

SAMOA

Fact Sheet

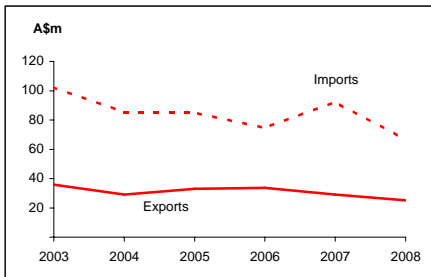
General information:

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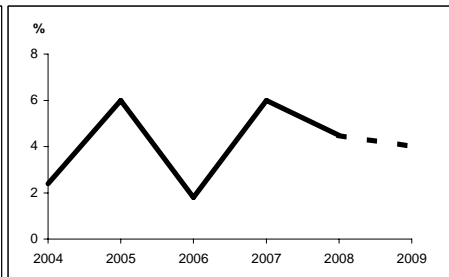
Capital:	Apia	Head of State:	HH Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi
Surface area:	2,944 sq km	Head of Government:	Prime Minister The Hon Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi
Official languages:	Samoaan, English		
Population:	192,000 (2008)		
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 2.0061 Tala (Jan 2009)		

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$m) (current prices):	309	405	434	476	537	574
GDP PPP (US\$m) (c):	823	900	946	1,030	1,100	1,154
GDP per capita (US\$):	1,711	2,206	2,331	2,518	2,798	2,992
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	4,552	4,909	5,082	5,450	5,733	6,018
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	2.4	6.0	1.8	6.0	4.5	4.0
Current account balance (US\$m):	-21	-6	-20	-29	-51	-48
Current account balance (% GDP):	-6.8	-1.6	-4.6	-6.1	-9.4	-8.4
Goods and services exports (% GDP):	28.1	28.3	31.3	30.1	32.7	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	7.9	1.9	3.8	6.0	7.1	5.1

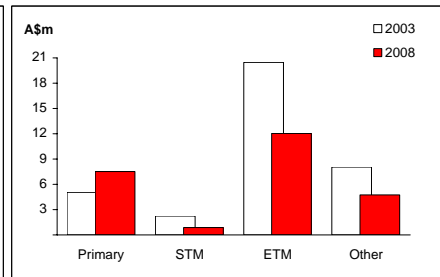
Australia's merchandise trade with Samoa



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to Samoa



Australia's trade relationship with Samoa (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Samoa, 2008:

Exports to Samoa (A\$m):	25	Total share:	0.0%	Rank:	90th	Growth (yoy):	-13.4%
Imports from Samoa (A\$m):	66		0.0%		63rd		-28.3%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	92		0.0%		73rd		-24.7%

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

Milk & cream	2
Electrical circuits equipment	2
Paper & paperboard, cut to size	1
Cereal preparations	1

*Includes A\$4m of special transactions, 16% of total exports.

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

Electrical distributing equipment	65
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Australia's trade in services with Samoa, 2008:

Exports of services to Samoa (A\$m):	na	Total share:	na
Imports of services from Samoa (A\$m):	na		na

Samoa's global merchandise trade relationships:

Samoa's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	Australia	81.7%
2	New Zealand	10.2%
3	American Samoa	3.6%

Samoa's principal import sources, 2008:

1	Australia	25.6%
2	New Zealand	22.8%
3	United States	12.5%

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.