

FRANCE

Fact Sheet

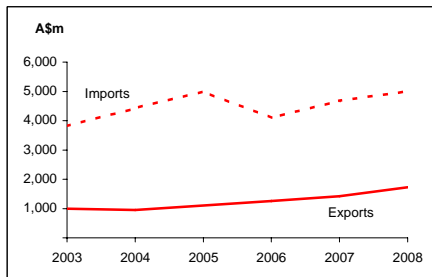
General information:

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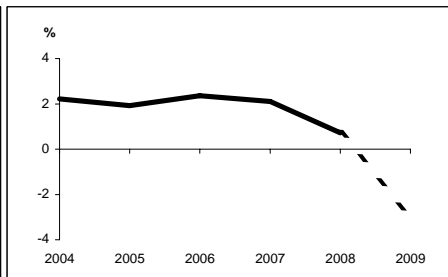
Capital:	Paris	Head of State:	
Surface area:	552 thousand sq km	President HE Mr Nicolas Sarkozy	
Official language:	French		
Population:	62.3 million (2008)	Head of Government:	
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 0.5076 Euros (Feb 2009)	Prime Minister Mr Francois Fillon	

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	2,061.1	2,147.5	2,271.3	2,593.8	2,865.7	2,499.1
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	1,776.9	1,868.6	1,974.4	2,070.2	2,130.4	2,086.7
GDP per capita (US\$):	33,936	35,100	36,880	41,877	46,016	39,922
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	29,257	30,542	32,059	33,424	34,208	33,334
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	2.2	1.9	2.4	2.1	0.7	-3.0
Current account balance (US\$m):	12,482	-13,590	-12,835	-26,915	-45,327	-8,891
Current account balance (% GDP):	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-1.0	-1.6	-0.4
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	26.0	26.2	26.9	26.7	26.2	22.2
Inflation (% change yoy):	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.6	3.2	0.5

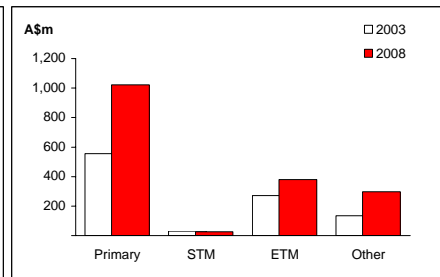
Australia's merchandise trade with France



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to France



Australia's trade relationship with France (d):

Australian merchandise trade with France, 2008:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to France (A\$m):	1,724	0.8%	19th	21.2%
Imports from France (A\$m) (e):	5,002	..	14th	..
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	6,726	..	16th	..

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

Coal	733
Iron ore & concentrates	198
Aircraft, spacecraft & parts	96
Medical instruments (incl veterinary)	88

*Includes A\$292m of confidential items, 17% of total exports.

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

Aircraft, spacecraft & parts	954
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	663
Alcoholic beverages	218
Passenger motor vehicles	215

Australia's trade in services with France, 2008:

Exports of services to France (A\$m):	654	Total share:	1.2%
Imports of services from France (A\$m):	790		1.5%

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

Personal travel excl education	288
Education-related travel	85

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

Personal travel excl education	410
Business & professional	73

France's global merchandise trade relationships:

France's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	Germany	14.6%
2	Italy	8.8%
3	Spain	8.4%
23	Australia	0.8%

France's principal import sources, 2008:

1	Germany	16.4%
2	Belgium	8.5%
3	Italy	8.1%
46	Australia	0.3%

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; (e) Excludes imports of large aircraft from September 2008 onwards.