



SOUTH AFRICA

Fact Sheet

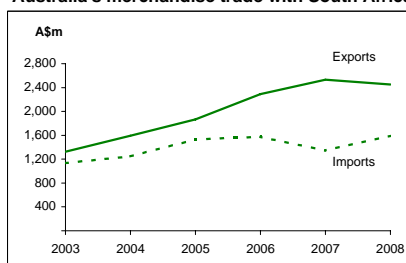
General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

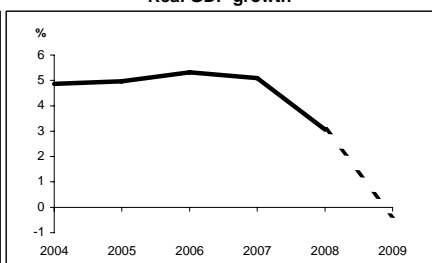
Capital:	Pretoria/Tshwane (administrative); Cape Town (legislative); Bloemfontein (judicial).	Official languages:	Afrikaans, English, IsiZulu, IsiXhosa, Sepedi, Setswana Sesotho, Xitsonga, Swazi, Tshivenda, IsiNdebele
Surface area:	1,219 thousand sq km	Head of State and Head of Government:	President The Hon Jacob Zuma
Population:	48.7 million (2008)		
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 6.4929 Rand (Feb 2009)		

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	216.3	242.7	257.9	283.4	277.2	243.3
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	366.5	398.8	433.5	467.9	492.7	495.7
GDP per capita (US\$):	4,656	5,176	5,442	5,922	5,693	4,943
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	7,887	8,504	9,147	9,778	10,119	10,070
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.1	3.1	-0.3
Current account balance (US\$m):	-6,920	-9,773	-16,284	-20,707	-20,530	-14,062
Current account balance (% GDP):	-3.2	-4.0	-6.3	-7.3	-7.4	-5.8
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	26.8	27.4	29.5	31.6	35.4	34.1
Inflation (% change yoy):	1.4	3.4	4.7	7.1	11.5	6.1

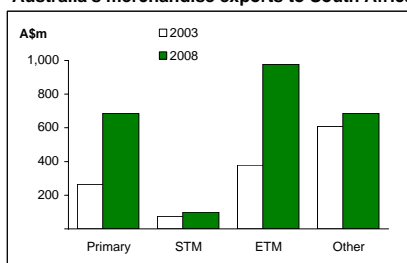
Australia's merchandise trade with South Africa



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to South Africa



Australia's trade relationship with South Africa (d):

Australian merchandise trade with South Africa, 2008:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to South Africa (A\$m):	2,449	1.1%	17th	-3.4%
Imports from South Africa (A\$m):	1,592	0.7%	26th	18.1%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	4,040	0.9%	22nd	4.1%

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

Medicaments (incl veterinary)	535
Coal	490
Meat (excl beef)	54
Civil engineering equipment & parts	44

*Includes \$671m of confidential items (mainly alumina), 27% of total exports.

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

Passenger motor vehicles	697
Pig-iron	86
Goods vehicles	63
Vehicle parts & accessories	50

Australia's trade in services with South Africa, 2008:

Exports of services to South Africa (A\$m):	439	Total share:	0.8%
Imports of services from South Africa (A\$m):	381		0.7%

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

Transportation	137
Personal travel excl education	127

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

Personal travel excl education	154
Transportation	87

South Africa's global merchandise trade relationships.

South Africa's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	Japan	11.0%
2	United States	10.8%
3	Germany	7.8%
16	Australia	2.0%

South Africa's principal import sources, 2008:

1	Germany	11.3%
2	China	11.3%
3	United States	8.0%
15	Australia	1.9%

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.