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General information

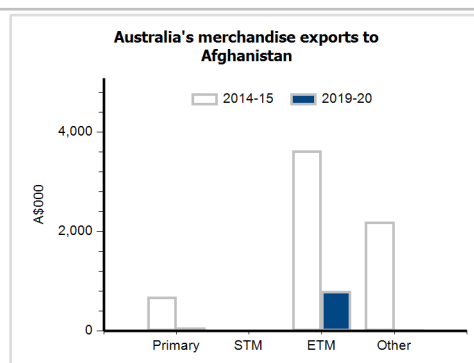
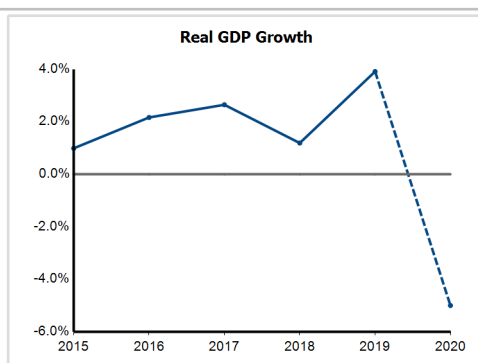
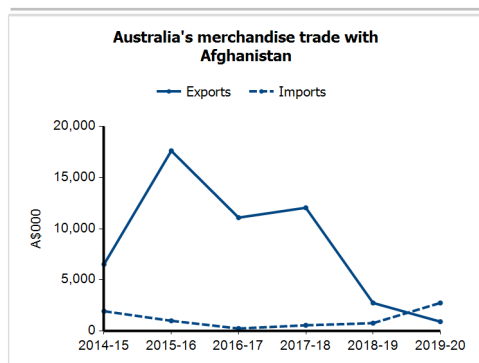
Capital: Kabul
Land area: 652,860 sq km
Official language(s): Pashto, Dari
Population: 37.2 million (2019)
Currency: Afghani

Head of State and Head of Government

President HE Mohammad Ashraf Ghani

Economic indicators (a)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	20.2	18.0	18.9	18.4	18.9	19.0
GDP per capita (US\$)	599.3	519.2	532.2	505.9	507.3	499.4
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	72.1	70.1	74.7	77.4	81.9	78.9
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	2,135.8	2,022.7	2,102.8	2,128.4	2,200.5	2,072.9
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	1.0	2.2	2.6	1.2	3.9	-5.0
Current account balance (US\$b)	0.8	1.6	1.4	2.2	2.2	1.8
Current account balance (% GDP)	3.8	9.0	7.6	12.2	11.7	9.5
Inflation (% change yoy)	-0.7	4.4	5.0	0.6	2.3	5.4
Unemployment (% labour force)	na	na	11.2	na	na	na



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Afghanistan (b)

Australian merchandise trade with Afghanistan, 2019-20 (A\$000)		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Afghanistan	904	0.0%	175th	-66.9%
Imports from Afghanistan	2,737	0.0%	134th	261.2%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	3,640	0.0%	164th	4.3%

Major Australian exports, 2019-20 (A\$000)

Telecom equipment & parts	529
Measuring & analysing instruments	98
Electrical machinery & parts, nes	64
Non-ferrous waste & scrap	57

Major Australian imports, 2019-20 (A\$000)

Fruit & nuts	2,335
Floor coverings	225
Spices	39
Fruit, prepared or preserved	15

Australia's trade in services with Afghanistan, 2019-20 (A\$m)

Exports of services to Afghanistan	9	0.0%	117th	-50.0%
Imports of services from Afghanistan	68	0.1%	65th	-4.2%

Australia's investment relationship with Afghanistan, 2019 (A\$m)

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Afghanistan	np	0
Afghanistan's investment in Australia	0	0

Afghanistan's global merchandise trade relationships

Afghanistan's principal export destinations, 2018

1 Pakistan	42.9%
2 India	40.6%
3 China	3.2%
23 Australia	0.1%

Afghanistan's principal import sources, 2018

1 Iran	17.1%
2 China	15.7%
3 Pakistan	14.7%
22 Australia	0.1%

Compiled by the Statistics Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources

(a) Economic indicators data is from the IMF WEO where available, the EIU or other reputable source. Data may include forecasts or projections for recent years. GNI may be shown in lieu of GDP for countries where GDP data is unavailable.
 (b) Merchandise trade data is based on published and unpublished ABS data. May exclude confidential items of trade. Totals may not add up due to rounding. Investment data is stocks as at end December.

All data may be subject to future revisions.

GDP - Gross Domestic Product PPP - Purchasing power parity GNI - Gross National Income na - Data is not available np - Data is not published .. - Data is not meaningful Primary - Primary goods STM - Simply transformed manufactures
 ETM - Elaborately transformed manufactures Other - Other goods including non-monetary gold f.c.f. - Fresh, chilled or frozen nes - Not elsewhere specified