

SAMOA

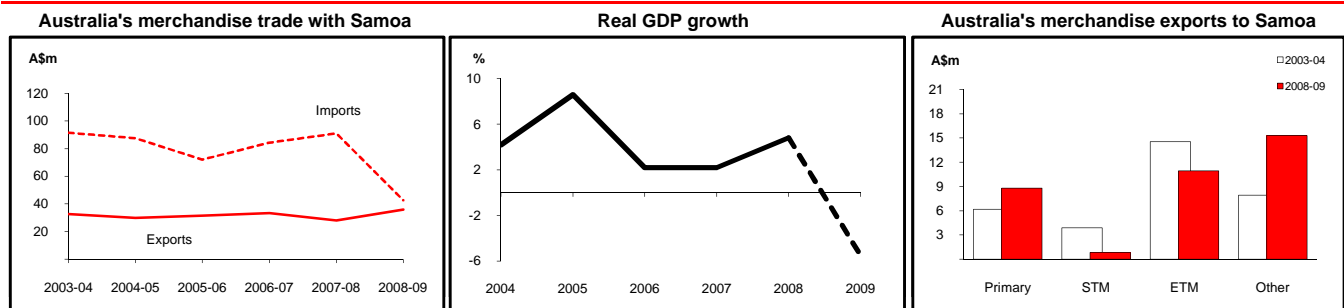
Fact Sheet

General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

Capital:	Apia	Head of State:	
Surface area:	2,944 sq km	HH Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi	
Official languages:	Samoaan, English	Head of Government:	
Population:	192,000 (2009)	Prime Minister The Hon Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi	
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 2.1837 Tala (Aug 2009)		

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$m) (current prices):	376	407	453	517	500	567
GDP PPP (US\$m) (c):	830	916	967	1,017	1,088	1,044
GDP per capita (US\$):	2,080	2,218	2,431	2,736	2,608	2,956
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	4,593	4,996	5,195	5,380	5,674	5,446
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	4.2	8.6	2.2	2.2	4.8	-5.5
Current account balance (US\$m):	-32	-39	-50	-83	-31	-12
Current account balance (% GDP):	-8.5	-9.6	-11.1	-16.1	-6.2	-2.1
Goods and services exports (% GDP):	28.1	28.3	31.3	30.1	32.7	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	7.8	7.8	3.2	4.5	6.2	14.2



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

Australian merchandise trade with Samoa, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Samoa (A\$m):	36	0.0%	81st	28.9%
Imports from Samoa (A\$m):	43	0.0%	68th	-53.2%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	78	0.0%	79th	-33.9%

Major Australian exports, 2008-09* (A\$m):

Milk & cream	2
Paper & paperboard, cut to size	1
Tobacco, manufactured	1
Sugars, molasses & honey	1

*Includes A\$15m of special transactions, 43% of total exports.

Major Australian imports, 2008-09 (A\$m):

Electrical distributing equipment	42
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Australia's trade in services with Samoa, 2008-09:

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

Australia's investment relationship with Samoa, 2008 (e):

	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Samoa. (A\$m):	90	90
Samoa's investment in Australia (A\$m):	33	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; (e) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available.