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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA



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General information

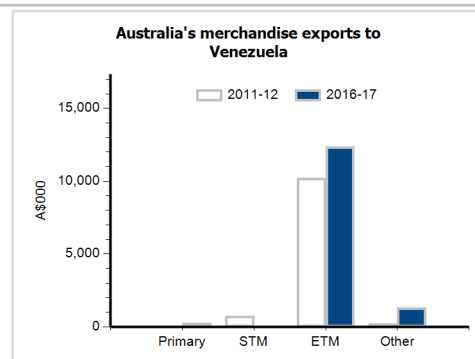
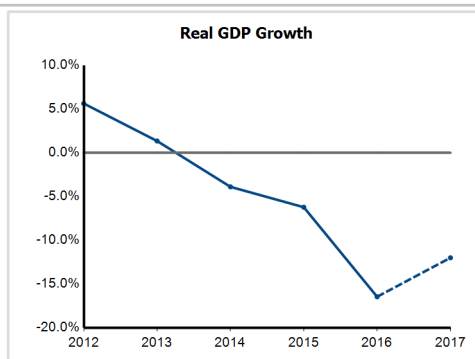
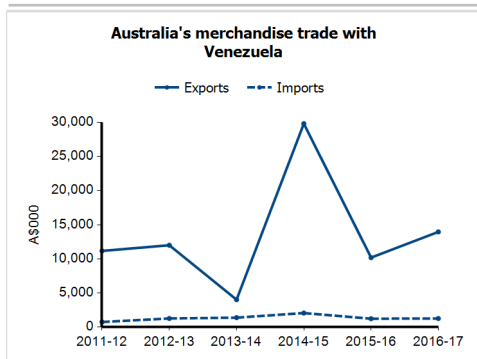
Capital:	Caracas
Land area:	882,050 sq km
Official language(s):	Spanish
Population:	31.0 million (2016)
Currency:	Bolívar fuerte

Head of State and Head of Government

President HE Mr Nicolas Maduro Moros

Economic indicators (a)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	331.5	234.4	212.3	242.6	236.4	215.3
GDP per capita (US\$)	11,287.3	7,869.4	7,029.9	7,922.7	7,620.2	6,850.1
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	538.2	554.2	542.2	514.0	434.9	389.4
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	18,328.0	18,607.5	17,950.6	16,786.3	14,016.0	12,388.3
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	5.6	1.3	-3.9	-6.2	-16.5	-12.0
Current account balance (US\$b)	2.6	4.6	4.9	-16.1	-3.9	-0.9
Current account balance (% GDP)	0.8	2.0	2.3	-6.6	-1.6	-0.4
Inflation (% change yoy)	21.1	43.5	57.3	111.8	254.4	652.7
Unemployment (% labour force)	7.8	7.5	6.7	7.4	20.6	26.4



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

Australian merchandise trade with Venezuela, 2016-17 (A\$000)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports to Venezuela	13,945	0.0%	106th	37.1%
Imports from Venezuela	1,231	0.0%	148th	2.5%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	15,176	0.0%	132nd	33.5%

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

Goods vehicles	5,822
Civil engineering equipment & parts	4,313
Vehicle parts & accessories	1,670
Animal feed	248

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

Alcoholic beverages	435
Cocoa	119
Crude animal matter, nes	100
Pumps (excl liquid pumps) & parts	89

*Includes \$160,000 of confidential items, 13% of total imports.

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

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports of services to Venezuela	64	0.1%	66th	20.8%
Imports of services from Venezuela	2	0.0%	150th	-60.0%

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

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Venezuela	877	np
Venezuela's investment in Australia	1	np

Venezuela's global merchandise trade relationships

Venezuela's principal export destinations, 2016

1 United States	35.3%
2 India	17.3%
3 China	14.2%
86 Australia	0.0%

Venezuela's principal import sources, 2016

1 United States	21.4%
2 China	13.9%
3 Brazil	7.2%
82 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