



# LEBANON

Fact Sheet

## General information:

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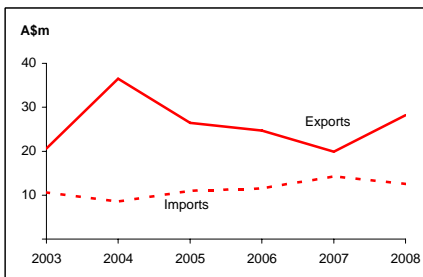
Capital:	Beirut
Surface area:	10 thousand sq km
Official language:	Arabic
Population:	3.8 million (2008)
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 1,009.65 Pounds (Dec 2008)

**Head of State:**  
President HE General Michel Sleiman

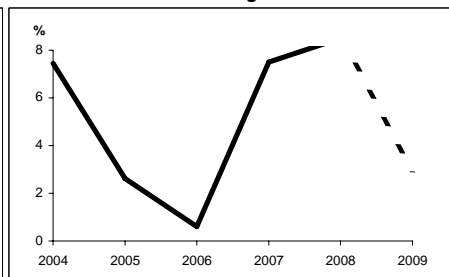
**Head of Government:**  
Prime Minister HE Mr Saad Hariri

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	21.5	21.9	22.4	25.0	28.9	31.3
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	36.8	39.0	40.5	44.7	49.5	51.5
GDP per capita (US\$):	5,949	5,988	6,060	6,677	7,617	8,132
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	10,206	10,660	10,927	11,908	13,032	13,374
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	7.5	2.6	0.6	7.5	8.5	3.0
Current account balance (US\$m):	-3,332	-2,926	-1,264	-1,784	-3,288	-3,290
Current account balance (% GDP):	-15.5	-13.4	-5.6	-7.1	-11.4	-10.5
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	56.4	61.7	65.8	68.2	na	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	1.7	-0.7	5.6	4.1	10.8	3.6

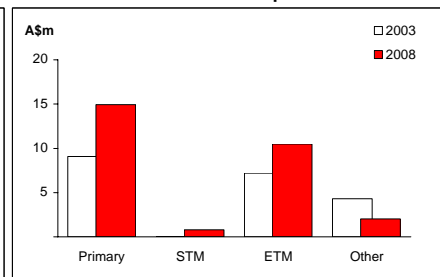
Australia's merchandise trade with Lebanon



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to Lebanon



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

### Australian merchandise trade with Lebanon, 2008:

Exports to Lebanon (A\$m):	28
Imports from Lebanon (A\$m):	13
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	41

Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
0.0%	87th	41.9%
0.0%	90th	-12.3%
0.0%	96th	19.2%

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

Beef	5
Vegetables	3
Milk & cream	2
Fruit & nuts	2

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

Special yarns & fabrics	2
Fruit, prepared or preserved	1
Vegetables, prepared or preserved	1
Edible products & preparations	1

### Australia's trade in services with Lebanon, 2008:

Exports of services to Lebanon (A\$m):	na
Imports of services from Lebanon (A\$m):	na

### Total share:

na  
na

## Lebanon's global merchandise trade relationships:

### Lebanon's principal export destinations, 2007:

1	Syrian Arab Republic	25.2%
2	United Arab Emirates	11.8%
3	Switzerland	8.2%
38	Australia	0.4%

### Lebanon's principal import sources, 2007:

1	Syrian Arab Republic	12.1%
2	Italy	8.5%
3	France	8.3%
53	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.

na Data not available.