



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Recent economic indicators:

	2006-07	2007-08
Estimated resident population:	2,106,119	2,163,247
Real Gross State Product growth (%):	7.1	5.2
Real GSP per head growth (%):	4.9	2.7
GSP (current prices) (A\$m):	139,247	156,752
Proportion of Australian GDP (%):	13.3	13.8
Change in real final demand (%):	8.7	9.3
Unemployment rate (%):	3.2	3.3

Goods and services trade:



Western Australia's trade, 2008:

	A\$m		
	Goods	Services	Total
Exports:	83,662	4,974	88,636
Imports:	32,873	8,396	41,269

% Share of Australian trade

Exports:	37.6	9.3	32.1
Imports:	14.6	15.6	14.8

Average annual goods and services export growth over the last 5 Years: 20.4%

Goods trade:

Western Australia's major exports, 2008:

	A\$m
Iron ore & concentrates	29,629
Gold	14,266
Crude petroleum	9,841
Natural gas	7,294
Wheat	2,418
Nickel ores & concentrates	1,289
Copper ores & concentrates	1,179
Liquefied propane & butane	758
Nickel	603
Refined petroleum	507

Western Australia's major imports, 2008:

	A\$m
Gold	8,332
Crude petroleum	3,353
Refined petroleum	3,048
Passenger motor vehicles	1,581
Civil engineering equipment & parts	1,238
Goods vehicles	1,184
Fertilisers (excl crude)	944
Ships & boats (incl hovercraft)	738
Specialised machinery & parts	474
Tubes & pipes of iron or steel	420

Western Australia's principal export destinations, 2008:

	A\$m	% Share
China	22,077	26.4
Japan	18,047	21.6
Republic of Korea	7,078	8.5
India	5,896	7.0
United Kingdom	5,550	6.6

Western Australia's principal import sources, 2008:

	A\$m	% Share
Singapore	4,713	14.3
United Kingdom	4,129	12.6
United States	3,345	10.2
Japan	2,660	8.1
Thailand	2,562	7.8

Services trade:

Western Australia's major exports, 2008:

	A\$m	% Share
Personal travel excl education	1,386	27.9
Transportation	1,047	21.0
Education-related travel	1,016	20.4

Western Australia's major imports, 2008:

	A\$m	% Share
Professional & business	3,179	37.9
Transportation	2,040	24.3
Personal travel excl education	2,026	24.1

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