

Key trade indicators – August 2021

	Latest available figure	Percent change one month ago (annualised in brackets)	Percent change six months ago	Percent change one year ago	Percent change three years ago	Percent change five years ago
Total goods exports (\$ billion)¹	165.7	3.3 (48.0)	13.1	10.2	56.9	121.4
Mining (\$ billion)²	131.8	3.8 (56.8)	19.1	22.8	85.7	162.8
Non-mining (\$ billion)³	19.1	3.6 (52.5)	-2.5	-17.0	-14.5	-1.5
Confidential/not classified (\$ billion)⁴	14.9	-1.2 (-13.6)	-9.0	-25.9	20.2	177.8
Iron ore (\$ billion)⁵	124.3	5.5 (90.4)	31.3	46.6	148.0	220.5
Iron ore (kilo tonnes)⁶	708.4	-1.2 (-13.1)	-0.6	2.1	4.3	13.5
Coal (\$ billion)⁷	2.2	-38.5 (-99.7)	-75.9	-84.3	-83.6	-61.6
Liquefied gas (\$US billion)⁸	10.6	2.5 (35.1)	2.4	-13.5	31.1	343.7
Food, live animals, beverages (\$ billion)⁹	7.8	-0.6 (-6.9)	-13.9	-26.6	13.7	73.7
Services exports (\$ billion)¹⁰	12.4	-	-	-35.7	-21.5	12.9
Tourist arrivals (million)¹¹	3.4	5.6 (91.7)	-98.4	-99.6	-99.8	-99.7
Commencing students¹²	44,183	-	-	-11.4	-36.6	-20.1
PRC stock of direct investment in Australia (\$ billion)¹³	44.4			-5.4	15.5	24.1
Total good imports (\$ billion)¹⁴	87.1	-0.8 (-8.8)	3.1	7.7	28.5	41.9
Services imports (\$ billion)¹⁵	1.5			-54.6	-49.4	-42.8
Australian stock of direct investment in the PRC (\$ billions)¹⁶	6.8			-56.4	-50.2	-51.3

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¹ 12 months to June 2021. ABS <<http://stat.abs.gov.au/>>.

² Ibid.

³ 12 months to June 2021. The figures include agriculture, forestry and fishing, manufacturing and information media and telecommunications. ABS <<http://stat.abs.gov.au/>>.

⁴ 12 months to June 2021. ABS <<http://stat.abs.gov.au/>>.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ 12 months to June 2021. CEIC database.

⁷ 12 months to June 2021. ABS <<http://stat.abs.gov.au/>>.

⁸ 12 months to June 2021. CEIC database.

⁹ 12 months to June 2021. The figures exclude barley. ABS <<http://stat.abs.gov.au/>>.

¹⁰ The latest available figure is for 2020 <<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/economy/international-trade/international-trade-supplementary-information-financial-year/latest-release>>.

¹¹ 12 months to June 2021. ABS <<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/3401.0>>.

¹² Year-to-date June 2021. Includes all sectors – ELICOS, Higher Education, Non-award, Schools and VET. Australian Government Department of Education <<https://internationaleducation.gov.au/research/International-Student-Data/Pages/default.aspx>>.

¹³ The latest available figure is for 2020 <<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/economy/international-trade/international-investment-position-australia-supplementary-statistics/latest-release>>.

¹⁴ 12 months to June 2021. ABS <<http://stat.abs.gov.au/>>.

¹⁵ The latest available figure is for 2020 <<https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/economy/international-trade/international-trade-supplementary-information-financial-year/latest-release>>.

¹⁶ The latest available figure is for 2020 <<https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/5352.02019?OpenDocument>>.