



SWITZERLAND

Fact Sheet

General information:

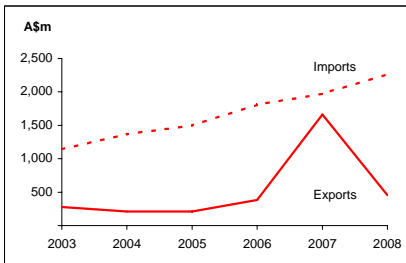
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Capital:	Berne
Surface area:	41 thousand sq km
Official languages:	German, French, Italian
Population:	7.3 million (2008)
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 0.7563 Francs (Feb 2009)

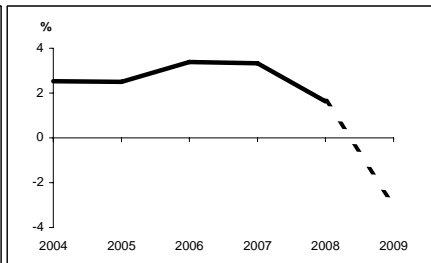
Head of State and Head of Government:
HE Federal President Mr Hans-Rudolf Merz,
President of the Swiss Confederation

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	363.4	372.6	388.7	427.1	492.6	452.0
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	253.1	266.0	283.8	301.2	312.8	306.3
GDP per capita (US\$):	50,052	51,219	53,340	58,513	67,385	61,741
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	34,856	36,567	38,953	41,265	42,783	41,840
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	2.5	2.5	3.4	3.3	1.6	-3.0
Current account balance (US\$m):	46,858	50,704	56,382	43,109	44,847	34,212
Current account balance (% GDP):	12.9	13.6	14.5	10.1	9.1	7.6
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	51.1	54.0	57.2	62.5	55.9	56.2
Inflation (% change yoy):	0.8	1.2	1.0	0.7	2.4	-0.6

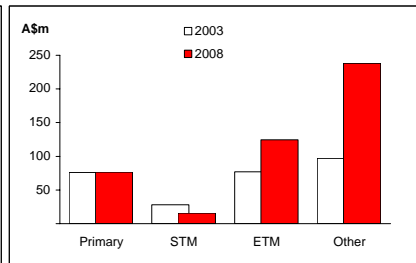
Australia's merchandise trade with Switzerland



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to Switzerland



Australia's trade relationship with Switzerland (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Switzerland, 2008:

Exports to Switzerland (A\$m):	455
Imports from Switzerland (A\$m):	2,264
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	2,719

<u>Total share:</u>	<u>Rank:</u>	<u>Growth (yoy):</u>
0.2%	35th	-72.6%
1.0%	20th	14.7%
0.6%	28th	-25.2%

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

Gold	207
Meat (excl beef)	35
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	28
Precious metal ores & conc (excl gold)	26

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

Medicaments (incl veterinary)	500
Watches & clocks	214
Aircraft, spacecraft & parts	183
Orthopaedic appliances	180

Australia's trade in services with Switzerland, 2008:

Exports of services to Switzerland (A\$m):	644
Imports of services from Switzerland (A\$m):	1,500

Total share:

1.2%
2.8%

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

Transportation	226
Business & professional	192

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

Transportation	769
Royalties & license fees	329

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.