

# UNITED STATES

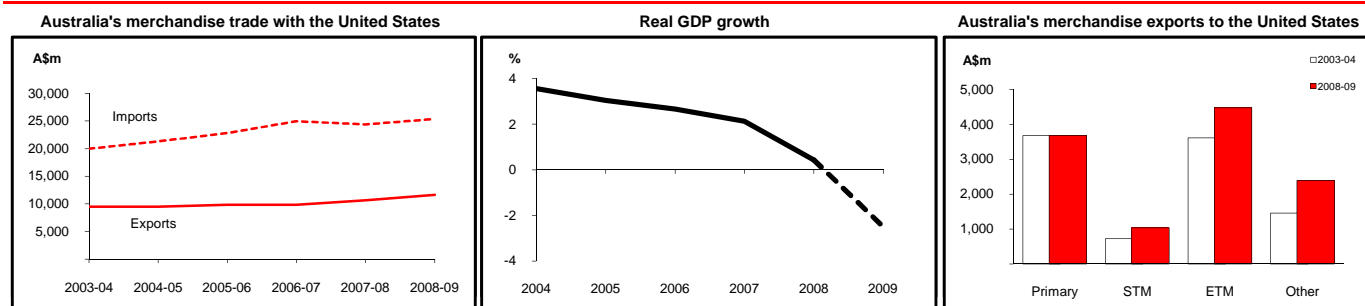
Fact Sheet

## General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

<b>Capital</b>	Washington D.C.	<b>Head of State and Head of Government:</b>
<b>Surface area:</b>	9,364 thousand sq km	President The Hon Barack H Obama
<b>Official language:</b>	English	
<b>Population:</b>	307.2 million (2009)	
<b>Exchange rate:</b>	A\$1 = US\$0.8344 (Aug 2009)	

<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>	11,867.8	12,638.4	13,398.9	14,077.7	14,441.4	14,266.2
<b>GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):</b>	11,867.8	12,638.4	13,398.9	14,077.7	14,441.4	14,266.2
<b>GDP per capita (US\$):</b>	40,472	42,708	44,857	46,674	47,440	46,443
<b>GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):</b>	40,472	42,708	44,857	46,674	47,440	46,443
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy):</b>	3.6	3.1	2.7	2.1	0.4	-2.5
<b>Current account balance (US\$m):</b>	-631,134	-748,685	-803,546	-726,572	-706,068	-369,787
<b>Current account balance (% GDP):</b>	-5.3	-5.9	-6.0	-5.2	-4.9	-2.6
<b>Goods &amp; services exports (% GDP):</b>	9.8	10.1	10.8	11.7	12.6	10.6
<b>Inflation (% change yoy):</b>	2.7	3.4	3.2	2.9	3.8	-0.4



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

<b>Australia's merchandise trade with the United States, 2008-09:</b>		<b>Total share:</b>	<b>Rank:</b>	<b>Growth (yoy):</b>
Exports to the United States (A\$m):	11,598	5.0%	5th	9.4%
Imports from the United States (A\$m) (e):	25,338	11.5%	2nd	..
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m) (e):	36,937	8.2%	3rd	..

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

Beef	1,231
Alcoholic beverages	765
Crude petroleum	725
Aircraft, spacecraft & parts	554

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

Civil engineering equipment & parts	1,127
Measuring & analysing instruments	1,036
Goods vehicles	882
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	827

\*Includes \$2.3bn of confidential items & special transactions, mainly alumina, 20% of total exports.

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

Exports of services to the United States (A\$m):	5,841	<b>Total share:</b>	11.0%
Imports of services from the United States (A\$m):	10,304		18.2%

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

Business & professional	2,006
Transportation	853

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

Business & professional	2,872
Personal travel excl education	2,472

### Australia's investment relationship with the United States, 2008 (f):

Australia's investment in the United States (A\$m):	<b>Total:</b>	394,614	<b>FDI:</b>	121,435
United States' investment in Australia (A\$m):		418,445		95,417

## United States' global merchandise trade relationships:

### United States' principal export destinations, 2008:

1	Canada	20.1%
2	Mexico	11.7%
3	China	5.5%
14	Australia	1.7%

### United States' principal import sources, 2008:

1	China	16.1%
2	Canada	16.0%
3	Mexico	10.3%
33	Australia	0.5%

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 forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding; (e) Excludes imports of civil aircraft after September 2008; (f) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS.