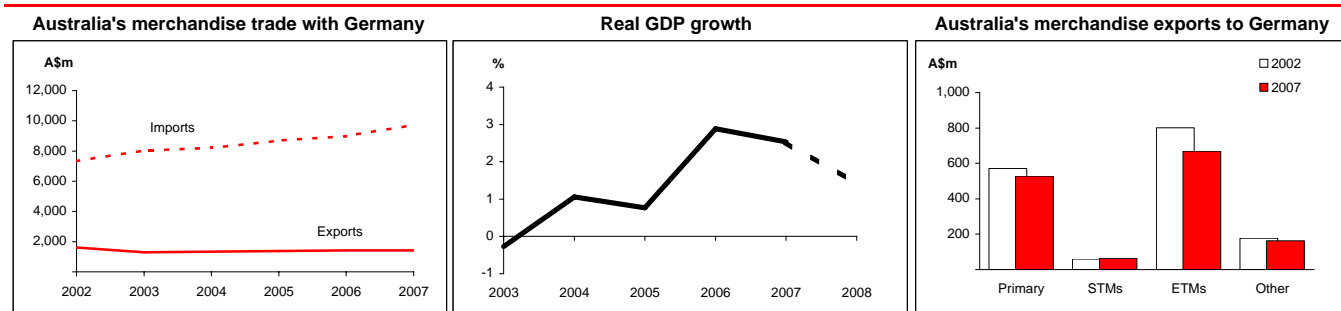
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

<b>Capital:</b>	Berlin	<b>Head of State:</b>	
<b>Surface area:</b>	357 thousand sq km	<b>Head of Government:</b>	Federal Chancellor HE Dr Angela Merkel MdB
<b>Official language:</b>	German		
<b>Population:</b>	82.2 million (2007)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 0.6192 Euros (Feb 2008)		

<b>Recent economic indicators:</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007(a)</b>	<b>2008(b)</b>
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	2,446.9	2,749.2	2,796.2	2,915.9	3,322.1	3,653.4
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	2,321.5	2,416.0	2,514.8	2,668.9	2,809.7	2,906.4
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	29,648	33,323	33,919	35,433	40,415	44,488
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	28,129	29,285	30,505	32,432	34,181	35,392
<b>Real GDP growth (% change YOY):</b>	-0.3	1.1	0.8	2.9	2.5	1.4
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	46,286	117,988	128,379	147,134	185,033	190,684
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	1.9	4.3	4.6	5.0	5.6	5.2
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	35.4	38.1	40.6	44.7	46.7	47.8
<b>Inflation (% change YOY):</b>	1.0	1.8	1.9	1.8	2.3	2.5



## Australia's trade relationship with Germany (d):

<b>Australian merchandise trade with Germany, 2007:</b>		<b>Total share:</b>	<b>Rank:</b>	<b>Growth (yoy):</b>
Exports to Germany (A\$m):	1,424	0.8%	23rd	0.8%
Imports from Germany (A\$m):	9,741	5.2%	5th	8.3%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	11,164	3.1%	9th	7.3%

<b>Major Australian exports, 2007 (A\$m):</b>		<b>Major Australian imports, 2007 (A\$m):</b>	
Coal	270	Passenger motor vehicles	1,460
Electrical equipment for circuits	130	Medicaments (incl veterinary)	798
Non-ferrous base metal waste	95	Civil engineering equipment	370
Gold coin	83	Measuring & controlling instruments	333

<b>Australia's trade in services with Germany, 2007:</b>		<b>Total share:</b>
Exports of services to Germany (A\$m):	1,002	2.1%
Imports of services from Germany (A\$m):	1,350	2.9%

<b>Major Australian service exports, 2007 (A\$m):</b>		<b>Major Australian service imports, 2007 (A\$m):</b>	
Personal travel excl education	425	Transportation	757
Transportation	213	Personal travel excl education	218

## Germany's global merchandise trade relationships:

<b>Germany's principal export destinations, 2007:</b>		<b>Germany's principal import sources, 2007:</b>	
1 France	9.7%	1 France	8.4%
2 United States	7.6%	2 Netherlands	8.3%
3 United Kingdom	7.3%	3 China	7.1%
34 Australia	0.6%	44 Australia	0.2%

Compiled by the Market Information and Analysis 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.