



# TUNISIA

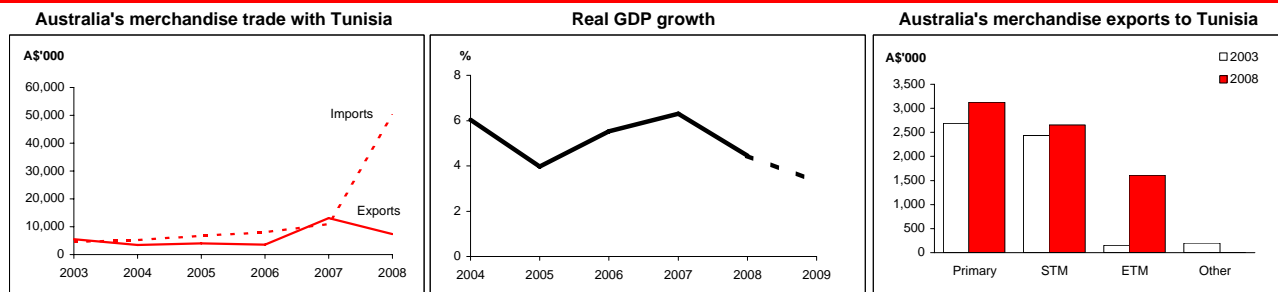
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

<b>Capital:</b>	Tunis	<b>Head of State:</b>	
<b>Surface area:</b>	164 thousand sq km	<b>President HE Zine El Abidine Ben Ali</b>	
<b>Official language:</b>	Arabic		
<b>Population:</b>	10.3 million (2008)	<b>Head of Government:</b>	
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$0 = 1.9320 Dinars (Feb 2009)	<b>Prime Minister HE Mr Mohamed Ghannouchi</b>	

<b>Recent economic indicators:</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008(a)</b>	<b>2009(b)</b>
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	28.3	29.0	31.1	35.1	40.3	39.8
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	59.9	64.8	70.6	77.0	82.2	85.7
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	2,845	2,895	3,072	3,434	3,907	3,813
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	6,028	6,461	6,968	7,535	7,963	8,220
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	6.0	4.0	5.5	6.3	4.5	3.3
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	-761	-297	-620	-917	-1,798	-1,155
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	-2.7	-1.0	-2.0	-2.6	-4.5	-2.9
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	47.1	50.5	51.4	57.1	51.4	48.8
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	3.6	2.0	4.5	3.1	5.0	3.2



## Australia's trade relationship with Tunisia (d):

<b>Australian merchandise trade with Tunisia, 2008:</b>		<b>Total share:</b>	<b>Rank:</b>	<b>Growth (yoy):</b>
Exports to Tunisia (A\$'000):	7,394	0.0%	135th	-43.4%
Imports from Tunisia (A\$'000):	49,902	0.0%	68th	350.7%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	57,296	0.0%	84th	137.4%

<b>Major Australian exports, 2008 (A\$'000):</b>		<b>Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$'000):</b>	
Zinc	2,581	Fertilisers (excl crude)	32,681
Meat (excl beef)	2,049	Clothing	8,934
Milk & cream	1,017	Vehicle parts & accessories	817
Specialised machinery & parts	452	Footwear	391

<b>Australia's trade in services with Tunisia, 2008:</b>		<b>Total share:</b>
Exports of services to Tunisia (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Tunisia (A\$m):	na	na

## Tunisia's global merchandise trade relationships.

<b>Tunisia's principal export destinations, 2008:</b>			<b>Tunisia's principal import sources, 2008:</b>		
1	France	28.5%	1	France	18.5%
2	Italy	20.7%	2	Italy	17.2%
3	Germany	6.9%	3	Russian Federation	7.5%
32	Australia	0.2%	72	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.

na Data not available.