



VIETNAM

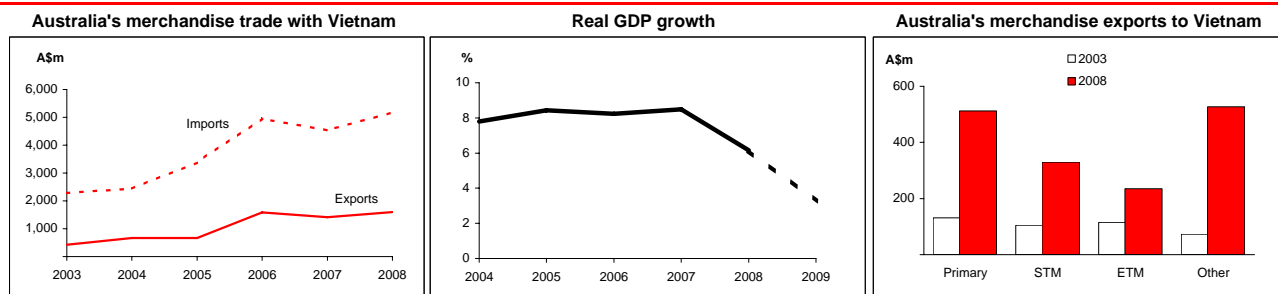
Fact Sheet

General information:

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Capital:	Hanoi	Head of State:	
Surface area:	332 thousand sq km	President HE Nguyen Minh Triet	
Official language:	Vietnamese	Head of Government:	
Population:	86.3 million (2008)	Prime Minister HE Mr Nguyen Tan Dung	
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 11,117.85 Dong (Dec 2008)		

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$bn) (current prices):	45.5	52.9	60.9	71.1	89.8	89.2
GDP PPP (US\$bn) (c):	159.9	178.1	198.9	221.6	240.4	250.5
GDP per capita (US\$):	554	636	722	835	1,040	1,019
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	1,949	2,140	2,357	2,602	2,784	2,862
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	7.8	8.4	8.2	8.5	6.2	3.3
Current account balance (US\$m):	-1,591	-560	-164	-6,992	-8,430	-4,317
Current account balance (% GDP):	-3.5	-1.1	-0.3	-9.8	-9.4	-4.8
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	66.8	69.2	73.7	76.7	79.3	61.1
Inflation (% change yoy):	7.9	8.4	7.5	8.3	23.1	6.0



Australia's trade relationship with Vietnam (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Vietnam, 2008:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Vietnam (A\$m):	1,603	0.7%	21st	13.1%
Imports from Vietnam (A\$m):	5,188	2.3%	13th	14.3%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	6,791	1.5%	15th	14.0%

Major Australian exports, 2008 (A\$m):		Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$m):	
Gold	426	Crude petroleum	4,127
Wheat	184	Gold	164
Copper	154	Furniture, mattresses & cushions	109
Aluminium	101	Fruit & nuts	83

Australia's trade in services with Vietnam, 2008:		Total share:
Exports of services to Vietnam (A\$m):	599	1.1%
Imports of services from Vietnam (A\$m):	567	1.1%

Major Australian service exports, 2008 (A\$m):		Major Australian service imports, 2008 (A\$m):	
Education-related travel	465	Personal travel excl education	396
Personal travel excl education	57	Transportation	77

Vietnam's global merchandise trade relationships.

Vietnam's principal export destinations, 2007:			Vietnam's principal import sources, 2007:		
1	United States	20.8%	1	China	19.9%
2	Japan	12.5%	2	Singapore	12.1%
3	Australia	7.3%	3	Taiwan	11.0%
			14	Australia	1.7%

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.