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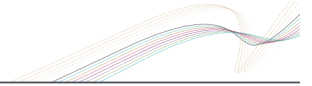
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Country overview

This report provides an overview of Queensland's trade relationship with Papua New Guinea. A summary of this trade relationship is below.

- Papua New Guinea was the world's 113th largest economy, with an estimated Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of US\$21.3 billion (US\$2,530.2 per capita) in 2018
- Papua New Guinea's GDP was estimated to remain constant over 2018
- Papua New Guinea's population was estimated at 8.4 million in 2018
- Papua New Guinea was Queensland's 15th largest merchandise trading partner (exports plus imports) in 2018–19p
- Queensland's merchandise exports to Papua New Guinea totalled A\$921.7 million in 2018–19p
- Queensland's merchandise imports from Papua New Guinea totalled A\$1,039.3 million in 2018–19p
- There were 34,453 international visitors to Queensland from Papua New Guinea in 2018–19
- There were 1,105 international student enrolments to Queensland from Papua New Guinea in 2018

All trade data are reported to the nearest hundred thousand dollars. Percentages are based on unrounded figures.

This profile should be read in conjunction with the abbreviations and explanatory notes provided at the rear of the profile.

Trade profile

Merchandise exports – top destinations

These data are based on goods originating from Queensland that are exported overseas by country of final destination. The country of final destination is the country to which the goods are consigned and not necessarily the country where the goods are discharged. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

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In 2018–19p:

- Queensland's total merchandise export value of \$921.7 million
- 1.1% of Queensland's total merchandise exports and 37.7% of Australia's total merchandise exports with Papua New Guinea
- 13th largest export destination for Queensland

In 2018–19p, Queensland's total merchandise exports trade with Papua New Guinea was

\$921.7 million

Table 1 Queensland's top merchandise export destinations, 2013–14 and 2018–19p

| Country | 2013–14 | | | 2018–19p | | |
|--------------------|---------|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| | Rank | Value | Share of total Queensland exports | Rank | Value | Share of total Queensland exports |
| | number | \$m | % | number | \$m | % |
| China | 1 | 11,569.2 | 25.8 | 1 | 28,658.3 | 32.9 |
| Japan | 2 | 8,599.1 | 19.2 | 2 | 12,180.8 | 14.0 |
| India | 4 | 4,663.3 | 10.4 | 3 | 10,693.7 | 12.3 |
| Korea, Republic of | 3 | 4,692.4 | 10.5 | 4 | 9,481.7 | 10.9 |
| Taiwan | 5 | 1,703.2 | 3.8 | 5 | 3,278.7 | 3.8 |
| Papua New Guinea | 10 | 780.3 | 1.7 | 13 | 921.7 | 1.1 |

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

Merchandise exports – time series

This topic details the latest six years of overseas exports of goods originating in Queensland. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

Papua New Guinea

- Queensland's total merchandise exports increased by 11.6% or \$95.7 million, from \$826.0 million in 2017–18
- Queensland's total merchandise exports increased by 18.1% or \$141.4 million, from \$780.3 million in 2013–14

Between 2017–18 and 2018–19p, Queensland's total merchandise exports trade with Papua New Guinea increased by

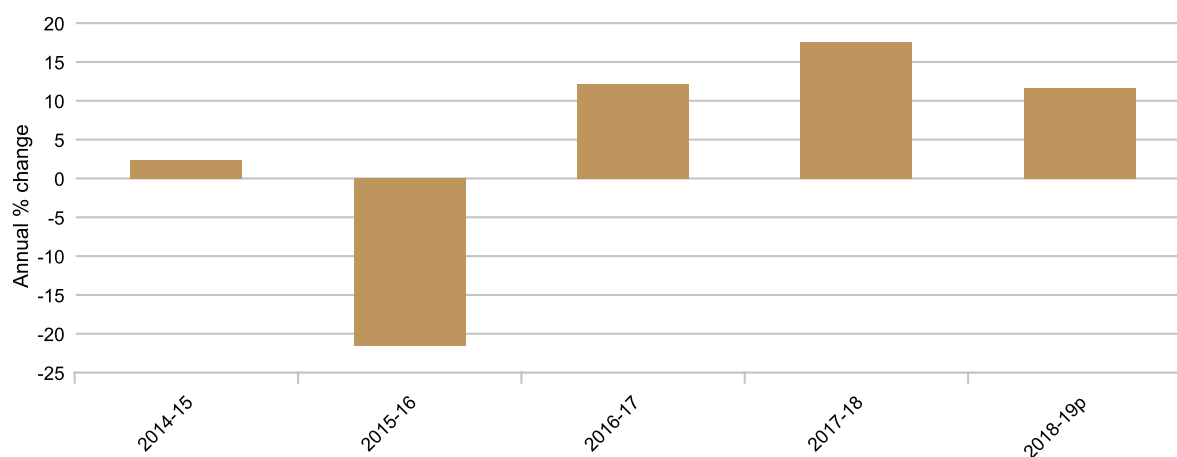
11.6%

Table 2 Nominal value of merchandise exports to Papua New Guinea

| Financial year | Queensland | | Australia | | Qld's share of Australia |
|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------------|
| | Value | Annual change | Value | Annual change | |
| | \$m | % | \$m | per cent | % |
| 2013–14 | 780.3 | -13.9 | 2,392.4 | -13.2 | 32.6 |
| 2014–15 | 798.7 | 2.4 | 1,949.6 | -18.5 | 41.0 |
| 2015–16 | 626.1 | -21.6 | 1,622.6 | -16.8 | 38.6 |
| 2016–17 | 702.6 | 12.2 | 1,710.0 | 5.4 | 41.1 |
| 2017–18 | 826.0 | 17.6 | 1,864.3 | 9.0 | 44.3 |
| 2018–19p | 921.7 | 11.6 | 2,443.3 | 31.1 | 37.7 |

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

Figure 1 Change in Queensland's merchandise exports, Papua New Guinea

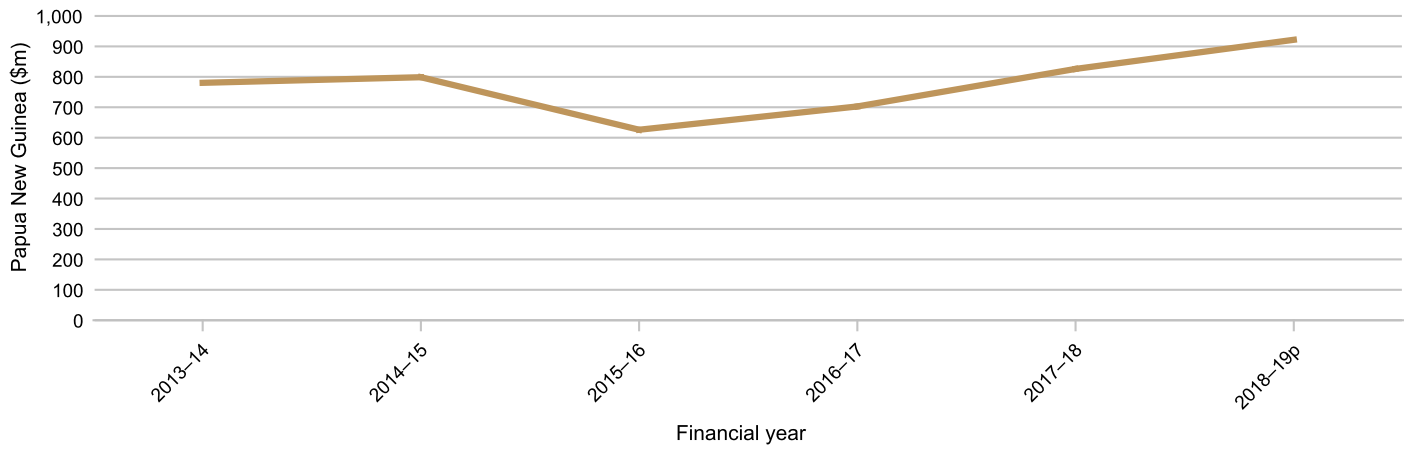


Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)



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Figure 2 Queensland's merchandise exports, Papua New Guinea



Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

Merchandise exports – top commodities

These data are based on goods originating from Queensland that are exported overseas by commodity. The commodity classification used is the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) revision 4 at the 2-digit level. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

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- Other major export commodities in 2018–19p included Machinery specialised for particular industries (\$138.7 million), Special transactions & commodities not classified (\$82.1 million), Manufactures of metals, nes (\$81.1 million) and Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts (\$46.9 million)

In 2018–19p, Queensland's top merchandise export commodity to Papua New Guinea was

**General industrial machinery nes
(\$144.7 million)**

Table 3 Queensland's top merchandise exports^(a) to Papua New Guinea

| Commodity | Financial year | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2013–14 | | 2014–15 | | 2015–16 | | 2016–17 | | 2017–18 | | 2018–19p | |
| | \$m | % | \$m | % | \$m | % | \$m | % | \$m | % | \$m | % |
| General industrial machinery nes | 78.2 | 10.0 | 86.4 | 10.8 | 82.5 | 13.2 | 117.0 | 16.7 | 138.7 | 16.8 | 144.7 | 15.7 |
| Machinery specialised for particular industries | 138.5 | 17.8 | 121.4 | 15.2 | 95.5 | 15.3 | 88.5 | 12.6 | 118.3 | 14.3 | 138.7 | 15.0 |
| Special transactions & commodities not classified | 71.4 | 9.1 | 90.8 | 11.4 | 69.5 | 11.1 | 72.6 | 10.3 | 82.1 | 9.9 | 82.1 | 8.9 |
| Manufactures of metals, nes | 44.6 | 5.7 | 50.5 | 6.3 | 36.5 | 5.8 | 47.3 | 6.7 | 71.0 | 8.6 | 81.1 | 8.8 |
| Electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, parts | 37.9 | 4.9 | 38.5 | 4.8 | 29.5 | 4.7 | 34.0 | 4.8 | 41.9 | 5.1 | 46.9 | 5.1 |
| Other | 409.7 | 52.5 | 411.2 | 51.5 | 312.6 | 49.9 | 343.1 | 48.8 | 374.0 | 45.3 | 428.2 | 46.5 |
| Total | 780.3 | 100.0 | 798.7 | 100.0 | 626.1 | 100.0 | 702.6 | 100.0 | 826.0 | 100.0 | 921.7 | 100.0 |

(a) Based on overseas goods exports with the largest monetary value as at the latest available time period.

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

Merchandise imports – top origins

These data are based on goods lodged in Queensland that are imported from overseas by country of origin. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

Papua New Guinea

In 2018–19p:

- Queensland's total merchandise import value of \$1,039.3 million
- 2.1% of Queensland's total merchandise imports and 25.4% of Australia's total merchandise imports with Papua New Guinea
- 11th largest origin of imports for Queensland

In 2018–19p, Queensland's total merchandise imports trade with Papua New Guinea was

\$1,039.3 million

Table 4 Queensland's top merchandise import origins, 2013–14 and 2018–19p

| Country | 2013–14 | | | 2018–19p | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| | Rank | Value | Share of total Queensland imports | Rank | Value | Share of total Queensland imports |
| | number | \$m | % | number | \$m | % |
| China | 1 | 6,136.0 | 14.7 | 1 | 10,700.7 | 21.8 |
| United States of America | 3 | 4,229.6 | 10.1 | 2 | 5,734.0 | 11.7 |
| Japan | 2 | 4,285.5 | 10.2 | 3 | 4,995.7 | 10.2 |
| Korea, Republic of | 4 | 2,697.4 | 6.4 | 4 | 3,121.2 | 6.4 |
| Thailand | 6 | 2,390.4 | 5.7 | 5 | 3,065.0 | 6.3 |
| Papua New Guinea | 13 | 948.1 | 2.3 | 11 | 1,039.3 | 2.1 |

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

Merchandise imports – time series

This topic details the latest six years of overseas imports of goods lodged in Queensland. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

Papua New Guinea

- Queensland's total merchandise imports increased by 178.7% or \$666.4 million, from \$372.8 million in 2017–18
- Queensland's total merchandise imports increased by 9.6% or \$91.1 million, from \$948.1 million in 2013–14

Between 2017–18 and 2018–19p, Queensland's total merchandise imports trade with Papua New Guinea increased by

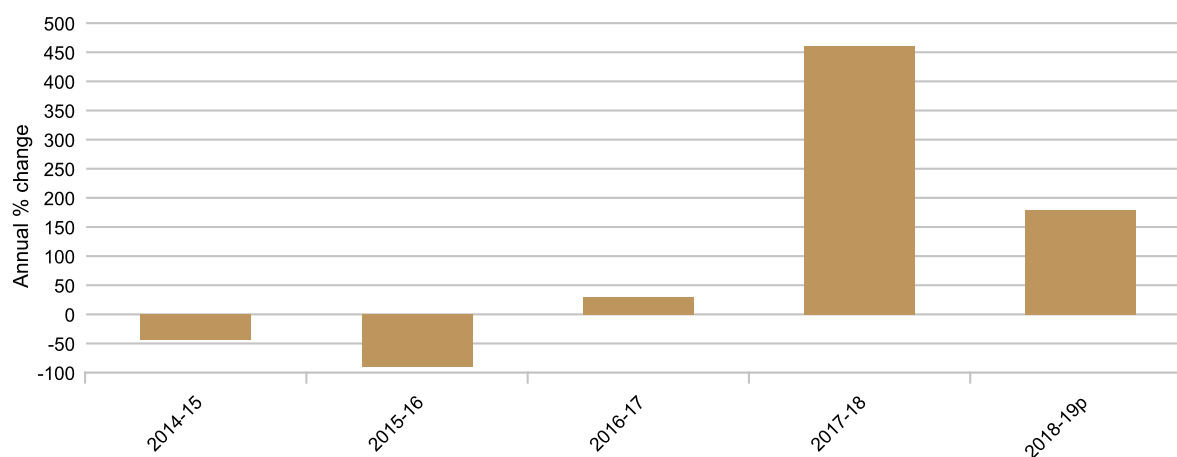
178.7%

Table 5 Nominal value of merchandise imports from Papua New Guinea

| Financial year | Queensland | | Australia | | Qld's share of Australia |
|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------------|
| | Value | Annual change | Value | Annual change | |
| | \$m | % | \$m | per cent | % |
| 2013–14 | 948.1 | -34.5 | 3,455.5 | 15.0 | 27.4 |
| 2014–15 | 526.3 | -44.5 | 3,401.9 | -1.6 | 15.5 |
| 2015–16 | 50.9 | -90.3 | 3,312.3 | -2.6 | 1.5 |
| 2016–17 | 66.4 | 30.4 | 3,471.1 | 4.8 | 1.9 |
| 2017–18 | 372.8 | 461.2 | 3,205.0 | -7.7 | 11.6 |
| 2018–19p | 1,039.3 | 178.7 | 4,093.1 | 27.7 | 25.4 |

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

Figure 3 Change in Queensland's merchandise imports, Papua New Guinea

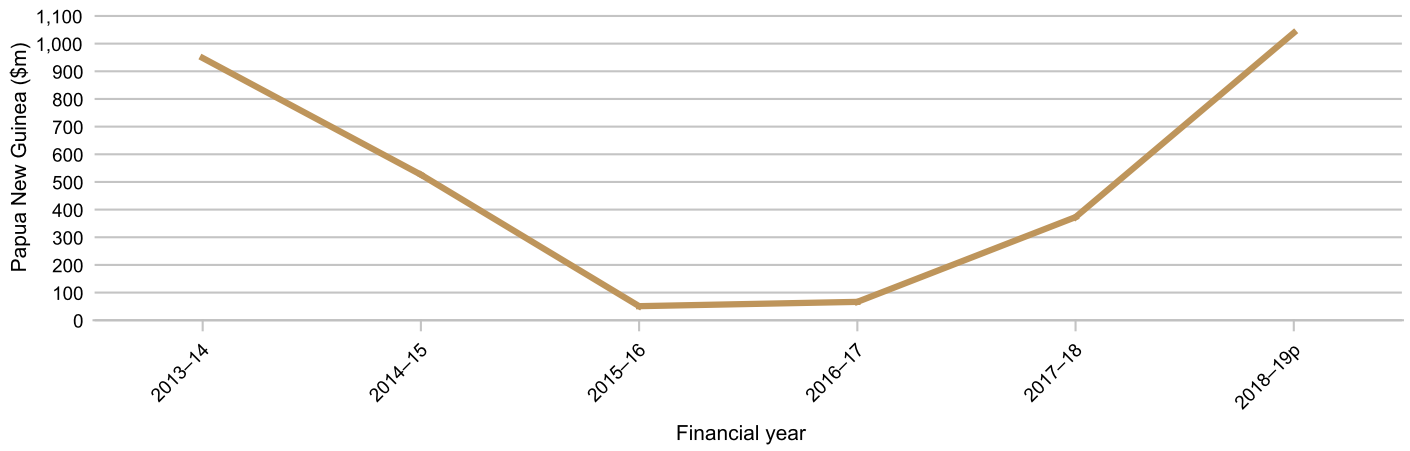


Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)



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Figure 4 Queensland's merchandise imports, Papua New Guinea



Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

Merchandise imports – top commodities

These data are based on goods lodged in Queensland that are imported from overseas by commodity. The commodity classification used is the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) revision 4 at the 2-digit level. Values are reported in nominal terms (based on Australian dollars). Data in this profile topic are updated every six months with an approximate delay of 8 months after the reporting period. The next planned update is in February 2020.

Papua New Guinea

- Other major import commodities in 2018–19p included Non-ferrous metals (\$56.9 million), Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials (\$33.5 million), Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof (\$11.6 million) and Fish and related products (\$5.0 million)

In 2018–19p, Queensland's top merchandise import commodity from Papua New Guinea was

**Gold, non-monetary
(excl. gold ores and
concentrates)
(\$907.0 million)**

Table 6 Queensland's top merchandise imports^(a) from Papua New Guinea

| Commodity | Financial year | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | 2013–14 | | 2014–15 | | 2015–16 | | 2016–17 | | 2017–18 | | 2018–19p | |
| | \$m | % | \$m | % | \$m | % | \$m | % | \$m | % | \$m | % |
| Gold, non-monetary (excl. gold ores and concentrates) | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 300.0 | 80.5 | 907.0 | 87.3 |
| Non-ferrous metals | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.8 | 3.2 | 56.9 | 5.5 |
| Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials | 904.1 | 95.4 | 459.7 | 87.3 | 5.0 | 9.9 | 26.1 | 39.3 | 13.0 | 3.5 | 33.5 | 3.2 |
| Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices, and manufactures thereof | 9.7 | 1.0 | 7.8 | 1.5 | 12.1 | 23.7 | 12.2 | 18.4 | 16.1 | 4.3 | 11.6 | 1.1 |
| Fish and related products | 2.6 | 0.3 | 4.1 | 0.8 | 5.6 | 11.1 | 3.5 | 5.2 | 2.8 | 0.7 | 5.0 | 0.5 |
| Other | 31.7 | 3.3 | 54.6 | 10.4 | 28.2 | 55.3 | 24.6 | 37.1 | 29.2 | 7.8 | 25.2 | 2.4 |
| Total | 948.1 | 100.0 | 526.3 | 100.0 | 50.9 | 100.0 | 66.4 | 100.0 | 372.8 | 100.0 | 1,039.3 | 100.0 |

(a) Based on overseas goods imports with the largest monetary value as at the latest available time period.

Source: ABS Foreign Trade (unpublished data)

Service trade - Australia

Service trade statistics are collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in their Survey of International Trade in Services and covers services rendered by Australian residents to non-residents (credits) and by non-residents to residents (debits). For the purposes of this report, service credits are referred to as exports and service debits are referred to as imports to aid users with continuity of terms across topics. The next planned update is in January 2020.

In 2018, Australia's total services exports to Papua New Guinea was

\$518 million

Papua New Guinea

- Service trade exports decreased by 9.0% or \$-51 million, from \$569 million in 2013 to \$518 million in 2018
- Service trade imports decreased by 18.2% or \$-93 million, from \$512 million in 2013 to \$419 million in 2018

Table 7 Australia's total service trade with Papua New Guinea, 2013 and 2018

| Service | Exports | | Imports | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2013 | 2018 | 2013 | 2018 |
| | — \$m — | | — \$m — | |
| Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Maintenance and repair services n.i.e | 19 | 7 | 1 | n.a. |
| Transport | 31 | 31 | 1 | 5 |
| Travel | 204 | 195 | 253 | 264 |
| Construction | 5 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Insurance and pension services | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Financial services | 1 | 6 | 3 | n.a. |
| Charges for the use of intellectual property n.i.e. | 10 | n.a. | 1 | 1 |
| Telecommunication, computer and information services | 15 | 37 | 7 | 12 |
| Other business services | 273 | 174 | 199 | 59 |
| Personal, cultural and recreation services | 7 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| Government goods and services n.i.e | 3 | 3 | 45 | 66 |
| Total | 569 | 518 | 512 | 419 |

Source: ABS 5368.0.55.004, *International trade: supplementary information, calendar year, 2018*

Service trade - Queensland

Services trade by state is based on state of service provision or consumption. Refer to explanatory notes for details on how state allocations of service trade are estimated. A breakdown of service trade by state and country are not available. The next planned update is in January 2020.

In 2018, Queensland's total services exports to all countries was

\$13,935 million

All countries

- Service trade exports to all countries increased by 39.7% or \$3,961 million, from \$9,974 million in 2013 to \$13,935 million in 2018
- Service trade imports from all countries increased by 17.4% or \$2,140 million, from \$12,309 million in 2013 to \$14,449 million in 2018

Table 8 Queensland's total service trade with all countries, 2013 and 2018

| Service | Exports | | Imports | |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2013 | 2018 | 2013 | 2018 |
| | — \$m — | | — \$m — | |
| Transport | 1,316 | 1,456 | 3,309 | 3,217 |
| Travel | 6,968 | 10,512 | 6,396 | 8,870 |
| Business travel | 460 | 498 | 720 | 745 |
| Education travel | 6,508 | 10,014 | 5,676 | 8,125 |
| Insurance and Pension services | 34 | 50 | 128 | 118 |
| Financial services | 618 | 600 | 598 | 608 |
| Telecommunication, computer and information services | 217 | 506 | 241 | 529 |
| Personal, cultural, and recreational services | 110 | 138 | 2 | 17 |
| Other | 495 | 517 | 135 | 186 |
| Total | 9,974 | 13,935 | 12,309 | 14,449 |

Source: ABS 5368.0.55.004, *International trade: supplementary information, calendar year, 2018*

International visitors

This data is based on Tourism Research Australia's International Visitor Survey (IVS) which samples 40,000 departing, short-term international travellers aged 15 years and over who have been visiting Australia. The results given in the IVS are based on a sample, rather than a census, of international visitors to Australia. As with all sample surveys, the results are subject to sampling variability, and therefore may differ from figures that would be obtained if all international visitors to Australia had been included in the survey.

Papua New Guinea

- International visitors to Queensland decreased by 9.1% or 3,451, from 37,904 international visitors in 2017–18

In 2018–19, Queensland's international visitors from Papua New Guinea was

34,453 visitors

Table 9 International visitors^(a) from Papua New Guinea, by reason for journey^(b), 2013–14 to 2018–19

| Region / Reason for journey | Financial year | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2013–14 | 2014–15 | 2015–16 | 2016–17 | 2017–18 | 2018–19 |
| | — visitors — | | | | | |
| Queensland^(c) | | | | | | |
| Holiday | 14,472 | 15,120 | 15,203 | 19,081 | 15,579 | 8,298 |
| Visiting friends and relatives | 7,626 | 11,329 | 11,495 | 11,594 | 9,803 | 10,871 |
| Business | 7,026 | 6,804 | 4,524 | 5,484 | 6,884 | 8,332 |
| Employment | 419 | 469 | 0 | 537 | 614 | 718 |
| Education | 1,681 | 2,023 | 1,659 | 2,423 | 2,296 | 1,889 |
| Other reason | 2,678 | 5,950 | 3,852 | 4,010 | 2,730 | 4,346 |
| Total | 33,903 | 41,695 | 36,733 | 43,128 | 37,904 | 34,453 |
| Australia | | | | | | |
| Holiday | 15,620 | 15,695 | 16,298 | 20,017 | 17,355 | 8,989 |
| Visiting friends and relatives | 9,033 | 12,983 | 12,929 | 13,271 | 11,218 | 12,685 |
| Business | 10,196 | 9,009 | 5,899 | 7,969 | 9,230 | 11,171 |
| Employment | 731 | 469 | 175 | 860 | 848 | 1,221 |
| Education | 2,203 | 2,773 | 1,809 | 3,647 | 2,549 | 2,680 |
| Other reason | 2,870 | 6,353 | 4,188 | 4,595 | 3,169 | 5,643 |
| Total | 40,654 | 47,283 | 41,299 | 50,360 | 44,369 | 42,387 |

(a) Based on visitors aged 15 years and over.

(b) Respondent's primary reason for visiting Australia.

(c) Persons who visited Queensland and spent at least one night.

Source: Tourism Research Australia, *International Visitors in Australia*, unpublished data



International student enrolments

This data is derived from the Commonwealth Provider Registration and International Student Management System (PRISMS) database. Data is initially uploaded into PRISMS by educational providers when an enrolment is offered to a prospective student before a visa is granted, and again when a student obtains and uses their visa to enter Australia and starts studying. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) updates PRISMS as students enter or leave Australia or change their visa or residence status. International student enrolment data generally does not represent the number of overseas students in Australia or the number of student visas issued in different countries but instead counts actual course enrolments. The next planned update is in March 2020.

Papua New Guinea

- International student enrolments decreased by 8.1% or -97, from 1,202 student enrolments in 2017

In 2018, Queensland's international student enrolments from Papua New Guinea was

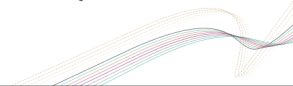
1,105 enrolments

Table 10 International student enrolments from Papua New Guinea, by sector, 2013 to 2018

| Region / Sector | Calendar year | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
| | — enrolments — | | | | | |
| Queensland | | | | | | |
| Higher Education | 290 | 311 | 359 | 403 | 427 | 472 |
| VET | 353 | 319 | 344 | 325 | 267 | 176 |
| Schools | 393 | 468 | 469 | 460 | 469 | 426 |
| ELICOS | 15 | 16 | 17 | 28 | 14 | 14 |
| Non-award | 21 | 19 | 28 | 32 | 25 | 17 |
| Total | 1,072 | 1,133 | 1,217 | 1,248 | 1,202 | 1,105 |
| Australia | | | | | | |
| Higher Education | 419 | 437 | 468 | 524 | 544 | 600 |
| VET | 419 | 388 | 400 | 394 | 336 | 224 |
| Schools | 457 | 533 | 537 | 518 | 517 | 468 |
| ELICOS | 28 | 22 | 25 | 39 | 27 | 29 |
| Non-award | 37 | 30 | 37 | 42 | 34 | 27 |
| Total | 1,360 | 1,410 | 1,467 | 1,517 | 1,458 | 1,348 |

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Abbreviations

| | |
|--------|--|
| .. | not applicable |
| ABS | Australian Bureau of Statistics |
| ELICOS | English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students |
| n.a. | not available |
| nes | not elsewhere stated |
| n.i.e | not included elsewhere |
| p | preliminary (as at June 2019 release) |
| VET | Vocational Education and Training |

Explanatory notes

Profile explanatory notes

Data confidentialisation

The release of statistics for certain merchandise trade commodities are restricted in order to prevent the identification of the activities of an individual business. These restrictions do not affect the total value of exports and imports, but they can affect statistics at the country, state and commodity levels. Further details on confidentialised trade commodities can be found in the ABS' [Confidential Commodities List](#).

Scope of international merchandise trade statistics

This profile provides details on international merchandise trade statistics. It does not include interstate trade.

Rounding

Figures are rounded to nearest whole number. Calculations (such as percentages and rates) are based on pre-rounded figures.

Value

Values reported are nominal meaning these figures represent the monetary value at the time of trade. Exports value are based on Free On Board (F.O.B.) and imports value are based on Australian Customs Value.

Topic explanatory notes

Merchandise exports and imports

Time series

Values are not adjusted to consistent dollar basis.

Service trade

Services credits are classified by the state of provision, while services debits are classified by the state of consumption. The state allocations for transportation, travel, freight insurance and telecommunication services are based on a number of indicators including merchandise trade statistics by state, overseas passenger arrivals and departures by state of clearance and data provided by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. The allocation for other services (about 25% of all trade in services) is primarily based on the location of the business reporting the information, which serves as a proxy for the state of provision/consumption of that service. The data should be used with care but are considered suitable for analysis over time.