



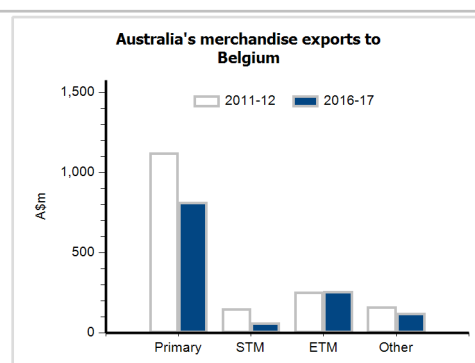
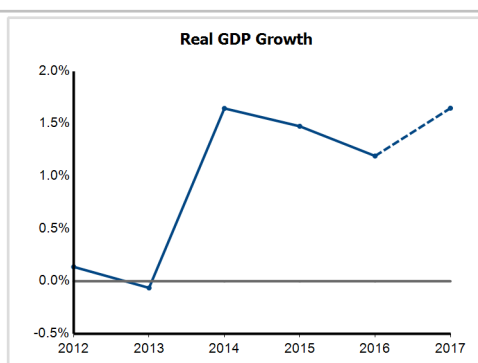
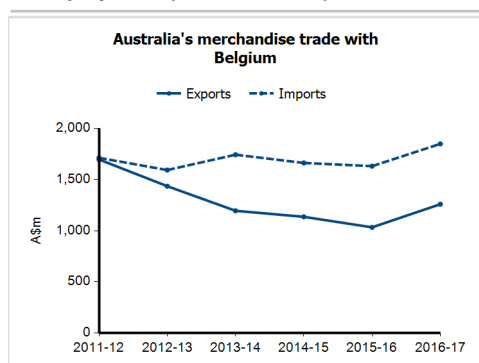
## General information

<b>Capital:</b>	Brussels
<b>Land area:</b>	30,280 sq km
<b>Official language(s):</b>	Dutch, French, German
<b>Population:</b>	11.3 million (2016)
<b>Currency:</b>	Euro

<b>Head of State</b>	His Majesty King Philippe
<b>Head of Government</b>	Prime Minister Mr Charles Michel

## Economic indicators (a)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>GDP (US\$b) (current prices)</b>	498.2	520.3	532.6	455.2	466.6	491.7
<b>GDP per capita (US\$)</b>	44,900.1	46,613.2	47,634.7	40,509.8	41,247.9	43,243.3
<b>GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)</b>	460.8	468.0	484.2	496.7	509.0	526.4
<b>GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)</b>	41,535.4	41,927.3	43,308.0	44,200.8	45,002.9	46,300.6
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy)</b>	0.1	-0.1	1.6	1.5	1.2	1.6
<b>Current account balance (US\$b)</b>	-0.3	-1.7	-3.6	2.0	-1.8	-1.5
<b>Current account balance (% GDP)</b>	-0.1	-0.3	-0.7	0.4	-0.4	-0.3
<b>Inflation (% change yoy)</b>	2.6	1.2	0.5	0.6	1.8	2.2
<b>Unemployment (% labour force)</b>	7.6	8.5	8.6	8.5	7.9	7.5



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

Australian merchandise trade with Belgium, 2016-17 (A\$m)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports to Belgium	1,259	0.4%	24th	21.9%
Imports from Belgium	1,850	0.7%	26th	13.4%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	3,109	0.5%	24th	16.7%

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

Oil-seeds & oleaginous fruits, soft	516
Coal	132
Aircraft, spacecraft & parts	50
Other ores & concentrates	43

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

Passenger motor vehicles	319
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	291
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	187
Textile yarn	55

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

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports of services to Belgium	176	0.2%	41st	53.0%
Imports of services from Belgium	127	0.2%	47th	22.1%

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

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Belgium	3,290	np
Belgium's investment in Australia (c)	270,067	4,026

## Belgium's global merchandise trade relationships

### Belgium's principal export destinations, 2016

1 Germany	16.7%
2 France	15.4%
3 The Netherlands	11.2%
30 Australia	0.5%

### Belgium's principal import sources, 2016

1 The Netherlands	16.1%
2 Germany	13.6%
3 France	9.5%
48 Australia	0.2%