



The Queensland-China Economic Relationship

1. The annual value of Queensland's goods exports to China is \$11.6 billion.^{1,2} This compares with –

\$8.1 billion to Japan
\$6.0 billion to Korea
\$5.3 billion to India

2. The annual value of Queensland's goods exports to China has increased by \$4.9 billion over the past five years.³ Exports to –

Japan fell by \$3.2 billion
Korea increased by \$0.1 billion
India fell by \$1.6 billion

3. Personal tourism is Queensland's third largest export earner after coal and beef.⁴ Queensland has welcomed 442,000 visitors from China over the past year, an annual increase of 28.9 percent.⁵ This compares with –

177,000 from Japan, an increase of 15.1 percent
59,000 from Korea, an increase of 17.4 percent
59,000 from India, an increase of 19.1 percent

4. Education-related travel is Queensland's fourth largest export earner.⁶ There are currently 14,614 Chinese students at Queensland educational institutions, an increase of 13.4 percent over the past year.⁷ This compares with –

2,574 from Japan, an increase of 9.8 percent
4,530 from Korea, an increase of 9.4 percent
8,718 from India, an increase of 1.9 percent

5. Over the past five years Chinese investment in Queensland has totaled \$11.2 billion.⁸ This compares with –
\$17.4 billion for New South Wales
\$11.4 billion for Victoria
\$9.6 billion for Western Australia

6. China is the 6th largest foreign land owner in Queensland with holdings totaling 237,490ha.⁹ This compares with –
2,229,850ha for the UK
548,070ha for the US
427,900ha for Switzerland

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² As of April 2016. Source – Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS); <http://stat.abs.gov.au/>

³ The figures are between April 2011 and April 2016. Source – ABS.

⁴ As of 2014-2015. Source – Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT); <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-s-trade-by-state-and-territory.aspx>

⁵ As of March 2016. Source – Tourism and Events Queensland; <http://teq.queensland.com/Research-and-Insights/Source-Market-Research/International-Summary-Snapshots/International-Tourism-Snapshot>

⁶ As of 2014-2015. Source – DFAT

⁷ As of April 2016. Source – Australian Government Department of Education and Training; https://internationaleducation.gov.au/research/International-Student-Data/Pages/InternationalStudentData2016.aspx#Pivot_Table

⁸ The figures are for 2010-2015. Source – University of Sydney / KPMG; <http://demystifyingchina.com.au/>

⁹ As of 2014-15. Source – Queensland Government Department of Natural Resources and Mines; https://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/307486/foir-2015.pdf