



General information

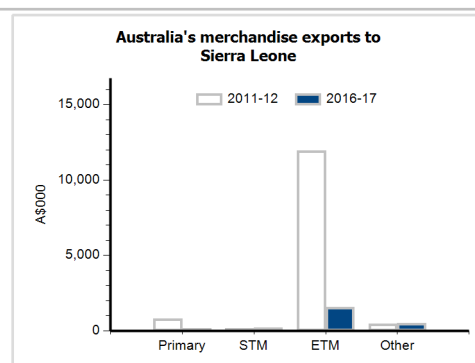
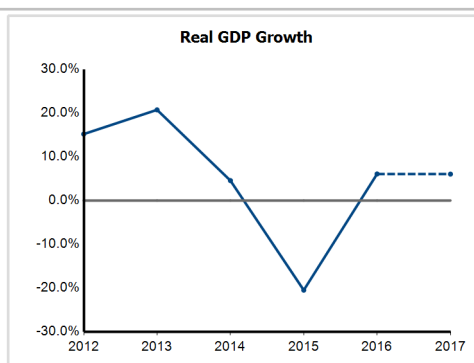
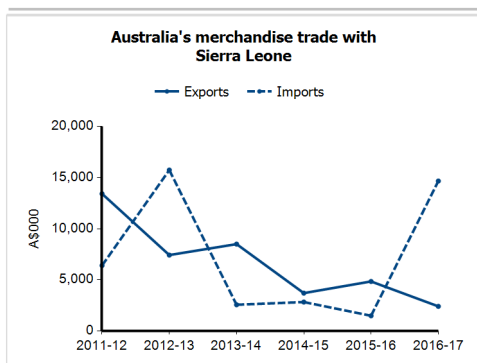
Capital:	Freetown
Land area:	72,180 sq km
Official language(s):	English
Population:	6.4 million (2016)
Currency:	Leone

Head of State and Head of Government

President HE Dr Ernest Bai Koroma

Economic indicators (a)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	3.8	4.9	5.0	4.3	3.7	3.9
GDP per capita (US\$)	635.9	805.3	803.4	672.9	577.1	593.9
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	9.7	11.9	12.6	10.1	10.9	11.8
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	1,616.6	1,942.3	2,024.6	1,605.0	1,692.0	1,791.3
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	15.2	20.7	4.6	-20.5	6.1	6.0
Current account balance (US\$b)	-1.2	-0.9	-0.9	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8
Current account balance (% GDP)	-31.8	-17.5	-18.2	-17.4	-19.7	-21.1
Inflation (% change yoy)	13.8	9.8	8.3	9.0	11.5	16.9
Unemployment (% labour force)	3.1	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.0	na



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Sierra Leone (b)

Australian merchandise trade with Sierra Leone, 2016-17 (A\$000)

Exports to Sierra Leone	2,400
Imports from Sierra Leone	14,666
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	17,065

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Sierra Leone	0.0%	154th	-50.4%
Imports from Sierra Leone	0.0%	102nd	890.3%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	0.0%	130th	170.1%

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

Civil engineering equipment & parts	855
Plastic articles, nes	183
Measuring & analysing instruments	170
Other inorganic chemicals	115

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

Other ores & concentrates	11,672
Prams, toys, games & sporting goods	393
Ships, boats & floating structures	350
Telecom equipment & parts	345

*Includes \$494,000 of special transactions, 21% of total exports.

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

Exports of services to Sierra Leone	1
Imports of services from Sierra Leone	3

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Sierra Leone	0.0%	154th	0.0%
Imports of services from Sierra Leone	0.0%	138th	-25.0%

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

Australia's investment in Sierra Leone	0
Sierra Leone's investment in Australia	np

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Sierra Leone	0	0
Sierra Leone's investment in Australia	np	0

Sierra Leone's global merchandise trade relationships

Sierra Leone's principal export destinations, 2016

1 Côte d'Ivoire	34.7%
2 United States	31.0%
3 Belgium	19.3%
32 Australia	0.0%

Sierra Leone's principal import sources, 2016

1 China	12.6%
2 United States	9.8%
3 India	7.8%
42 Australia	0.2%