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# SOLOMON ISLANDS



## General information

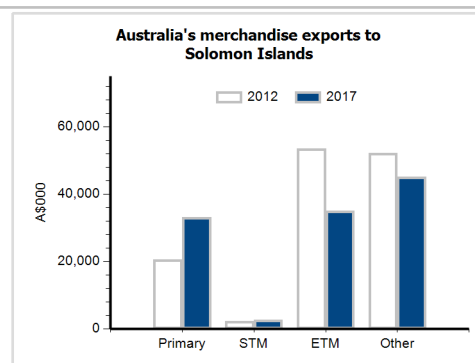
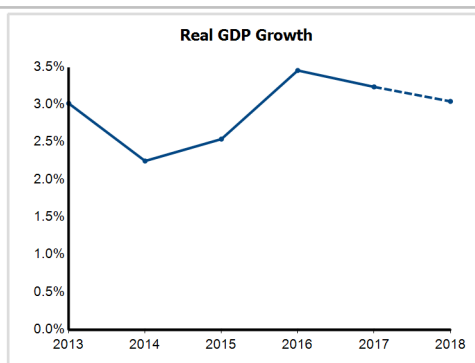
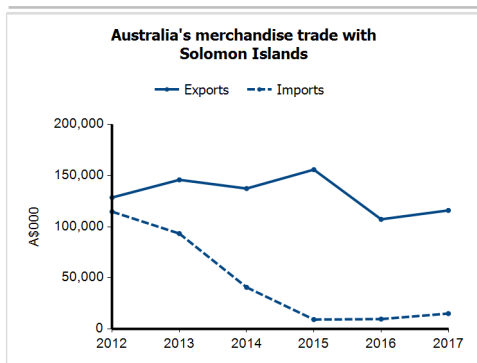
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**Capital:** Honiara  
**Land area:** 27,990 sq km  
**Official language(s):** English  
**Population:** 614,000 (2017)  
**Currency:** Solomon Islands dollar

**Head of State**  
 HM Queen Elizabeth II, represented by the Governor-General HE Sir Frank Ofagioro Kabui  
**Head of Government**  
 Prime Minister The Hon Rick Houenipwela

## Economic indicators (a)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>GDP (US\$b) (current prices)</b>	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4
<b>GDP per capita (US\$)</b>	2,010.3	2,042.1	1,971.6	2,056.6	2,080.7	2,195.1
<b>GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)</b>	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4
<b>GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)</b>	1,982.3	2,016.9	2,045.6	2,097.2	2,156.6	2,223.9
<b>Real GDP growth (% change yoy)</b>	3.0	2.3	2.5	3.5	3.2	3.0
<b>Current account balance (US\$m)</b>	-38.0	-50.0	-35.0	-49.0	-56.0	-69.0
<b>Current account balance (% GDP)</b>	-3.4	-4.3	-3.0	-3.9	-4.4	-5.0
<b>Inflation (% change yoy)</b>	5.4	5.2	-0.6	0.5	-0.4	1.3
<b>Unemployment (% labour force)</b>	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	na



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

Australian merchandise trade with Solomon Islands, 2017 (A\$000)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Solomon Islands	0.0%	59th	8.1%
Imports from Solomon Islands	0.0%	108th	56.2%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	0.0%	75th	12.1%

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

Meat (excl beef), f.c.f.	8,658
Wheat	4,112
Meat, prepared or preserved	3,369
Refined petroleum	3,309

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

Aircraft, spacecraft & parts	7,409
Wood, simply worked	4,305
Gold	1,221
Oil-seeds & oleaginous fruits, hard	405

\*Includes \$45m of confidential items & special transactions, 39% of total exports.

Australia's trade in services with Solomon Islands, 2017 (A\$m)	Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Solomon Islands	0.0%	78th	-36.5%
Imports of services from Solomon Islands	0.2%	47th	8.1%

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

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Solomon Islands	np	np
Solomon Islands' investment in Australia	200	0

## Solomon Islands' global merchandise trade relationships

### Solomon Islands' principal export destinations, 2016

1 China	62.5%
2 Italy	7.0%
3 United Kingdom	4.4%
11 Australia	1.2%

### Solomon Islands' principal import sources, 2016

1 Australia	20.4%
2 Singapore	15.5%
3 China	14.8%
4 Malaysia	10.5%

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