



	Source	Australia	China	Japan	USA	UK	South Korea	Singapore	India	Thailand	Taiwan	Hong Kong
Total Area – Land and Water (thousand sq km)	CIA	7,687	9,597	378	9,827	225	98	0.69	3,288	514	36	1.09
Population (million, 2009)	IMF	21.9	1,334.3	127.6	307.2	61.5	48.7	4.8	1,203.3	67.1	23.2	7.1
The Financial Development Index World Ranking (55 economies, 2009)	WEF	2	26	9	3	1	23	4	38	35	NA	5
Soundness of Banks World Ranking (134 economies, 2008-09 weighted average)	WEF	3	66	84	108	126	90	8	25	43	94	5
Resilience of The Economy World Ranking (57 economies, 2009)	IMD	3	10	36	40	49	39	14	6	30	16	15
Index of Economic Freedom World Ranking (183 economies, 2009)	Heritage	3	132	19	6	10	40	2	123	67	35	1
IMD World Competitiveness World Ranking (57 economies, 2009)	IMD	7	20	17	1	21	27	3	30	26	23	2
WEF Global Competitiveness Index World Ranking (132 economies, 2009-10)	WEF	15	29	8	2	13	19	3	49	36	12	11
GDP (US\$bn, @ exchange rates, 2010)	IMF	983	5,263	5,187	14,704	2,353	855	179	1,339	282	385	221
GDP Per Head (US\$, @ exchange rates, 2010)	IMF	44,294	3,925	40,701	47,400	38,112	17,547	36,968	1,098	4,169	16,434	31,005
GDP Growth (averages from 1998 to 2009F, % pa, latest forecast)	Austrade	3.2	9.5	0.5	2.3	2.1	3.8	4.3	6.9	2.8	3.2	3.1
GDP Growth 2008 (%)	IMF	2.4	9.0	-0.7	0.4	0.7	2.2	1.1	7.3	2.6	0.1	2.4
GDP Growth 2009F (%)	IMF	0.7	8.5	-5.4	-2.7	-4.4	-1.0	-3.3	5.4	-3.5	-4.1	-3.6
GDP Growth 2010F (%)	IMF	2.0	9.0	1.7	1.5	0.9	3.6	4.1	6.4	3.7	3.7	3.5
Australia's Two-Way Trading Values (A\$m, Annual Total)	Austrade	–	82,554	75,470	52,855	29,694	28,175	27,670	21,128	18,483	13,032	8,096
Australia's Exports of Goods and Services (A\$m, Annual Total)	Austrade	–	44,059	55,028	17,736	16,259	21,088	9,446	18,394	5,913	8,625	4,822
Goods (A\$m, 2008-09 Annual Total)	DFAT	–	39,310	52,610	11,599	11,509	19,245	5,518	15,426	4,948	8,146	3,191
Services (A\$m, 2008 Annual Total)	DFAT	–	4,749	2,418	6,137	4,750	1,843	3,928	2,968	965	479	1,631
Australia's Imports of Goods and Services (A\$m, Annual Total)	Austrade	–	38,495	20,442	35,119	13,435	7,087	18,224	2,734	12,570	4,407	3,274
Goods (A\$m, 2008-09 Annual Total)	DFAT	–	37,046	17,841	25,338	9,024	6,528	13,452	2,115	10,749	4,089	1,424
Services (A\$m, 2008 Annual Total)	DFAT	–	1,449	2,601	9,781	4,411	559	4,772	619	1,821	318	1,850
Australia's Inward FDI Stock Level (A\$m, 2008)	ABS	–	3,048	35,959	95,417	60,373	960	10,103	69	326	158	9,465
Australia's Outward FDI Stock Level (A\$m, 2008)	ABS	–	3,877	1,112	121,435	23,002	722	6,726	535	362	93	5,847
Major Central Bank Interest Rates (% , @ 3 Nov 2009)	Bloomberg	3.50	5.31	0.10	0.25	0.50	2.00	0.28 ^(a)	4.75	1.25	1.25	0.50
Date of Last Change	Bloomberg	03-Nov-09	22-Dec-08	19-Dec-08	16-Dec-08	05-Mar-09	11-Feb-09	(a)	21-Apr-09	08-Apr-09	18-Feb-09	16-Dec-08
Amount of Last Change (%)	Bloomberg	0.25	-0.27	-0.20	-0.75	-0.50	-0.50	(a)	-0.25	-0.25	-0.25	-1.00
Consumer Prices (% change on a year ago, latest data)	Bloomberg	1.3	-0.8	-2.2	-1.3	1.1	2.0	-0.4	11.7	0.4	-0.9	0.5
Unemployment Rate (% , latest data)	Bloomberg	5.7	4.3	5.3	9.8	7.9	3.6	3.4	NA	1.2	6.0	5.3
Exchange Rate ^(b) (unit of foreign currency per A\$ @ 3 Nov 2009)	RBA	–	6.156	81.32	0.902	0.551	1,063.8	1.260	42.80	30.20	29.32	6.988
% Change From 4 Aug 2009	Austrade	–	6.9	1.5	7.0	10.7	3.6	4.4	6.2	5.2	6.4	7.0
% Change From 3 Nov 2008	Austrade	–	32.1	20.3	32.3	31.2	22.4	25.6	30.0	27.9	31.1	32.3
Stock Market Capitalisation (S&P Broad Market Index)												
Floating Capital ^(c) (US\$bn, 30 Sep 2009)	S&P	952	584	2,513	11,455	2,304	529	179	314	51	467	326
World Ranking (45 economies, 30 Sep 2009)	S&P	7	9	2	1	3	10	21	16	37	13	15
Stock Market Performance												
% Change between 31 Dec 2008 and 3 Nov 2009 (in local currency)	Bloomberg	21.7	71.0	10.6	15.7	13.6	37.8	48.8	59.7	48.6	59.5	47.6
% Change in Year 2008 Year (in local currency)	Bloomberg	-41.3	-65.4	-42.1	-38.5	-31.3	-40.7	-49.2	-52.4	-47.6	-46.0	-48.3
Debt Securities Market – Amount Outstanding (US\$bn)												
International Debt Securities – Country of Residence (Jun 2009)	BIS	473	22	170	5,850	3,695	119	48	29	9	7	46
Domestic Debt Securities – Country of Residence (Mar 2009)	BIS	621	2,190	10,289	24,962	1,268	805	99	450	151	202	57
Government Bond Ratings for Foreign Currency @ 30 Oct 2009	Moody's	Aaa	A1	Aa2	Aaa	Aaa	A2	Aaa	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	9	238	664	1,359	33	231	34	6	15	175
Daily Average (Apr 2004)	BIS	102	1	199	461	753	20	125	7	3	8	102
Office Rents and Occupancy Costs – Biggest City (US\$, sq ft pa, May 2009)	CBRE	42.4	65.2	183.6	68.6	172.6	54.2	82.8	131.0	22.3	42.0	150.4
Number of Internet Users (per 1,000 people, 2008)	IMD	802	177	774	771	736	755	748	94	178	667	697
E-Readiness World Ranking (70 economies, 2009)	EIU	6	56	22	5	13	19	7	58	49	16	8
Quality of Life World Ranking (55 economies, 2009)	IMD	6	43	24	16	20	32	14	37	28	33	29
Cost of Living Index – Most Expensive City (New York City = 100, Mar 2009)	MHRC	75.5	99.6	143.7	100.0	92.7	80.6	98.0	75.6	68.6	77.0	108.7
Highest Combined Corporate Tax Rate ^(d) (% , Jan 2009)	KPMG	30.00	25.00	40.69	40.00	28.00	24.20	18.00	33.99	30.00	25.00	16.50
Effective Income Tax and Social Security Rate on US\$100,000 of Income (2009) ^(e)	KPMG	30.5	26.6	25.3	25.3	31.8	19.2	19.7	43.5	24.3	21.0	10.5
Effective Income Tax and Social Security Rate on US\$300,000 of Income (2009) ^(e)	KPMG	40.5	36.3	37.0	31.5	37.9	30.2	18.7	45.2	32.2	33.0	14.8

Abbreviations:

ABS = Australian Bureau Statistics, cat. no. 5352.0 Austrade = Australian Trade Commission calculation BIS = Bank for International Settlements, *Quarterly Review*, Sep 2009 CBRE = CB Richard Ellis, *Globa MarketView*, Office Occupancy Costs, May 2009 CIA = Central Intelligence Agency, United States, *The World Factbook*, 2007 DFAT = Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade FDI = Foreign Direct Investment GDP = Gross Domestic Product Heritage = Heritage Foundation & Wall Street Journal IMD = Institute for Management Development, *World Competitiveness Yearbook 2009* KPMG = KPMG's Corporate and Indirect Tax Rate Survey 2009, KPMG's Individual Income Tax and Social Security Rate Survey 2009 MHRC = Mercer Human Resources Consulting, *Cost of Living Survey*, Mar 2009 Moody's = Moody's Investors Service NA = Not Available RBA = Reserve Bank of Australia S&P = Standard & Poor's *Global Stock Market Review, World by Numbers*, Sep 2009 WEF = World Economic Forum, *The Global Competitiveness Report 2009-10, The Financial Development Report 2009*

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 corporate tax rate of each country includes taxes imposed at the national, state, or local government level, as appropriate.
- (e) Effective rates are derived by taking total income tax and/or social security over gross income prior any deductions (which may include social security).

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