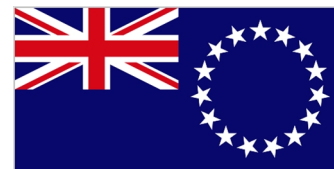




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# COOK ISLANDS



Fact sheets are updated biannually; June and December

## General information

<b>Capital:</b>	Avarua
<b>Land area:</b>	240 sq km
<b>Official language(s):</b>	English
<b>Population:</b>	11,700 (2016)
<b>Currency:</b>	New Zealand dollar

### Head of State

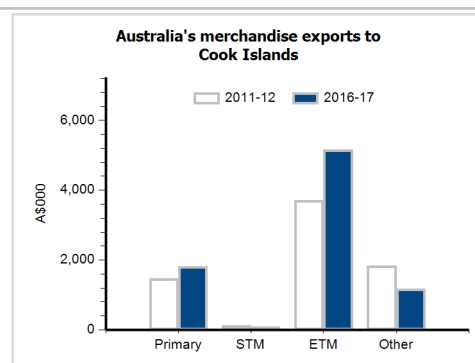
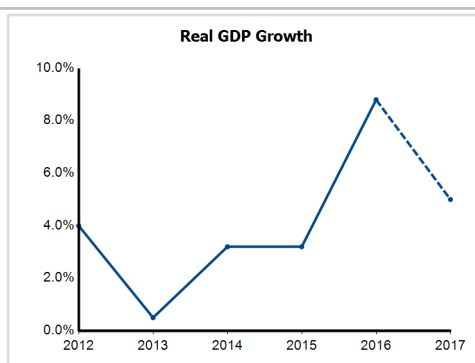
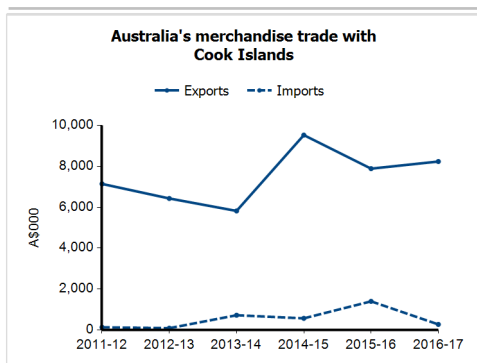
HM Queen Elizabeth II represented by Governor-General HE Tom John Marsters

### Head of Government

Prime Minister The Hon Henry Puna

## Economic indicators (a)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>GDP (US\$m) (current prices)</b>	302.1	301.6	315.4	285.5	288.0	na
<b>GDP per capita (US\$)</b>	22,212.0	22,845.2	25,228.7	23,792.8	24,614.5	na
<b>GDP PPP (Int'l \$m)</b>	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)</b>	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy)</b>	4.0	0.5	3.2	3.2	8.8	5.0
<b>Current account balance (US\$m)</b>	59.8	70.6	82.3	53.7	56.2	na
<b>Current account balance (% GDP)</b>	19.8	23.4	26.1	18.8	19.5	27.6
<b>Inflation (% change yoy)</b>	2.8	2.6	1.6	3.0	-0.1	-0.1
<b>Unemployment (% labour force)</b>	na	na	na	na	na	na



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

### Australian merchandise trade with Cook Islands, 2016-17 (A\$'000)

Exports to Cook Islands	8,238
Imports from Cook Islands	269
<b>Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)</b>	<b>8,507</b>

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Cook Islands	0.0%	120th	4.4%
Imports from Cook Islands	0.0%	174th	-80.8%
<b>Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>148th</b>	<b>-8.4%</b>

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

Alcoholic beverages	790
Electrical circuits equipment	480
Heating & cooling equipment & parts	383
Meat (excl beef), f.c.f.	364

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

Fish, f.c.f.	98
Gold coin & legal tender coin	56
Aircraft, spacecraft & parts	50
Coin (excl gold coin) not legal tender	18

\*Includes \$1.1m of confidential items & special transactions, 13% of total exports.

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

Exports of services to Cook Islands	6
Imports of services from Cook Islands	55

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Cook Islands	0.0%	118th	-14.3%
Imports of services from Cook Islands	0.1%	69th	7.8%

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

Australia's investment in Cook Islands	40
Cook Islands' investment in Australia	np

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Cook Islands	40	40
Cook Islands' investment in Australia	np	np

## Cook Islands' global merchandise trade relationships

### Cook Islands' principal export destinations, 2015

1 Japan	50.1%
2 China	20.5%
3 Australia	7.6%
4 New Zealand	4.2%

### Cook Islands' principal import sources, 2015

1 New Zealand	61.4%
2 Fiji	5.2%
3 Australia	2.5%
4 United States	6.1%

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