



General information

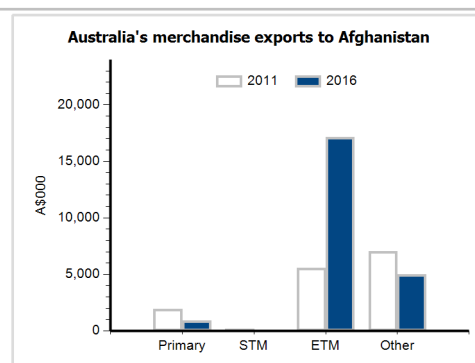
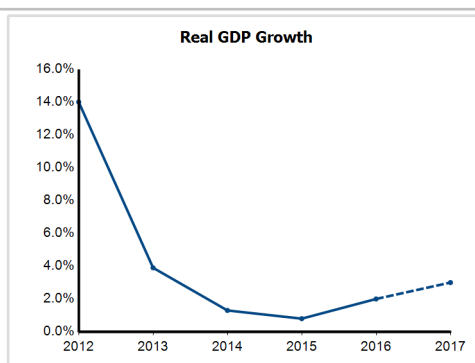
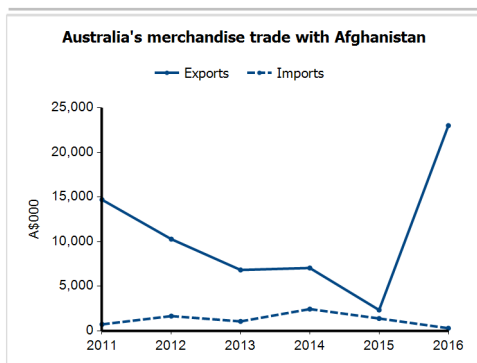
Capital:	Kabul
Land area:	652,860 sq km
Official language(s):	Pashto, Dari
Population:	33.4 million (2016)
Currency:	Afghani

Head of State and Head of Government

President HE Mohammad Ashraf Ghani

Economic indicators (a)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	20.3	20.2	20.4	19.7	18.9	20.6
GDP per capita (US\$)	680.5	660.2	650.7	615.1	565.4	559.0
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	55.9	59.1	60.9	62.0	64.1	67.5
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	1,875.0	1,933.2	1,946.6	1,937.4	1,918.6	1,833.2
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	14.0	3.9	1.3	0.8	2.0	3.0
Current account balance (US\$b)	1.1	1.7	0.5	0.6	1.3	0.9
Current account balance (% GDP)	5.3	8.5	2.2	2.9	7.1	4.5
Inflation (% change yoy)	6.4	7.4	4.7	-1.5	4.4	6.0
Unemployment (% labour force)	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 (A\$000)

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Afghanistan	23,022	0.0%	90th	883.5%
Imports from Afghanistan	299	0.0%	170th	-78.5%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	23,321	0.0%	118th	524.9%

Major Australian exports, 2016 (A\$000)

Telecom equipment & parts	14,400
Electrical machinery & parts, nes	1,604
Beef, f.c.f.	602
Electrical distributing equipment	480

Major Australian imports, 2016 (A\$000)

Fruit & nuts	103
Floor coverings	84
Other textile clothing	24
Women's clothing, knitted	23

*Includes \$5m of confidential items & special transactions, 22% of total exports.

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

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Afghanistan	7	0.0%	112th	-46.2%
Imports of services from Afghanistan	57	0.1%	66th	0.0%

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

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

Afghanistan's global merchandise trade relationships

Afghanistan's principal export destinations, 2015

1 Pakistan	39.7%
2 India	33.1%
3 Iran	5.1%
15 Australia	0.2%

Afghanistan's principal import sources, 2015

1 Iran	23.4%
2 Pakistan	17.4%
3 China	13.5%
44 Australia	0.0%