



THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA

Fact Sheet

General information:

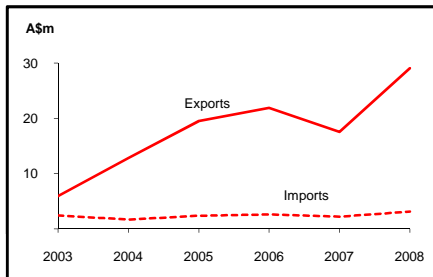
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Capital:	Caracas
Surface area:	912 thousand sq km
Official language:	Spanish
Population:	28.1 million (2008)
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 1.7616 Bolivares (Sep 2008)

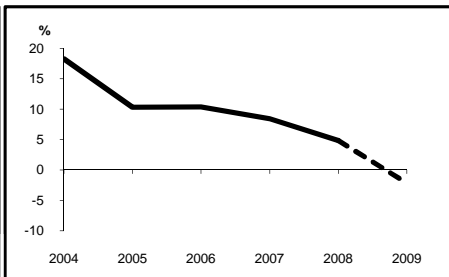
Head of State and Head of Government:
President HE Mr Hugo Rafael CHÁVEZ Frías

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	112.8	144.1	184.3	227.8	319.4	294.3
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	231.2	264.1	300.8	334.9	358.6	354.0
GDP per capita (US\$):	4,354	5,453	6,834	8,282	11,388	10,286
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	8,925	9,992	11,157	12,176	12,785	12,373
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	18.3	10.3	10.3	8.4	4.8	-2.2
Current account balance (US\$m):	15,519	25,534	27,167	20,001	39,202	-1,173
Current account balance (% GDP):	13.8	17.7	14.7	8.8	12.3	-0.4
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	36.2	39.5	36.2	31.1	29.9	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	21.7	16.0	13.7	18.7	30.4	36.5

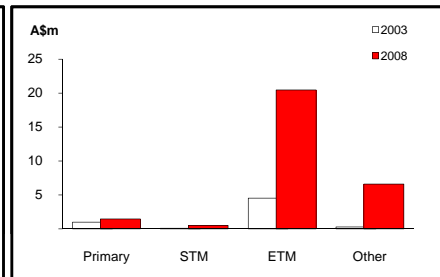
Australia's merchandise trade with Venezuela (d):



Real GDP growth



Australia's merchandise exports to Venezuela



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

Australian merchandise trade with Venezuela, 2008:

Exports to Venezuela (A\$m):	29	Total share:	0.0%	Rank:	85th	Growth (yoy):	65.9%
Imports from Venezuela (A\$m):	3		0.0%		119th		42.9%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	32		0.0%		103rd		63.3%

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

Medicaments (incl veterinary)	5
Vehicle parts & accessories	3
Non-electrical machinery & parts	2
Prams, toys, games & sporting goods	1

* Includes A\$6.5m of confidential items, 22% of total exports.

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

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Australia's trade in services with Venezuela, 2008:

Exports of services to Venezuela (A\$m):	na	Total share:	na
Imports of services from Venezuela (A\$m):	na		na

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

Australia's investment in Venezuela (A\$m):	np	Total:	np	FDI:	np
Venezuela's investment in Australia (A\$m):	np		np		na

Venezuela's global merchandise trade relationships:

Venezuela's principal export destinations, 2007:

1	United States	42.7%
2	Netherlands Antilles	8.0%
3	China	3.1%
67	Australia	0.0%

Venezuela's principal import sources, 2007:

1	United States	26.6%
2	Colombia	13.5%
3	Brazil	9.5%
55	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 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. na Data not available. np Data not published.