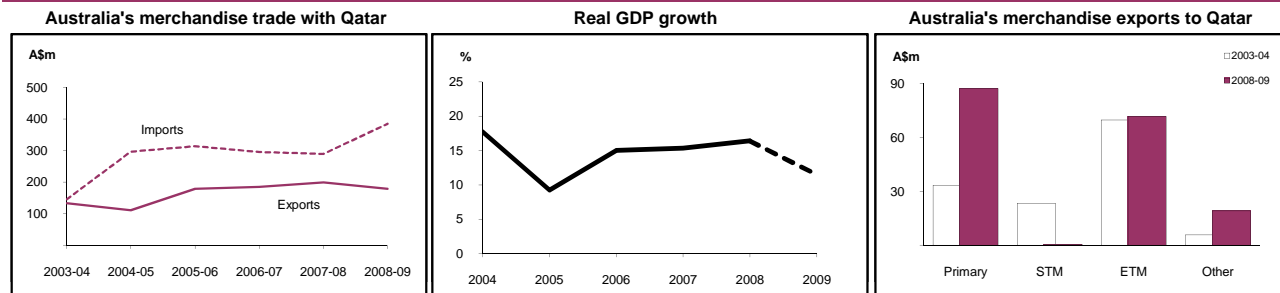


**General information:**

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

<b>Capital:</b>	Doha	<b>Head of State:</b>	Emir of the State of Qatar HH Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani
<b>Surface area:</b>	11 thousand sq km	<b>Head of Government:</b>	Prime Minister HE Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al-Thani
<b>Official language:</b>	Arabic		
<b>Population:</b>	1.2 million (2009)		
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 3.0372 Riyals (Aug 2009)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	31.7	42.5	56.9	71.0	102.3	92.5
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	51.6	56.3	66.9	79.4	94.4	106.9
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	41,949	53,333	67,922	76,374	93,204	75,956
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	68,166	70,772	79,866	85,371	86,008	87,717
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	17.7	9.2	15.0	15.3	16.4	11.5
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	7,100	14,100	16,113	21,610	28,643	9,992
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	22.4	33.2	28.3	30.4	28.0	10.8
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	64.2	68.3	67.4	64.2	59.6	45.2
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	6.8	8.8	11.8	13.8	15.0	0.0



**Australia's trade and investment relationship with Qatar (d):**

<b>Australian merchandise trade with Qatar, 2008-09:</b>		<b>Total share:</b>	<b>Rank:</b>	<b>Growth (yoy):</b>
Exports to Qatar (A\$m):	179	0.1%	50th	-10.3%
Imports from Qatar (A\$m):	385	0.2%	46th	33.1%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	563	0.1%	46th	15.4%

<b>Major Australian exports, 2008-09 (A\$m):</b>		<b>Major Australian imports, 2008-09* (A\$m):</b>	
Live animals (excl seafood)	39	Fertilisers (excl crude)	127
Passenger motor vehicles	30	Liquefied propane & butane	56
Meat (excl beef)	21	Refined petroleum	24
Beef	12	Inorganic chemical elements	14

\*Includes A\$153m of confidential items, 40% of total imports.

<b>Australia's trade in services with Qatar, 2008-09:</b>		<b>Total share:</b>
Exports of services to Qatar (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Qatar (A\$m):	na	na

<b>Australia's investment relationship with Qatar, 2008 (e):</b>		<b>Total:</b>	<b>FDI:</b>
Australia's investment in Qatar (A\$m):		np	np
Qatar's investment in Australia (A\$m):		np	na

**Qatar's global merchandise trade relationships.**

<b>Qatar's principal export destinations, 2008:</b>		<b>Qatar's principal import sources, 2008:</b>	
1 Japan	34.3%	1 Japan	9.6%
2 Republic of Korea	21.8%	2 United States	9.0%
3 Singapore	11.7%	3 Germany	8.4%
35 Australia	0.0%	22 Australia	0.9%

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) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available. np Data not published.