



# NEPAL

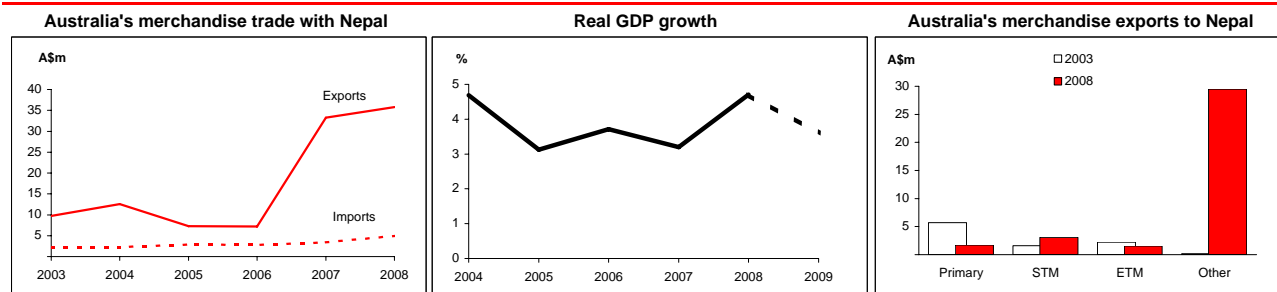
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

<b>Capital:</b>	Kathmandu	<b>Head of State:</b>	President HE The Rt Hon Dr Ram Baran Yadav
<b>Surface area:</b>	147 thousand sq km	<b>Head of Government:</b>	Prime Minister The Hon Mr Pushpa Kamal Dahal (Prachanda)
<b>Official language:</b>	Nepalese		
<b>Population:</b>	27.6 million (2008)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 51.1090 Rupees (Feb 2009)		

<b>Recent economic indicators:</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008(a)</b>	<b>2009(b)</b>
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices) (c):</b>	7.3	8.2	9.0	11.3	12.7	12.5
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (d):</b>	24.1	26.0	27.9	29.5	31.6	33.0
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	274	304	333	412	459	449
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (d):</b>	905	969	1,028	1,078	1,142	1,183
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy) (c):</b>	4.7	3.1	3.7	3.2	4.7	3.6
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	200	161	197	50	323	291
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	2.7	2.0	2.2	0.4	2.5	2.3
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	17.0	15.7	13.7	12.7	na	na
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	4.0	4.5	8.0	6.4	7.7	11.1



## Australia's trade relationship with Nepal (e):

<b>Australian merchandise trade with Nepal, 2008:</b>		<b>Total share:</b>	<b>Rank:</b>	<b>Growth (yoy):</b>
Exports to Nepal (A\$m):	36	0.0%	78th	7.7%
Imports from Nepal (A\$m):	5	0.0%	111th	43.2%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	41	0.0%	95th	11.0%

<b>Major Australian exports, 2008 (A\$m):</b>		<b>Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$m):</b>	
Gold	29	Floor coverings	2
Silver & platinum	3	Clothing	1
Internal combustion piston engines	1	Vegetables	1
Animal oils & fats	1		

<b>Australia's trade in services with Nepal, 2008:</b>		<b>Total share:</b>
Exports of services to Nepal (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Nepal (A\$m):	na	na

## Nepal's global merchandise trade relationships.

<b>Nepal's principal export destinations, 2008:</b>		<b>Nepal's principal import sources, 2008:</b>	
1 India	67.7%	1 India	59.4%
2 United States	7.1%	2 China	13.1%
3 Bangladesh	6.0%	3 Singapore	1.7%
17 Australia	0.3%	9 Australia	0.7%

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) Year ending July 15; (d) PPP is purchasing power parity; (e) Total may not add due to rounding.  
na Data not available.