



SWITZERLAND

Fact Sheet

General information:

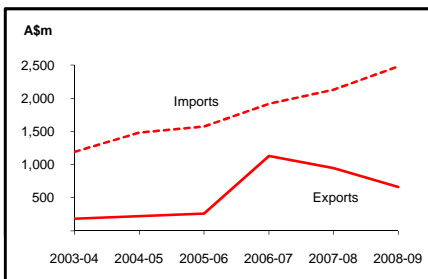
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Capital:	Berne
Surface area:	41 thousand sq km
Official languages:	German, French, Italian
Population:	7.3 million (2009)
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 0.8916 Francs (Aug 2009)

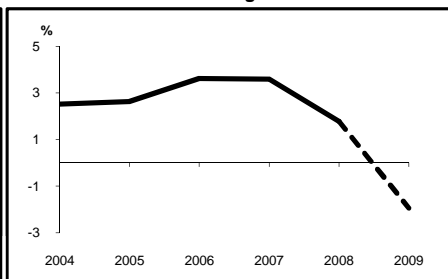
Head of State and Head of Government:
HE Federal President Mr Hans-Rudolf Merz,
President of the Swiss Confederation

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	363.0	372.5	391.2	434.1	500.3	484.1
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	253.1	266.4	285.0	303.8	315.8	314.4
GDP per capita (US\$):	49,992	51,207	53,691	59,475	68,433	66,127
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	34,856	36,619	39,116	41,618	43,196	42,948
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	2.5	2.6	3.6	3.6	1.8	-2.0
Current account balance (US\$m):	46,802	50,620	56,317	43,032	12,065	29,731
Current account balance (% GDP):	12.9	13.6	14.4	9.9	2.4	6.1
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	51.2	54.0	56.9	61.5	63.6	47.2
Inflation (% change yoy):	0.8	1.2	1.0	0.7	2.4	-0.4

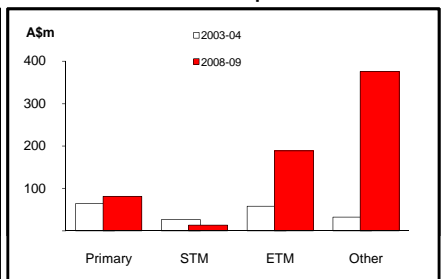
Australia's merchandise trade with Switzerland



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to Switzerland



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

Australian merchandise trade with Switzerland, 2008-09:

Exports to Switzerland (A\$m):	660
Imports from Switzerland (A\$m):	2,481
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	3,141

Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
0.3%	31st	-30.0%
1.1%	17th	16.5%
0.7%	24th	2.2%

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

Gold	340
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	67
Meat (excl beef)	40
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	33

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

Medicaments (incl veterinary)	600
Watches & clocks	263
Orthopaedic appliances	195
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	151

Australia's trade in services with Switzerland, 2008-09:

Exports of services to Switzerland (A\$m):	810
Imports of services from Switzerland (A\$m):	1,551

Total share:
1.5%
2.7%

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

Transportation	289
Business & professional	213

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

Transportation	710
Royalties & license fees	329

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

	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Switzerland (A\$m):	15,411	4,497
Switzerland's investment in Australia (A\$m):	38,133	19,509

Switzerland's global merchandise trade relationships:

Switzerland's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	Germany	19.7%
2	United States	9.6%
3	Italy	8.7%
21	Australia	1.0%

Switzerland's principal import sources, 2008:

1	Germany	33.3%
2	Italy	10.9%
3	France	9.4%
44	Australia	0.1%

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.