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Production and income									
GDP per capita	USD current PPPs	38 144	38 071	40 176	41 511	42 639	43 794	45 044	45 910
Gross national income (GNI) per capita	USD current PPPs	39 038	38 117	41 442	41 929	43 682	44 518	45 284	45 927
Household disposable income	Annual growth %	2.2	1.8	-0.6	-0.5	0.2	-0.1	0.7	0.7
Economic growth									
Real GDP growth	Annual growth %	0.7	-2.3	2.7	1.8	0.1	-0.1	1.7	1.5
Net saving rate in household disposable income	%	10.0	11.3	8.1	6.6	5.7	4.9	4.6	4.2
Gross fixed capital formation	Annual growth %	1.9	-6.6	-0.8	4.2	0.2	-1.5	5.1	2.4
Economic structure: share of real value added									
Agriculture, forestry, fishing	%	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7
Industry including energy	%	18.6	17.1	17.6	17.3	16.8	16.7	16.5	16.7
Construction	%	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.4
Trade, repairs, transport, accomm., food services	%	21.2	20.5	20.4	20.2	20.0	19.8	19.7	19.6
Information, communication	%	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1
Finance and insurance	%	4.8	5.7	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.4	6.3
Real estate	%	9.2	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.5
Professional, scientific, support services	%	12.6	12.5	12.5	12.8	12.9	13.4	13.7	13.8
Public admin., defence, education, health, social work	%	20.9	22.0	21.6	21.8	22.3	22.7	22.7	22.5
Other services (ISIC Rev.4 R - U)	%	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3
Government deficits and debt									
Government deficit	% of GDP	-1.1	-5.4	-4.0	-4.1	-4.2	-3.0	-3.1	-2.5
General government debt	% of GDP	101.0	109.4	107.6	110.0	120.1	118.3	129.4	126.5
General government revenues	% of GDP	49.2	48.8	49.3	50.3	51.6	52.7	52.0	51.3
General government expenditures	% of GDP	50.3	54.1	53.3	54.4	55.8	55.7	55.1	..
Expenditure									
Public expenditure on health	% of GDP	7.2	7.8	7.7	7.8	7.9	8.1	8.1	8.0 e
Private expenditure on health	% of GDP	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	..
Public social expenditure	% of GDP	26.3	28.6	28.3	28.7	29.0	29.3	29.2	29.2
Private social expenditure	% of GDP	2.1	2.2	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8	..	..
Public pension expenditure	% of GDP	9.4	10.0	10.0	10.2	..	..	..	..
Private pension expenditure	% of GDP	2.5	3.1	2.8	3.6	1.2	1.2	..	..
Net official development assistance (Aid)	% of GNI	0.48	0.55	0.64	0.54	0.48	0.45	0.46	0.42
Taxes									
Total tax revenue	% of GDP	43.3	42.4	42.6	43.1	44.2	45.0	45.0	44.8
Tax on personal income	% of GDP	12.3	12.0	12.0	12.2	12.3	12.9	12.9	12.6
Tax on corporate profits	% of GDP	3.3	2.3	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.4
Taxes on goods and services	% of GDP	10.6	10.6	10.8	10.7	11.1	10.9	10.8	10.7
Taxes on the average worker	% of labour cost	55.9	55.7	55.9	56.1	56.0	55.7	55.6	55.3
Trade									
Imports of goods and services	% of GDP	79.2	67.0	74.7	81.1	81.7	80.7	82.3	81.3
Exports of goods and services	% of GDP	79.7	69.3	76.4	81.6	82.3	81.8	83.2	82.9
Goods trade balance: exports minus imports of goods	Bln USD	-14.6	-4.7	-4.5	-13.5	-12.4	-8.8	-6.1	2.9
Imports of goods	Bln USD	326.9	245.2	275.8	337.0	313.2	321.4	320.3	251.9
Exports of goods	Bln USD	312.4	240.5	271.3	323.5	300.8	312.6	314.3	254.8
Service trade balance: exports minus imports of services	Bln USD	7.7	9.9	10.8	10.1	8.4	9.1	8.3	7.5
Imports of services	Bln USD	89.0	82.1	87.7	95.2	98.0	104.1	116.8	105.6
Exports of services	Bln USD	96.7	91.9	98.4	105.3	106.4	113.2	125.1	113.1
Current account balance of payments	% of GDP	-1.0	-1.1	1.7	-1.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.7	0.4
Foreign direct investment (FDI)									
Outward FDI stocks	Mln USD	419 640	465 528	439 573	433 043
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Inflows of foreign direct investment	Mln USD	-13 830	60 966	43 233	78 329	6 518	25 188	-8 917	21 281
Outflows of foreign direct investment	Mln USD	17 256	1 048	-8 313	46 413	33 834	29 480	-2 700	30 361
Prices and interest rates									
Inflation rate: all items	Annual growth %	4.5	-0.1	2.2	3.5	2.8	1.1	0.3	0.6
Inflation rate: all items non food non energy	Annual growth %	1.9	1.9	1.4	1.8	2.2	1.4	1.6	1.4
Inflation rate: food	Annual growth %	6.1	0.8	1.7	2.7	3.1	3.4	-0.4	1.2
Inflation rate: energy	Annual growth %	20.5	-13.9	9.1	16.9	6.1	-3.8	-6.2	-5.8
Producer Price Indices (PPI): manufacturing	Annual growth %	5.7	-4.9	6.3	6.8	2.9	-0.2	-2.5	-6.8
Long-term interest rates	%	4.42	3.90	3.46	4.23	3.00	2.41	1.71	0.84
Purchasing power and exchange rates									
Purchasing power parities	AUD per USD	0.87	0.85	0.84	0.83	0.82	0.81	0.80	0.80
Exchange rates	AUD per USD	0.68	0.72	0.76	0.72	0.78	0.75	0.75	0.90
Indices of price levels	OECD=100	119	116	108	110	104	108	109	100
Energy supply and prices									
Total primary energy supply (TPES)	Mtoe	58.4	56.1	60.4	56.2	53.8	55.8	52.8	52.9
TPES per unit of GDP at 2000 prices and PPPs	Toe per '000 USD	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.12
Renewable energy	Ktoe	2 010.5	2 394.3	2 801.9	3 094.2	3 350.1	3 475.0	3 358.3	3 321.6
Crude oil import prices	USD per barrel	96.01	61.77	79.65	110.50	110.83	108.45	98.49	51.65
Information and Communications Technology (ICT)									
Households with access to computers	%	70.0	71.1	76.7	78.9	80.3	81.9	..	82.1
Households with access to internet	%	63.6	67.4	72.7	76.5	77.7	80.0	82.8	81.8

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Environment									
Water abstractions	Mln m ³	6 129	6 005	5 953	5 082
National fish landings in domestic ports	'000 tonnes	17	16	16	17	18	16
National fish landings in foreign ports	'000 tonnes	3	3	4	3	4	6	..	..
Aquaculture	'000 tonnes	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Municipal waste total	'000 tonnes	5 134	5 037	4 973	5 035	4 970	4 892	4 886	..
Municipal waste total per capita	Kg	479	467	455	456	447	437	433	..
CO ₂ emissions from fuel combustion	Mln tonnes	104	97	105	94	92	93	87	..
Education									
Tertiary attainment in population aged 25-64	%	32 |	33 |	35 |	35 |	35 |	36 |	37	37
Expenditure per student: primary, 2010 prices	USD constant PPPs	..	..	..	..	9 721	9 957	..	..
Expenditure per student: secondary, 2010 prices	USD constant PPPs	..	..	..	..	12 201	12 763	..	..
Expenditure per student: tertiary, 2010 prices	USD constant PPPs	..	..	..	..	15 217	15 911	..	..
Youths 15-19 not in education nor employment	%	..	..	5.9	..	..	..	5.4	4.3
Youths 20-24 not in education nor employment	%	..	..	18.0	..	..	..	18.9	15.8
Employment									
Employment rate in population aged 15-24	%	27.4	25.4	25.2	26.0	25.3	23.6	23.2	23.4
Employment rate in population aged 25-54	%	80.5	79.8	80.0	79.4	79.3	79.1	79.1	78.5
Employment rate in population aged 55-64	%	34.5	35.2	37.4	38.7	39.5	41.7	42.7	44.0
Incidence of part-time employment	%	18.3	18.2	18.3	18.8	18.7	18.2	18.1	18.2
Self-employment rate: total employment	%	14.2	14.8	14.4	14.3	14.3	15.1	14.6	15.2
Self-employment rate: male employment	%	17.0	17.7	17.3	17.5	17.6	18.8	17.9	18.7
Self-employment rate: female employment	%	10.8	11.3	10.8	10.5	10.5	10.7	10.9	11.1
Unemployment									
Unemployment rate: total labour force	%	7.0	7.9	8.3	7.1	7.5	8.4	8.5	8.5
Unemployment rate: male labour force	%	6.5	7.7	8.1	7.1	7.6	8.6	9.0	9.1
Unemployment rate: female labour force	%	7.6	8.1	8.5	7.2	7.4	8.2	7.9	7.8
Long-term unemployment: total unemployed	%	47.6	44.2	48.8	48.3	44.7	46.0	49.9	51.7
Labour compensation and hours worked									
Labour compensation per unit labour input, total economy	Annual growth %	4.0	2.7	1.4	2.4	3.1	2.6	1.2	0.3
Average time worked per person in employment	Hours per year	1 570	1 548	1 546	1 560	1 560	1 558	1 560	1 541
Research and Development (R&D)									
Gross domestic expenditure on R&D	Mln USD	8 202	8 269	8 772	9 385	10 303	10 602	10 895	..
Researchers: full-time equivalent	Per '000 employed	8.3	8.6	9.1	9.4	10.0	10.2	10.3	..
Population									
Total population	'000 persons	10 710	10 796	10 920	11 048	11 128	11 178	11 227	..
Population growth rates	%	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.2	0.7	0.5	0.4	..
Total fertility rates	Children	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	..
Youth population aged less than 15	% of population	16.9	16.9	16.9	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0	..
Elderly population aged 65 and over	% of population	17.1	17.1	17.1	17.2	17.5	17.7	17.9	..
International migration									
Foreign-born population	% of population	13.5	13.9	14.9	15.0	15.3	15.5	..	..
Foreign population	% of population	9.5	9.8	10.2	10.6	10.8	10.9	..	..
Unemployment rate in population of native-born men	% of labour force	5.3	6.4	6.7	5.7	5.8	6.8	7.2	7.4
Unemployment rate in population of foreign-born men	% of labour force	14.3	16.3	16.9	15.5	17.6	18.2	18.7	17.9
Unemployment rate in population of native-born women	% of labour force	6.6	7.0	7.1	6.0	5.9	6.8	6.5	6.2
Unemployment rate in population of foreign-born women	% of labour force	14.9	16.1	17.3	14.6	15.9	16.0	16.3	16.0
Health									
Life expectancy at birth	Years	79.8	80.1	80.3	80.7 |	80.5	80.7	81.4	..
Life expectancy at birth: men	Years	76.9	77.3	77.5	78.0 |	77.8	78.1	78.8	..
Life expectancy at birth: women	Years	82.6	82.8	83.0	83.3 |	83.1	83.2	83.9	..
Infant mortality	Per '000	3.8	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.8	3.5	3.4	..
Overweight or obese, % of population aged 15 and over	Measured	..	..	..	..	..	..	51.0	..
Suicide Rates	Per 100 000 persons	17.9	17.9	17.8	18.1	17.4	16.7	..	..
Transport									
Goods transport	Mln tonne-km	57 021 e	50 657	50 925 e	50 506 e	..	..	..	..
Passenger transport	Mln passenger-km	141 026	141 487	137 176	138 643	..	141 943
Road Fatalities	Per mln inhabitants	88	87	77	78	69	65	65	65

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