

# UNITED KINGDOM

Fact Sheet

## General information:

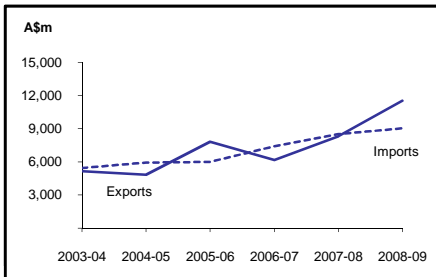
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<b>Capital:</b>	London
<b>Surface area:</b>	243 thousand sq km
<b>Official language:</b>	English
<b>Population:</b>	61.5 million (2009)
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = 0.5042 Pounds (Aug 2009)

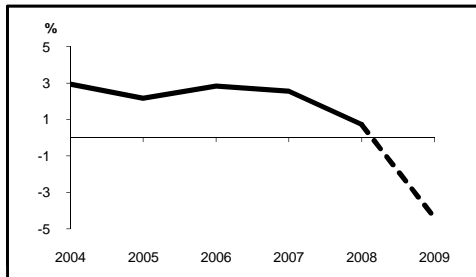
<b>Head of State:</b>	HM Queen Elizabeth II
<b>Head of Government:</b>	Prime Minister The Rt Hon Gordon Brown

<i>Recent economic indicators:</i>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
<b>GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):</b>	2,203.6	2,282.9	2,443.0	2,800.1	2,680.0	2,198.2
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	1,835.4	1,932.7	2,052.5	2,165.3	2,228.0	2,163.5
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	36,821	37,898	40,321	45,922	43,734	35,728
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	30,668	32,084	33,878	35,512	36,358	35,165
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	3.0	2.2	2.9	2.6	0.7	-4.4
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	-45,643	-59,784	-80,785	-75,483	-46,457	-44,735
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	-2.1	-2.6	-3.3	-2.7	-1.7	-2.0
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	24.8	25.9	28.0	26.0	28.1	26.9
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	1.3	2.0	2.3	2.3	3.6	1.9

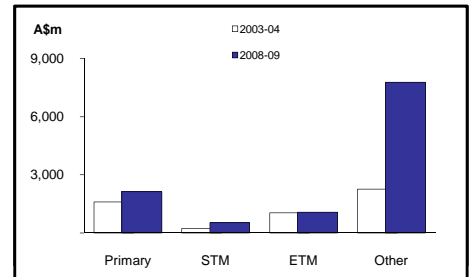
Australia's merchandise trade with the United Kingdom



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to the United Kingdom



## Australia's trade and investment relationship with the United Kingdom (d):

### Australian merchandise trade with the United Kingdom, 2008-09:

Exports to the United Kingdom (A\$m):	11,508
Imports from the United Kingdom (A\$m):	9,024
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	20,532

<u>Total share:</u>	<u>Rank:</u>	<u>Growth (yoy):</u>
5.0%	6th	38.5%
4.1%	7th	6.2%
4.6%	5th	22.2%

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

Gold	7,017
Coal	1,032
Alcoholic beverages	737
Lead	432

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

Gold	2,672
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	879
Passenger motor vehicles	342
Printed matter	330

### Australia's trade in services with the United Kingdom, 2008-09:

Exports of services to the United Kingdom (A\$m):	4,418
Imports of services from the United Kingdom (A\$m):	5,092

### Total share:

8.3%
9.0%

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

Personal travel excl education	2,220
Business & professional	752

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

Personal travel excl education	1,907
Business & professional	1,225

### Australia's investment relationship with the United Kingdom 2008 (e):

	<u>Total:</u>	<u>FDI:</u>
Australia's investment in the United Kingdom (A\$m):	158,079	23,002
United Kingdom's investment in Australia (A\$m):	427,070	60,373

## United Kingdom's global merchandise trade relationships:

### United Kingdom's principal export destinations, 2008:

1	United States	14.1%
2	Germany	11.5%
3	Netherlands	7.7%
18	Australia	1.2%

### United Kingdom's principal import sources, 2008:

1	Germany	13.0%
2	United States	8.7%
3	China	7.9%
30	Australia	0.6%

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.