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Main indicators	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
GDP (billions USD)	264.89	222.36e	204.14e	207.49e	215.02e
GDP (constant prices, annual % change)	-3.5	-7.6e	-0.3e	2.3e	2.4e
GDP per capita (USD)	59,901.95	49,863.42e	45,642.49e	46,255.68e	47,573.10e
General government balance (in % of GDP)	-11.3e	-9.5e	-8.6e	-6.8e	-e
Inflation rate (%)	3.1	-1.7e	-1.6e	-0.5e	0.8e
Current Account (billions USD)	-13.89	-6.71e	0.85e	-0.19e	-0.10e
Current Account (in % of GDP)	-5.2	-2.9e	0.4e	-0.1e	-0.0e

Source:

Note: (e) Estimated data

Breakdown of economic activity by sector	Agriculture	Industry	Services
Value added (annual % change)	8.4	-4.6	-7.3
Value added (in % of GDP)	1.0	31.2	67.8
Employment by sector (in % of total employment)	5.6	25.7	68.1

Source: - last available data.

Monetary indicators	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Average annual exchange rate for 1 USD	0.80	0.80	0.73	0.68	0.72

Source:



Foreign trade in figures

Foreign trade indicators	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Imports of goods (millions USD)	68,565	73,118	83,823	83,965	62,507
Exports of goods (millions USD)	109,657	108,726	121,544	125,724	114,587
Imports of services (millions USD)	71,386	78,460	94,871	109,290	103,449
Exports of services (millions USD)	59,402	68,659	93,239	101,580	96,745
Imports of goods and services (annual % change)	8.3	6.4	7.8	-2.9	-9.7
Exports of goods and services (annual % change)	5.2	4.4	-	-	-
Imports of goods and services (in % of GDP)	70.0	69.9	71.3	73.6	73.6
Exports of goods and services (in % of GDP)	81.8	79.6	80.3	82.6	88.5
Trade Balance (millions USD)	35,096	31,888	27,126	34,713	44,960
Current Account (millions USD)	-7,150	-9,095	-13,850	-15,297	-6,488
Foreign trade (in % of GDP)	151.8	149.5	151.6	156.2	162.1

Source:

Main partner countries

Main customers (% of exports)	2009	Main suppliers (% of imports)	2009
United States	21.7%	United Kingdom	30.5%
Belgium	16.8%	United States	17.4%
United Kingdom	16.0%	Germany	6.8%
Germany	7.1%	China	5.7%
France	5.4%	Netherlands	5.1%
See more countries	33.1%	See more countries	34.5%

Source: Comtrade

Main products

Main exports (% of exports)	2009	Main imports (% of imports)	2009
Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed...	18.2%	Powered aircraft "e.g. helicopters and aeroplanes"...	8.2%
Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom[s]...	11.1%	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous...	5.0%
Nucleic acids and their salts, whether or not...	5.8%	Parts and accessories (other than covers, carrying...	4.4%
Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures,...	5.6%	Automatic data processing machines and units...	3.5%
Automatic data processing machines and units...	4.9%	Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed...	3.5%
See more products	54.4%	See more products	75.5%

Source: Comtrade

[See more products](#)
[More imports \(Intracen Data\)](#)
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Sources of general economic information

Ministries	Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Industrial Development Agency
Statistical Office	Central Statistics Office
Central Bank	European Central Bank Central Bank and Financial Services Authority
Stock Exchange	Irish Stock Exchange
Main online newspapers	Irish Examiner Irish Independent Irish Times An Phoblacht
Search Engines	Yahoo! Browse Ireland Ireland's Portal Nice One Google
Economic portals	The Economic and Social Research Institute



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