



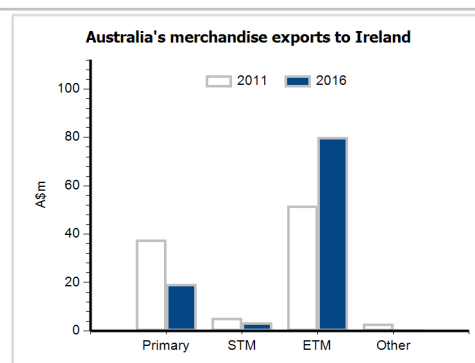
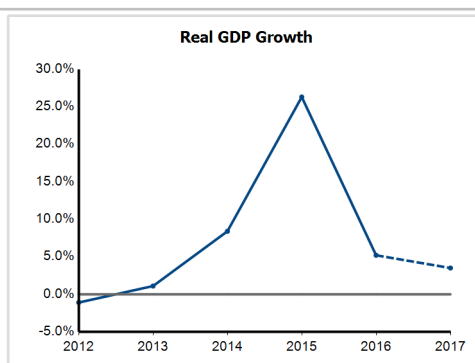
General information

Capital:	Dublin
Land area:	68,890 sq km
Official language(s):	Irish, English
Population:	4.7 million (2016)
Currency:	Euro

Head of State
President HE Mr Michael D Higgins
Head of Government
An Taoiseach Mr Leo Varadkar

Economic indicators (a)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	225.8	239.0	255.9	283.4	293.6	294.2
GDP per capita (US\$)	49,133.3	51,853.3	55,371.6	60,896.2	62,562.3	62,085.4
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	210.7	216.3	238.8	304.8	324.9	343.7
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	45,836.8	46,937.8	51,673.2	65,481.8	69,230.8	72,529.5
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	-1.1	1.1	8.4	26.3	5.2	3.5
Current account balance (US\$b)	-5.9	5.1	4.3	29.0	13.9	13.7
Current account balance (% GDP)	-2.6	2.1	1.7	10.2	4.7	4.7
Inflation (% change yoy)	1.9	0.5	0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.9
Unemployment (% labour force)	14.7	13.1	11.3	9.4	7.9	6.5



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Ireland (b)

Australian merchandise trade with Ireland, 2016 (A\$m)

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Ireland	103	0.0%	57th	61.8%
Imports from Ireland	2,730	1.0%	19th	30.7%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	2,834	0.5%	24th	31.6%

Major Australian exports, 2016 (A\$m)

Medicaments (incl veterinary)	57
Alcoholic beverages	15
Medical instruments (incl veterinary)	3
Sugars, molasses & honey	3

Major Australian imports, 2016 (A\$m)

Medicaments (incl veterinary)	1,399
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	337
Misc manufactured articles, nes	293
Computers	149

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

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Ireland	511	0.7%	25th	-2.3%
Imports of services from Ireland	1,058	1.4%	18th	-2.9%

Major Australian services exports, 2016 (A\$m)

Professional, technical & other business	192
Personal travel excluding education	142

Major Australian services imports, 2016 (A\$m)

Charges for the use of Intellectual Property nie	675
Personal travel excluding education	243

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

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Ireland	12,898	-287
Ireland's investment in Australia	26,138	4,044

Ireland's global merchandise trade relationships

Ireland's principal export destinations, 2016

1 United States	25.8%
2 United Kingdom	12.8%
3 Belgium	12.6%
12 Australia	1.3%

Ireland's principal import sources, 2016

1 United Kingdom	23.8%
2 United States	16.5%
3 France	12.5%
35 Australia	0.2%