



## General information

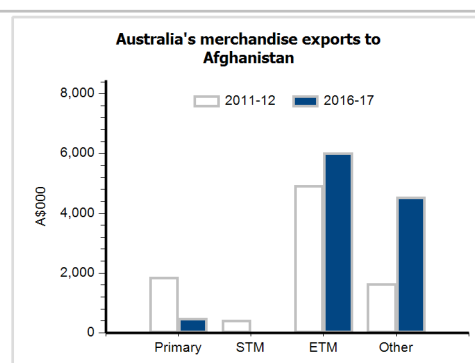
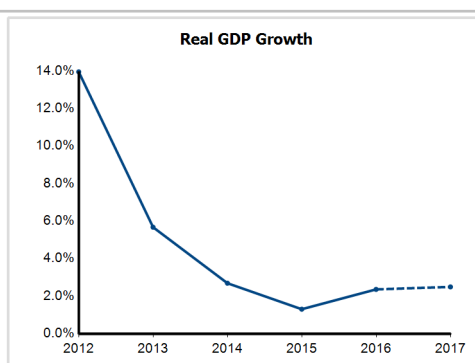
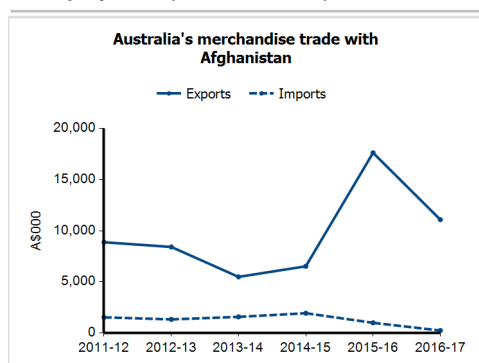
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| <b>Capital:</b>              | Kabul               |
| <b>Land area:</b>            | 652,860 sq km       |
| <b>Official language(s):</b> | Pashto, Dari        |
| <b>Population:</b>           | 33.4 million (2016) |
| <b>Currency:</b>             | Afghani             |

## Head of State and Head of Government

President HE Mohammad Ashraf Ghani

## Economic indicators (a)

|  | 2012    | 2013    | 2014    | 2015    | 2016    | 2017    |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>GDP (US\$b) (current prices)</b>    | 20.3    | 20.2    | 20.6    | 20.1    | 19.5    | 21.1    |
| <b>GDP per capita (US\$)</b>           | 680.4   | 660.2   | 659.1   | 627.3   | 582.5   | 572.2   |
| <b>GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)</b>             | 55.9    | 60.1    | 62.8    | 64.3    | 66.7    | 69.5    |
| <b>GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)</b>   | 1,875.0 | 1,965.8 | 2,007.1 | 2,008.7 | 1,995.6 | 1,888.9 |
| <b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy)</b>  | 14.0    | 5.7     | 2.7     | 1.3     | 2.4     | 2.5     |
| <b>Current account balance (US\$b)</b> | 2.2     | 0.1     | 1.2     | 0.6     | 1.4     | 1.0     |
| <b>Current account balance (% GDP)</b> | 10.8    | 0.3     | 5.7     | 3.0     | 7.1     | 4.7     |
| <b>Inflation (% change yoy)</b>        | 6.4     | 7.4     | 4.7     | -0.7    | 4.4     | 6.0     |
| <b>Unemployment (% labour force)</b>   | 8.2     | 8.4     | 8.4     | 8.5     | 8.5     | na      |



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

| Australian merchandise trade with Afghanistan, 2016-17 (A\$000) | Total share | Rank | Growth (yoy) |        |
|---|-------------|------|--------------|--------|
| Exports to Afghanistan  | 11,084      | 0.0% | 111th        | -37.1% |
| Imports from Afghanistan  | 232         | 0.0% | 179th        | -76.5% |
| Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)                     | 11,316      | 0.0% | 140th        | -39.2% |

### Major Australian exports, 2016-17 (A\$000)

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Telecom equipment & parts         | 5,196 |
| Beef, f.c.f.                      | 310   |
| Iron, steel, aluminium structures | 267   |
| Musical instruments & parts       | 141   |

### Major Australian imports, 2016-17 (A\$000)

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Floor coverings           | 91 |
| Fruit & nuts              | 54 |
| Women's clothing, knitted | 16 |
| Computers                 | 15 |

\*Includes \$4.6m of confidential items &amp; special transactions, 41% of total exports.

### Australia's trade in services with Afghanistan, 2016-17 (A\$m)

|                                      | Total share | Rank | Growth (yoy) |        |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|------|--------------|--------|
| Exports of services to Afghanistan   | 7           | 0.0% | 113th        | -41.7% |
| Imports of services from Afghanistan | 60          | 0.1% | 65th         | 30.4%  |

### Australia's investment relationship with Afghanistan, 2016 (A\$m)

|                                       | Total | FDI |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Australia's investment in Afghanistan | np    | 0   |
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## Afghanistan's global merchandise trade relationships

### Afghanistan's principal export destinations, 2016

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| 1 Pakistan   | 47.5% |
| 2 India      | 38.6% |
| 3 Iran       | 3.2%  |
| 23 Australia | 0.1%  |

### Afghanistan's principal import sources, 2016

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| 1 Iran       | 19.4% |
| 2 Pakistan   | 18.3% |
| 3 China      | 16.7% |
| 30 Australia | 0.1%  |