



Source	Australia	Japan	China	USA	Singapore	UK	South Korea	India	Thailand	Taiwan	Hong Kong	
Total Area – Land and Water (thousand sq km)	CIA	7,687	378	9,597	9,827	0.69	225	98	3,288	514	36	1.09
Population (million, 2008)	IMF	21.3	127.7	1,327.7	304.4	4.7	61.1	48.6	1,190.5	66.4	23.0	7.0
Resilience of The Economy World Ranking (55 economies, 2008)	IMD	1	32	24	21	11	27	35	8	34	16	15
Index of Economic Freedom World Ranking (183 economies, 2009)	Heritage	3	19	132	6	2	10	40	123	67	35	1
IMD World Competitiveness World Ranking (55 economies, 2008)	IMD	7	22	17	1	2	21	31	29	27	13	3
WEF Global Competitiveness Index World Ranking (134 economies, 2008-09)	WEF	18	9	30	1	5	12	13	50	34	17	11
GDP (US\$bn, @ exchange rates, 2008)	IMF	1,011	4,924	4,402	14,265	182	2,674	947	1,210	273	393	216
GDP Per Head (US\$, @ exchange rates, 2008)	IMF	47,400	38,559	3,315	46,859	38,972	43,785	19,505	1,016	4,115	17,040	30,755
GDP Growth (averages from 1998 to 2009F, % pa, latest forecast)	Austrade	3.0	0.4	9.3	2.2	3.8	2.1	3.5	6.8	2.8	3.0	3.1
GDP Growth 2007 (%)	IMF	4.0	2.4	13.0	2.0	7.8	3.0	5.1	9.3	4.9	5.7	6.4
GDP Growth 2008 (%)	IMF	2.1	-0.6	9.1	1.1	1.2	0.7	2.2	7.3	2.6	0.1	2.5
GDP Growth 2009F (%)	IMF	-1.5	-6.2	6.5	-2.8	-10.0	-4.1	-4.0	4.5	-3.0	-7.5	-4.5
Australia's Two-Way Trading Values (A\$m)	DFAT	–	75,707	73,510	53,568	31,346	28,183	27,234	18,345	18,260	13,400	7,931
Australia's Exports of Goods and Services (A\$m)	DFAT	–	53,009	36,855	18,001	10,279	14,059	20,275	16,026	6,229	8,740	4,649
Goods (A\$m, 2008 Annual Total)	DFAT	–	50,511	32,422	12,130	6,148	9,336	18,388	13,502	5,341	8,258	3,022
Services (A\$m, FY2007-08 Annual Total)	DFAT	–	2,498	4,433	5,871	4,131	4,723	1,887	2,524	888	482	1,627
Australia's Imports of Goods and Services (A\$m)	DFAT	–	22,698	36,655	35,567	21,067	14,124	6,959	2,319	12,031	4,660	3,282
Goods (A\$m, 2008 Annual Total)	DFAT	–	20,231	35,257	26,696	16,181	9,956	6,430	1,831	10,190	4,418	1,440
Services (A\$m, FY2007-08 Annual Total)	DFAT	–	2,467	1,398	8,871	4,886	4,168	529	488	1,841	242	1,842
Major Central Bank Interest Rates (% , @ 30 Apr 2009)	Bloomberg	3.00	0.10	5.31	0.25	0.16 ^(a)	0.50	2.00	4.75	1.25	1.25	0.50
Date of Last Change	Bloomberg	07-Apr-09	19-Dec-08	22-Dec-08	16-Dec-08	(a)	05-Mar-09	11-Feb-09	21-Apr-09	08-Apr-09	18-Feb-09	16-Dec-08
Amount of Last Change (%)	Bloomberg	-0.25	-0.20	-0.27	-0.75	(a)	-0.50	-0.50	-0.25	-0.25	-0.25	-1.00
Consumer Prices (% change on a year ago, latest data)	Bloomberg	2.5	-0.1	-1.2	-0.4	1.6	2.9	3.9	9.6	-0.2	-0.2	1.2
Unemployment Rate (% , latest data)	Bloomberg	5.7	4.4	4.2	8.5	3.2	6.7	3.7	NA	1.9	5.8	5.2
Exchange Rate ^(b) (unit of foreign currency per A\$ @ 30 Apr 2009)	RBA	–	70.72	4.958	0.727	1.076	0.490	939.6	36.31	25.60	24.09	5.630
% Change From 30 Jan 2009	Austrade	–	22.9	12.6	12.8	10.8	8.1	5.7	16.3	14.8	11.1	12.8
% Change From 30 Apr 2008	Austrade	–	-27.1	-24.1	-22.2	-15.4	3.0	0.4	-5.0	-14.3	-15.3	-22.6
Stock Market Capitalisation (S&P Broad Market Index)												
Floating Capital ^(c) (US\$bn, 31 Mar 2009)	S&P	532	1,910	376	8,157	103	1,524	309	154	27	304	199
World Ranking (46 economies, 31 Mar 2009)	S&P	8	2	9	1	21	3	11	19	37	12	15
Stock Market Performance												
% Change between 31 Dec 2008 and 30 Apr 2009 (in local currency)	Bloomberg	1.6	-0.4	36.1	-3.4	9.0	-4.3	21.8	18.2	9.3	30.5	7.9
% Change in Year 2008 Year (in local currency)	Bloomberg	-41.3	-42.1	-65.4	-38.5	-49.2	-31.3	-40.7	-52.4	-47.6	-46.0	-48.3
Debt Securities Market – Amount Outstanding (US\$bn)												
International Debt Securities – Country of Residence (Dec 2008)	BIS	446	188	22	5,283	54	3,444	105	30	9	10	49
Domestic Debt Securities – Country of Residence (Sep 2008)	BIS	631	9,606	2,121	25,800	100	1,287	886	433	146	208	49
Government Bond Ratings for Foreign Currency @ 23 Apr 2009	Moody's	Aaa	Aaa	A1	Aaa	Aaa	Aaa	A2	Baa3	Baa1	Aa3	Aa2
Rating Outlook	Moody's	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable	Negative	Stable	Stable
Foreign Exchange Market Turnover (US\$bn)												
Daily Average (Apr 2007)	BIS	170	238	9	664	231	1,359	33	34	6	15	175
Daily Average (Apr 2004)	BIS	102	199	1	461	125	753	20	7	3	8	102
M&A – Completed and Pending – Ranking Value ^(d) (US\$bn, FY2007-08)	Thomson	125	67	19	1,177	17	264	41	5	6	5	15
Soundness of Banks World Ranking (134 economies, Survey 2007)	WEF	4	93	108	40	13	44	73	51	75	117	11
Office Rents Net Internal Area – Most Expensive City (US\$, sq ft pa, Feb 2009)	C&W	41.7	212.6	68.6	108.9	103.5	144.7	46.1	119.7	23.9	37.6	218.0
Number of Internet Users (per 1,000 people, 2007)	IMD	776	745	129	739	706	697	729	82	159	637	660
E-Readiness World Ranking (70 economies, 2008)	EIU	4	18	56	1	6	8	15	54	47	19	2
Waseda University International e-Government Ranking (34 economies, 2009)	WU	13	5	26	2	1	4	5	24	21	8	14
Quality of Life World Ranking (55 economies, 2008)	IMD	3	23	45	14	12	21	31	37	33	34	27
Cost of Living Index – Most Expensive City (New York City = 100, Mar 2008)	MHRC	104.1	127.0	101.9	100.0	109.1	125.0	117.7	90.3	75.1	86.1	117.6
Highest Combined Corporate Tax Rate ^(e) (% , Apr 2008)	KPMG	30.00	40.69	25.00	40.00	18.00	28.00	27.50	33.99	30.00	25.00	16.50
Effective Income Tax and Social Security Rate on US\$100,000 of Income	KPMG	26.5	24.7	25.4	27.1	15.5	29.1	21.8	32.6	24.3	18.1	11.0
Effective Income Tax and Social Security Rate on US\$300,000 of Income	KPMG	38.6	37.1	36.2	36.2	16.7	37.0	33.5	33.5	32.2	31.2	15.0

Abbreviations:

Austrade = Australian Trade Commission Calculation **BIS** = Bank for International Settlements, *Quarterly Review March 2009* **CIA** = Central Intelligence Agency, United States, *The World Factbook*, 2007 **C&W** = Cushman & Wakefield Research, *Office Space Across the World 2009* **DFAT** = Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade **F** = IMF Forecasts **FY** = Financial Year (1 Jul to 30 Jun) **GDP** = Gross Domestic Product **Heritage** = Heritage Foundation & Wall Street Journal **IMF** = International Monetary Fund, *World Economic Outlook Database*, April 2009 **IMD** = Institute for Management Development, *World Competitiveness Yearbook 2008* **KPMG** = KPMG's Corporate and Indirect Tax Rate Survey 2008, KPMG's Individual Income Tax Rate Survey 2008 **M&A** = Mergers and Acquisitions **MHRC** = Mercer Human Resources Consulting, *Cost of Living Survey*, Mar 2008 **Moody's** = Moody's Investors Service **NA** = Not available **RBA** = Reserve Bank of Australia **S&P** = Standard & Poors, *The World by Numbers: Global Stock Market Review*, Mar 2009 **Thomson** = Thomson Reuters **WEF** = World Economic Forum, *The Global Competitiveness Report 2008-09* **WU** = The 2009 Waseda University International e-Government Ranking Press Release

Footnotes:

- (a) These are the market rates that most closely reflect the monetary policy of Singapore's central bank. Singapore does not have a target benchmark rate, instead the country's central bank targets monetary aggregates.
- (b) Indian Rupee and Thai Baht sourced from Bloomberg.
- (c) Under float adjustment, the share counts used in calculating the indices will reflect only those shares that are available to investors, not all of a company's outstanding shares.
- (d) The rank value downloaded on 10 July 2008, including net debt of target, by Thomson Reuters.
- (e) The corporate tax rate of each country includes taxes imposed at the national, state, or local government level, as appropriate.

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