**General information**

- **Capital:** Kabul
- **Land area:** 652,860 sq km
- **Official language(s):** Pashto, Dari
- **Population:** 35.5 million (2017)
- **Currency:** Afghani

**Economic indicators (a)**

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<th>Year</th>
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**Australia’s trade and investment relationship with Afghanistan (b)**

### Australia's trade with Afghanistan, 2017-18 (A$000)

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<td>Total exports to Afghanistan</td>
<td>12,050</td>
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<td>Total imports from Afghanistan</td>
<td>549</td>
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<td>Total merchandise trade</td>
<td>12,599</td>
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### Major Australian exports, 2017-18 (A$000)

- Telecom equipment & parts: 8,236
- Fruit & nuts: 2,050
- Aircraft, spacecraft & parts: 247
- Vegetables, f.c.f.: 209

### Major Australian imports, 2017-18 (A$000)

- Fruit & nuts: 230
- Floor coverings: 112
- Measuring & analysing instruments: 60
- Spices: 56

### Australia’s trade in services with Afghanistan, 2017-18 (A$m)

- Exports of services to Afghanistan: 13
- Imports of services from Afghanistan: 74

### Australia’s investment relationship with Afghanistan, 2017 (A$m)

- Australia's investment in Afghanistan: np
- Afghanistan's investment in Australia: np

### Afghanistan’s global merchandise trade relationships

- **Afghanistan’s principal export destinations, 2017**
  - Pakistan: 44.1%
  - India: 34.6%
  - United Arab Emirates: 11.2%
  - Australia: 0.1%

- **Afghanistan’s principal import sources, 2017**
  - Iran: 20.9%
  - China: 20.0%
  - Pakistan: 13.9%
  - Australia: 0.1%

**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 EU 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(b) Merchandise trade data is based on published and unpublished ABS data.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 include confidential item of trade. Totals may not add up due to rounding. Investment data is stocks as at and December. All data may be subject to future revisions.