



# SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Fact Sheet

## General information:

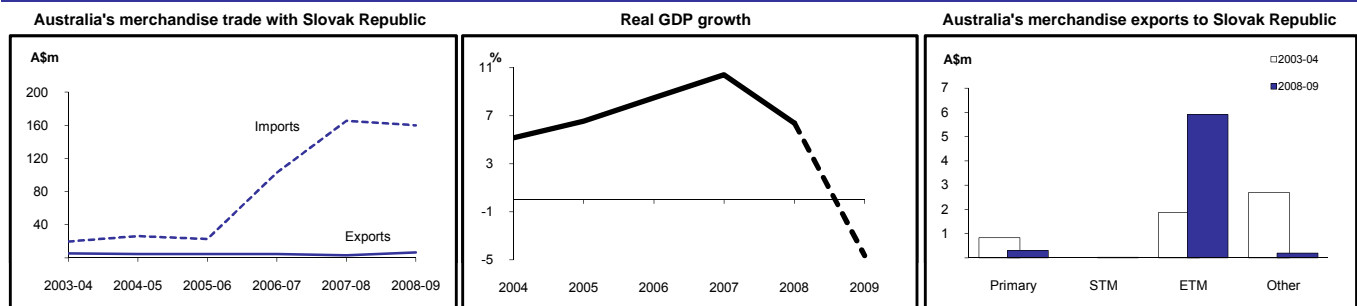
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**Capital:** Bratislava  
**Surface area:** 49 thousand sq km  
**Official language:** Slovak  
**Population:** 5.4 million (2009)  
**Exchange rate:** A\$1 = 0.5848 Euros (Aug 2009)

**Head of State:**  
 President HE Dr Ivan Gašparovič

**Head of Government:**  
 Prime Minister HE Mr Robert Fico

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	42.3	48.0	56.0	75.2	95.4	88.3
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	78.7	86.4	96.8	109.9	119.5	115.7
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	7,853	8,903	10,382	13,924	17,646	16,315
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	14,617	16,031	17,945	20,355	22,097	21,374
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	5.2	6.5	8.5	10.4	6.4	-4.7
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	-3,302	-4,072	-3,931	-4,007	-6,220	-7,106
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	-7.8	-8.5	-7.0	-5.3	-6.5	-8.0
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	74.2	75.6	84.2	86.3	82.6	57.2
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	7.5	2.7	4.5	2.7	4.6	1.5



## Australia's trade and investment relationship with Slovak Republic (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Slovak Republic, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Slovak Republic (A\$m):	6	0.0%	138th	130.9%
Imports from Slovak Republic (A\$m):	160	0.1%	52nd	-3.3%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	166	0.0%	69th	-1.1%

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

Specialised machinery & parts	2
Electronic integrated circuits	1
Mechanical handling equip & parts	1

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

Passenger motor vehicles	101
Musical instruments & parts	8
Furniture, mattresses & cushions	7
Glassware	4

### Australia's trade in services with Slovak Republic, 2008-09:

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

### Australia's investment relationship with Slovak Republic, 2008 (e):

	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Slovak Republic (A\$m):	15	np
Slovak Republic's investment in Australia (A\$m):	np	na

## Slovak Republic's global merchandise trade relationships:

### Slovak Republic's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	Germany	20.2%
2	Czech Republic	13.1%
3	France	6.8%
30	Australia	0.2%

### Slovak Republic's principal import sources, 2008:

1	Germany	19.8%
2	Czech Republic	11.4%
3	Russian Federation	10.7%
53	Australia	0.0%

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.