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# DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



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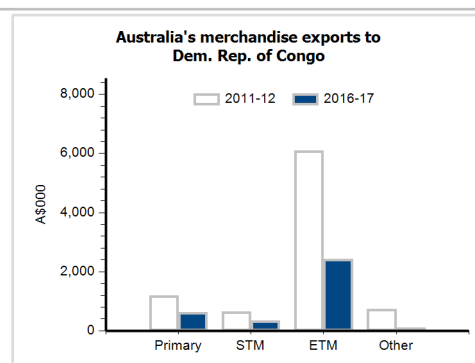
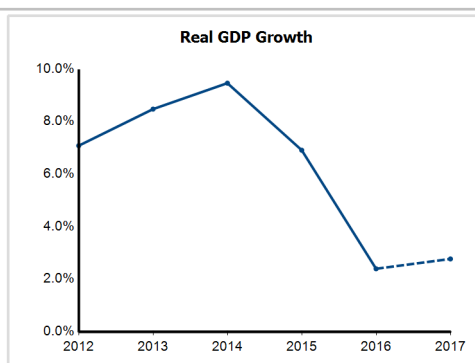
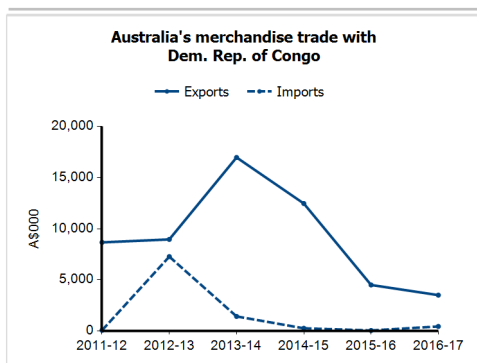
## General information

<b>Capital:</b>	Kinshasa
<b>Land area:</b>	2,267,050 sq km
<b>Official language(s):</b>	French
<b>Population:</b>	84.1 million (2016)
<b>Currency:</b>	Congolese Franc

<b>Head of State</b>	President Joseph Kabila
<b>Head of Government</b>	Prime Minister Bruno Tshibala

## Economic indicators (a)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>GDP (US\$b) (current prices)</b>	27.6	32.7	35.9	38.4	39.3	40.4
<b>GDP per capita (US\$)</b>	368.8	424.4	452.9	470.2	467.4	466.4
<b>GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)</b>	47.2	52.1	58.0	62.7	65.0	68.0
<b>GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)</b>	631.8	676.2	731.5	767.6	772.9	784.6
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy)</b>	7.1	8.5	9.5	6.9	2.4	2.8
<b>Current account balance (US\$b)</b>	-1.3	-1.7	-1.7	-1.5	-1.3	-1.8
<b>Current account balance (% GDP)</b>	-4.6	-5.2	-4.8	-3.9	-3.4	-4.6
<b>Inflation (% change yoy)</b>	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	18.2	41.7
<b>Unemployment (% labour force)</b>	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6	na



## Australia's trade and investment relationship with Dem. Rep. of Congo (b)

Australian merchandise trade with Dem. Rep. of Congo, 2016-17 (A\$000)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports to Dem. Rep. of Congo	3,502	0.0%	144th	-22.1%
Imports from Dem. Rep. of Congo	435	0.0%	168th	953.7%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	3,937	0.0%	163rd	-13.2%

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

Civil engineering equipment & parts	565
Worn clothing & rags	473
Taps, cocks & valves	265
Tubes & pipes of iron or steel	246

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

Coffee & substitutes	193
Fruit & nuts	166
Wood, simply worked	21
Computers	20

### Australia's trade in services with Dem. Rep. of Congo, 2016-17 (A\$m)

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports of services to Dem. Rep. of Congo	1	0.0%	154th	0.0%
Imports of services from Dem. Rep. of Congo	0	0.0%	..	-100.0%

### Australia's investment relationship with Dem. Rep. of Congo, 2016 (A\$m)

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Dem. Rep. of Congo	0	0
Dem. Rep. of Congo's investment in Australia	0	0

## Dem. Rep. of Congo's global merchandise trade relationships

### Dem. Rep. of Congo's principal export destinations, 2016

1 China	35.0%
2 Zambia	16.6%
3 Republic of Korea	8.7%
60 Australia	0.0%

### Dem. Rep. of Congo's principal import sources, 2016

1 China	20.9%
2 South Africa	16.3%
3 Zambia	8.8%
58 Australia	0.0%

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