

General information

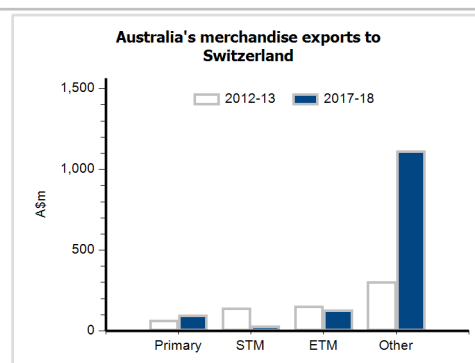
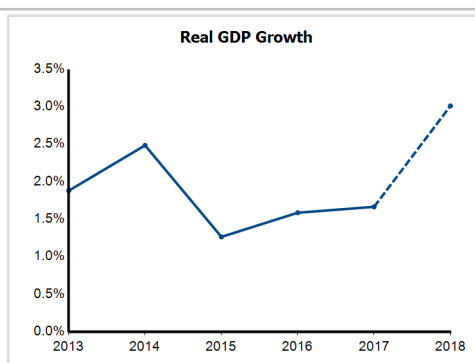
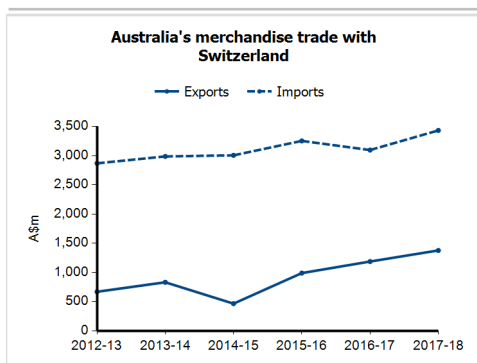
Capital:	Berne
Land area:	39,516 sq km
Official language(s):	German, French, Italian, Romansch
Population:	8.4 million (2017)
Currency:	Swiss franc

Head of State and Head of Government

HE Federal President Dr Alain Berset

Economic indicators (a)

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
GDP (US\$b) (current prices)	688.8	709.5	679.7	670.2	679.0	709.1
GDP per capita (US\$)	85,676.3	87,162.9	82,510.4	80,491.0	80,637.4	83,583.0
GDP PPP (Int'l \$b)	460.0	480.4	491.7	504.9	523.1	551.4
GDP per capita PPP (Int'l \$)	57,224.3	59,014.6	59,681.8	60,636.7	62,124.7	64,987.7
Real GDP growth (% change yoy)	1.9	2.5	1.3	1.6	1.7	3.0
Current account balance (US\$b)	78.0	60.4	73.7	63.2	66.6	72.3
Current account balance (% GDP)	11.3	8.5	10.8	9.4	9.8	10.2
Inflation (% change yoy)	-0.2	0.0	-1.1	-0.4	0.5	1.1
Unemployment (% labour force)	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.2	2.8



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

Australian merchandise trade with Switzerland, 2017-18 (A\$m)

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports to Switzerland	1,378	0.4%	24th	16.0%
Imports from Switzerland	3,433	1.1%	17th	10.8%
Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)	4,812	0.8%	21st	12.3%

Major Australian exports, 2017-18 (A\$m)

Gold	1,095
Meat (excl beef), f.c.f.	44
Medicaments (incl veterinary)	27
Beef, f.c.f.	25

Major Australian imports, 2017-18 (A\$m)

Medicaments (incl veterinary)	705
Watches & clocks	454
Gold	372
Pharm products (excl medicaments)	296

Australia's trade in services with Switzerland, 2017-18 (A\$m)

		Total share	Rank	Growth (yoy)
Exports of services to Switzerland	991	1.1%	19th	-0.4%
Imports of services from Switzerland	791	0.9%	23rd	-12.9%

Major Australian services exports, 2017-18 (A\$m)

Transport	319
Personal travel excluding education	244

Major Australian services imports, 2017-18 (A\$m)

Charges for the use of Intellectual Property nie	327
Transport	147

Australia's investment relationship with Switzerland, 2017 (A\$m)

	Total	FDI
Australia's investment in Switzerland	35,889	np
Switzerland's investment in Australia	53,693	9,224

Switzerland's global merchandise trade relationships

Switzerland's principal export destinations, 2017

1 Germany	15.1%
2 United States	12.3%
3 China	8.2%
21 Australia	0.8%

Switzerland's principal import sources, 2017

1 Germany	20.7%
2 United States	8.0%
3 Italy	7.5%
31 Australia	0.5%