



Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

SIERRA LEONE



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General information

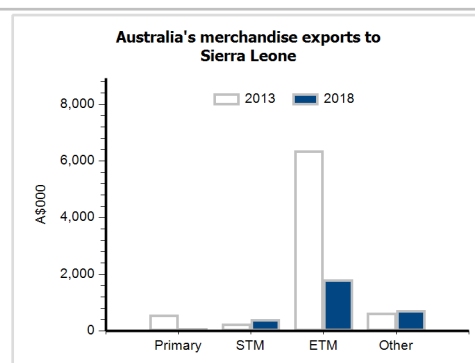
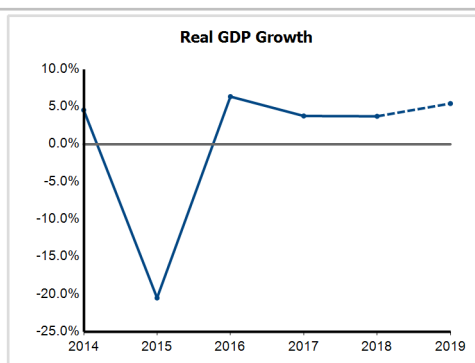
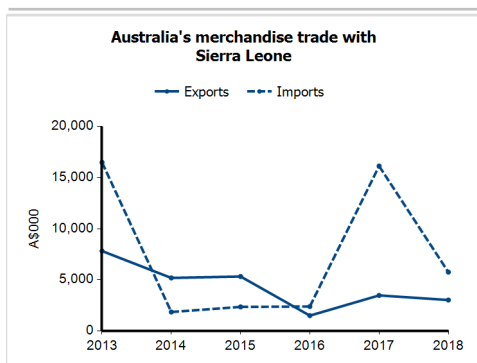
Capital:	Freetown
Land area:	72,180 sq km
Official language(s):	English
Population:	7.6 million (2018)
Currency:	Leone

Head of State and Head of Government

President HE Julius Maada Bio

Economic indicators (a)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	5.0	4.3	3.8	3.7	3.9	4.0
GDP per capita (US\$)	721.6	599.6	522.4	506.0	515.9	516.8
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	12.7	10.2	10.9	11.6	12.3	13.2
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	1,824.1	1,434.2	1,508.8	1,561.1	1,620.1	1,701.0
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	4.6	-20.5	6.4	3.8	3.7	5.4
Current account balance (US\$b)	-0.5	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5	-0.4
Current account balance (% GDP)	-9.3	-15.5	-2.3	-10.9	-13.8	-10.9
Inflation (% change yoy)	4.6	6.7	10.9	18.2	16.9	15.8
Unemployment (% labour force)	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.4	na



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

Australian merchandise trade with Sierra Leone, 2018 (A\$000)

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Sierra Leone	3,021	0.0%	148th	-13.1%
Imports from Sierra Leone	5,752	0.0%	122nd	-64.3%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	8,773	0.0%	148th	-55.3%

Major Australian exports, 2018 (A\$000)

Specialised machinery & parts	1,132
Other inorganic chemicals	218
Pearls & gems	167
Passenger motor vehicles	108

Major Australian imports, 2018 (A\$000)

Other ores & concentrates	1,760
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	1,186
Pearls & gems	434
Ships, boats & floating structures	222

*Includes \$722,000 of special transactions, 24% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Sierra Leone, 2018 (A\$m)

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Sierra Leone	10	0.0%	114th	400.0%
Imports of services from Sierra Leone	6	0.0%	132nd	100.0%

Australia's investment relationship with Sierra Leone, 2018 (A\$m)

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

Sierra Leone's global merchandise trade relationships

Sierra Leone's principal export destinations, 2017

1 The Netherlands	23.0%
2 China	13.0%
3 Côte d'Ivoire	12.2%
26 Australia	0.2%

Sierra Leone's principal import sources, 2017

1 China	16.8%
2 India	7.8%
3 Turkey	7.2%
43 Australia	0.2%

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