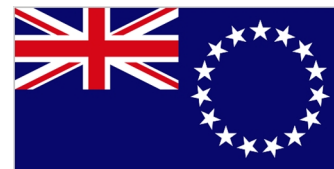




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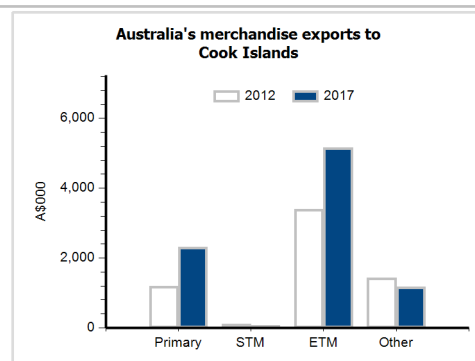
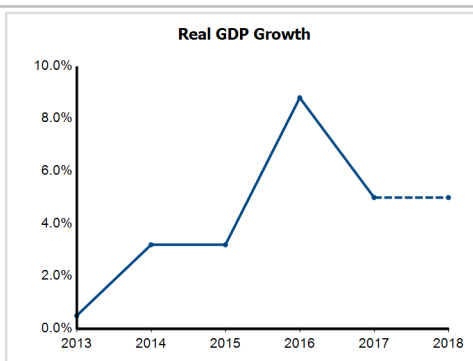
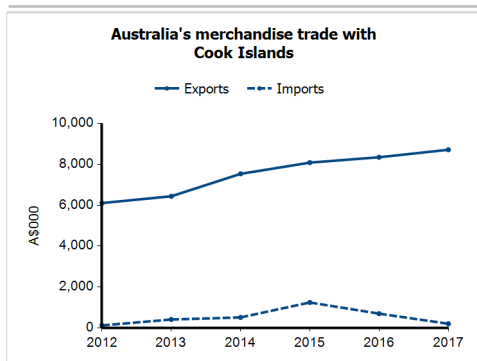
## General information

<b>Capital:</b>	Avarua
<b>Land area:</b>	240 sq km
<b>Official language(s):</b>	English
<b>Population:</b>	na (2017)
<b>Currency:</b>	New Zealand dollar

<b>Head of State</b>
HM Queen Elizabeth II represented by Governor-General HE Tom John Marsters
<b>Head of Government</b>
Prime Minister The Hon Henry Puna

## Economic indicators (a)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>GDP (US\$m) (current prices)</b>	301.6	315.4	285.5	288.0	na	na
<b>GDP per capita (US\$)</b>	22,845.2	25,228.7	23,792.8	24,614.5	na	na
<b>GDP PPP (Int'l \$m)</b>	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)</b>	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy)</b>	0.5	3.2	3.2	8.8	5.0	5.0
<b>Current account balance (US\$m)</b>	70.6	82.3	53.7	56.2	na	na
<b>Current account balance (% GDP)</b>	23.4	26.1	18.8	19.5	27.6	28.7
<b>Inflation (% change yoy)</b>	2.6	1.6	3.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.5
<b>Unemployment (% labour force)</b>	na	na	na	na	na	na



## Australia's trade and investment relationship with Cook Islands (b)

Australian merchandise trade with Cook Islands, 2017 (A\$000)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports to Cook Islands	8,717	0.0%	119th	4.4%
Imports from Cook Islands	203	0.0%	183rd	-70.9%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	8,919	0.0%	147th	-1.4%

### Major Australian exports, 2017 (A\$000)

Alcoholic beverages	986
Household-type equipment, nes	479
Meat (excl beef), f.c.f.	447
Heating & cooling equipment & parts	435

### Major Australian imports, 2017 (A\$000)

Fish, f.c.f.	98
Pearls & gems	45
Fruit juices	13
Gold coin & legal tender coin	11

\*Includes \$1m of confidential items & special transactions, 13% of total exports.

### Australia's trade in services with Cook Islands, 2017 (A\$m)

	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)	
Exports of services to Cook Islands	15	0.0%	103rd	114.3%
Imports of services from Cook Islands	57	0.1%	70th	11.8%

### Australia's investment relationship with Cook Islands, 2017 (A\$m)

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Cook Islands	np	np
Cook Islands' investment in Australia	np	np

## Cook Islands' global merchandise trade relationships

### Cook Islands' principal export destinations, 2015

1 Japan	50.1%
2 China	20.5%
3 Australia	7.6%
4 New Zealand	4.2%

### Cook Islands' principal import sources, 2015

1 New Zealand	61.4%
2 Fiji	5.2%
3 Australia	2.5%
4 United States	6.1%

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 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