

**TABLE 16: AUSTRALIA'S MAJOR MERCHANDISE IMPORTS  
RANK, VALUE AND GROWTH  
(A\$ million)**

Rank	SITC	Commodity	2006	2007	2008	% growth
						2007 to 2008
1	333	Crude petroleum	13,271	14,692	17,905	21.9
2	334	Refined petroleum	8,646	8,252	15,061	82.5
3	781	Passenger motor vehicles	12,572	13,850	14,751	6.5
4	971	Gold	5,789	6,128	9,732	58.8
5	764	Telecom equipment & parts	5,915	6,836	6,902	1.0
6	542	Medicaments (incl veterinary)	6,064	6,439	6,800	5.6
7	782	Goods vehicles	4,638	5,722	6,587	15.1
8	752	Computers	5,847	5,733	5,818	1.5
9	723	Civil engineering equipment & parts	2,847	3,451	4,165	20.7
10	792	Aircraft, spacecraft & parts (a)	3,498	2,990	4,159	..
11	761	Monitors, projectors & TVs	2,529	2,853	3,019	5.8
12	874	Measuring & analysing instruments	2,366	2,520	2,891	14.7
13	821	Furniture, mattresses & cushions	2,248	2,435	2,802	15.1
14	894	Prams, toys, games & sporting goods	2,069	2,182	2,753	26.2
15	784	Vehicle parts & accessories	2,388	2,573	2,745	6.7
16	778	Electrical machinery & parts, nes	2,107	2,272	2,468	8.6
17	562	Fertilisers (excl crude)	779	924	2,251	143.6
18	744	Mechanical handling equip & parts	1,681	1,825	2,160	18.4
19	728	Specialised machinery & parts	1,597	1,729	2,146	24.1
20	741	Heating & cooling equipment & parts	2,062	2,047	2,122	3.7
21	641	Paper & paperboard	2,010	2,042	2,111	3.4
22	699	Manufactures of base metal, nes	1,719	1,953	2,080	6.5
23	775	Household-type equipment, nes	1,733	1,840	2,046	11.2
24	743	Pumps (excl liquid pumps) & parts	1,639	2,109	2,026	-3.9
25	515	Organo-inorganic compounds	1,748	1,912	2,020	5.6
26	893	Plastic articles, nes	1,647	1,776	1,993	12.2
27	751	Office machines	1,794	1,865	1,918	2.8
28	625	Rubber tyres, treads & tubes	1,659	1,756	1,896	8.0
29	716	Rotating electric plant & parts	1,005	1,168	1,778	52.2
30	679	Tubes & pipes of iron or steel	1,009	1,178	1,713	45.4
31	872	Medical instruments (incl veterinary)	1,425	1,424	1,679	17.9
32	772	Electrical circuits equipment	1,346	1,421	1,678	18.1
33	713	Internal combustion piston engines	1,444	1,582	1,613	2.0
34	845	Other textile clothing	1,383	1,402	1,594	13.7
35	899	Misc manufactured articles, nes	1,278	1,351	1,541	14.1
36	541	Pharm products (excl medicaments)	1,217	1,553	1,540	-0.8
37	098	Edible products & preparations, nes	1,215	1,329	1,402	5.5
38	522	Inorganic chemical elements	784	722	1,358	88.1
39	793	Ships & boats (incl hovercraft)	1,289	893	1,340	50.1
40	898	Musical instruments & parts	1,155	1,300	1,324	1.8

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41	851	Footwear	1,163	1,169	1,304	11.5
42	112	Alcoholic beverages	891	1,000	1,241	24.1
43	747	Taps, cocks & valves	990	1,038	1,226	18.1
44	785	Motorcycles & cycles	1,020	1,085	1,212	11.7
45	759	Computer parts & accessories	2,059	1,381	1,212	-12.2
46	773	Electrical distributing equipment	1,031	1,122	1,181	5.3
47	553	Perfumery & cosmetics (excl soap)	1,065	1,125	1,170	4.0
48	892	Printed matter	1,054	1,084	1,156	6.6
49	842	Women's clothing (excl knitted)	1,038	1,004	1,152	14.7
50	714	Non-electric engines & motors	837	872	1,147	31.5
51	343	Natural gas	536	713	1,120	57.1
52	582	Plastic plates, sheets & film	963	1,009	1,099	8.9
53	745	Non-electrical machinery & parts	1,046	903	1,082	19.8
54	897	Jewellery	715	892	1,007	12.9
55	776	Electronic integrated circuits	1,070	1,066	1,000	-6.2
56	598	Miscellaneous chemical products, nes	822	899	992	10.3
57	658	Made-up textile articles, nes	804	849	953	12.2
58	682	Copper	458	667	922	38.2
59	676	Iron & steel bars & rods	569	680	900	32.4
60	771	Electric power machinery & parts	568	640	880	37.5
61	684	Aluminium	688	760	880	15.8
62	721	Agric machinery (excl tractors) & parts	686	585	871	48.9
63	748	Transmission shafts & parts	730	729	870	19.3
64	742	Pumps for liquids & parts	637	738	846	14.6
65	841	Men's clothing (excl knitted)	721	752	832	10.6
66	763	Sound & video recorders	871	782	827	5.8
67	642	Paper & paperboard, cut to size	618	709	784	10.6
68	335	Residual petroleum products, nes	442	472	769	62.9
69	831	Travel goods, bags & like containers	599	659	763	15.8
70	674	Coated flat-rolled iron & steel	436	555	758	36.6
71	695	Hand or machine tools	612	642	751	17.0
72	667	Pearls & gems	606	623	734	17.8
73	691	Iron, steel, aluminium structures	394	438	724	65.3
74	891	Arms & ammunition	594	561	712	26.9
75	675	Flat-rolled alloy steel	543	608	683	12.3
76	791	Railway vehicles (incl hovertrains)	204	296	668	125.7
77	697	Household equip of base metal, nes	546	587	658	12.1
78	248	Wood, simply worked	546	636	656	3.1
79	575	Other primary plastics	569	566	643	13.6
80	783	Road motor vehicles, nes	492	647	642	-0.8