



SOUTH AFRICA

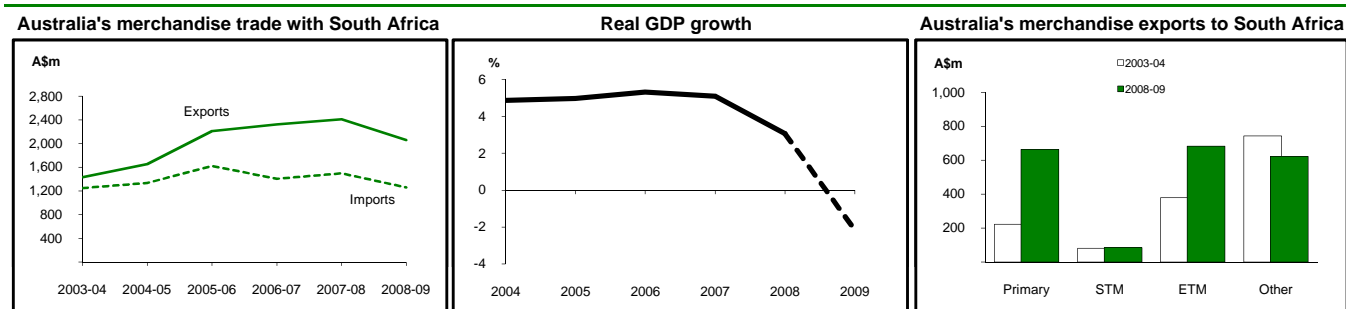
Fact Sheet

General information:

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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:	49.2 million (2009)		
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 6.6210 Rand (Aug 2009)		

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	216.3	242.7	257.9	283.4	276.8	277.4
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	366.5	398.8	433.7	468.8	493.5	490.3
GDP per capita (US\$):	4,656	5,176	5,442	5,922	5,685	5,635
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	7,887	8,504	9,151	9,797	10,136	9,961
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	4.9	5.0	5.3	5.1	3.1	-2.2
Current account balance (US\$m):	-6,920	-9,773	-16,284	-20,707	-20,499	-13,762
Current account balance (% GDP):	-3.2	-4.0	-6.3	-7.3	-7.4	-5.0
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	26.8	27.4	29.5	31.6	35.7	29.1
Inflation (% change yoy):	1.4	3.4	4.7	7.1	11.5	7.2



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

Australian merchandise trade with South Africa, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to South Africa (A\$m):	2,056	0.9%	18th	-14.6%
Imports from South Africa (A\$m):	1,258	0.6%	28th	-16.0%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	3,314	0.7%	22nd	-15.1%

Major Australian exports, 2008-09* (A\$m):		Major Australian imports, 2008-09 (A\$m):	
Coal	462	Passenger motor vehicles	480
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	273	Pig-iron	72
Meat (excl beef)	59	Manganese ores & concentrates	45
Specialised machinery & parts	46	Vehicle parts & accessories	38

*Includes \$609m of confidential items (mainly alumina), 30% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with South Africa, 2008-09:		Total share:
Exports of services to South Africa (A\$m):	459	0.9%
Imports of services from South Africa (A\$m):	413	0.7%

Major Australian service exports, 2008-09 (A\$m):		Major Australian service imports, 2008-09 (A\$m):	
Business & professional	148	Personal travel excl education	192
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Australia's investment relationship with South Africa, 2008 (e):		Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in South Africa (A\$m):		1,172	488
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South Africa's global merchandise trade relationships:

South Africa's principal export destinations, 2008:		South Africa's principal import sources, 2008:	
1 Japan	11.0%	1 Germany	11.3%
2 United States	10.8%	2 China	11.3%
3 Germany	7.8%	3 United States	8.0%
16 Australia	2.0%	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; (e) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS.