

# Exports of Queensland goods overseas, February 2016

Source: ABS 5368.0, released 5 April 2016

Note: From June 2013, the Australian Bureau of Statistics changed the treatment of certain commodities to maintain confidentiality. This has resulted in data on some commodities (such as sugar and aluminium ores) not being included in state level exports. As a consequence trade figures by commodity and total exports at state, and in some cases port, level are understated. Caution should therefore be exercised when interpreting changes as the movements may not be representative of underlying trade performance.

## Key data

### Value and change in value over year ending:

Queensland..... \$49.4B ↑ \$5.0B (11.2%)  
Australia ..... \$245.6B ↓ \$16.4B (-6.3%)

## Main findings

The commentary below is based on nominal values (in Australian dollars), therefore movements are affected by price and quantity changes. Data are based on exports of goods overseas by state of origin. Data excludes service and interstate exports. The latest six months data are preliminary and subject to revision.

- The value of Queensland exports increased \$5.0 billion to be \$49.4 billion over the year to February 2016. Australia's value decreased by \$16.4 billion over this period.
- The largest increase in the value of non-confidentialised Queensland commodity exports for the year ending February 2016 was recorded in *Crops* (increasing \$980.9 million) (Table 1).
- The largest decrease in the value of non-confidentialised Queensland commodity exports for the year ending February 2016 was recorded in *Cotton* (decreasing \$585.5 million).
- The *Coal* commodity group recorded the largest non-confidentialised export value from Queensland for the year to February 2016 with \$17.9 billion.
- China was Queensland's largest export destination over the year to February 2016 with \$11.8 billion (Table 2). This was an increase of \$1.6 billion from the year to February 2015. Japan was Queensland's second largest export destination with \$8.5 billion (an increase of \$234.4 million over the period).

Figure 1 Exports of goods overseas, value, year ending

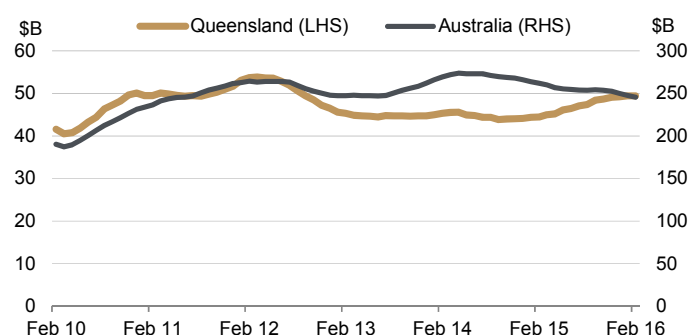


Table 1 Queensland exports by commodity, year ending

Commodity	Feb 16	Annual change	
	\$m	\$m	%
<i>Rural goods</i>	9,502.9	1,070.8	12.7
Meat	5,670.2	599.1	11.8
Cotton	466.3	-585.5	-55.7
Crops	1,683.9	980.9	139.6
Other rural goods	1,682.5	76.2	4.7
<i>Non-rural goods</i>	29,959.9	312.7	1.1
Coal	17,861.0	-326.0	-1.8
Minerals	7,823.5	214.7	2.8
Other manufactured	3,061.0	215.5	7.6
Other non-rural	1,214.4	208.6	20.7
Confidential <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	9,943.3	3,595.0	56.6
<b>Total all commodities<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>49,406.1</b>	<b>4,978.5</b>	<b>11.2</b>

(a) From June 2013, the ABS changed the treatment of confidential items at a state level. This has resulted in state total export figures being understated.

(b) From October 2015, the ABS confidentialised the value of LNG exports at the state level. As a result, LNG exports can no longer be separately identified and are included in the 'Confidential' category.

Table 2 Queensland exports by country, year ending

Rank (change)	Country	Feb 16	Annual change	
		\$m	\$m	%
1 (-)	China	11,821.1	1,595.5	15.6
2 (-)	Japan	8,499.0	234.4	2.8
3 (▲1)	Korea, Republic of	5,937.3	1,483.8	33.3
4 (▼1)	India	5,484.4	639.3	13.2
5 (-)	United States of America	2,295.5	116.6	5.4
6 (-)	Taiwan	1,629.4	-68.3	-4.0
7 (-)	Netherlands	1,143.1	18.3	1.6
8 (-)	Indonesia	842.6	-79.6	-8.6
9 (-)	New Zealand	832.0	10.5	1.3
10 (▲1)	United Kingdom	823.8	88.1	12.0
	Other countries	10,097.9	940.0	10.3
	<b>Total all countries</b>	<b>49,406.1</b>	<b>4,978.5</b>	<b>11.2</b>