



Ireland

Fact Sheet 2008

General Information

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| Capital: | Dublin | GCI Ranking ⁽¹⁾ : | 22 |
| Population (m): | 4 | CPI Ranking ⁽²⁾ : | 16 |
| Exchange Rate: | 1€= 1.47\$ (av. 2008) | Ease of Doing Business Ranking ⁽³⁾ : | 7 |
| Head of State: | President Mary McAleese | Economic Freedom Ranking ⁽⁴⁾ : | 4 |
| | | Enabling Trade Ranking ⁽⁵⁾ : | 15 |

| Recent Economic Indicators | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 ^(F) | 2010 ^(F) |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|
| GDP (Bns) (current prices): | 202 | 222 | 260 | 267 | 218 | 219 |
| GDP per capita (\$): | 48,423 | 52,470 | 60,537 | 61,868 | 50,278 | 50,280 |
| GDP per capita (\$ (PPP): | 38,005 | 41,192 | 44,061 | 43,349 | 39,959 | 38,790 |
| Real GDP Growth (% change YOY): | 6.2 | 5.4 | 6.0 | -3.0 | -7.7 | -2.6 |
| Real GDP per capita Growth (% change YOY): | 3.9 | 3.9 | 4.5 | -3.7 | -8.1 | -3 |
| Export of Goods (Bns): | 103 | 105 | 115 | 120 | 99 | 104 |
| Import of Goods (Bns): | 68 | 73 | 88 | 85 | 62 | 63 |
| Unemployment Rate (% yearly) | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 6.3 | 13.8 | 15.1 |
| Inflation (% av.) | 2.4 | 3.9 | 4.9 | 4.1 | -3.6 | 0.8 |

Ireland's Principal Export

Destinations 2008

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| USA | 19% |
| UK | 18% |

Ireland's Principal Import

Destinations 2008

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| UK | 34% |
| USA | 12% |

The Global Competitiveness Index - Ireland 2008-2009 ⁽¹⁾

In the Global Competitiveness Index Ireland was ranked 22/134

| Notable Advantages | Rank | Notable Disadvantages | Rank |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|
| Business impact of rules on FDI | 1 | Burden of government regulation | 61 |
| FDI and technology transfer | 2 | Interest rate spread | 63 |
| Prevalence of foreign ownership | 2 | National savings rate | 75 |
| Strength of investor protection | 5 | Hiring and firing practices | 85 |
| Legal rights index | 8 | Flexibility of wage determination | 127 |

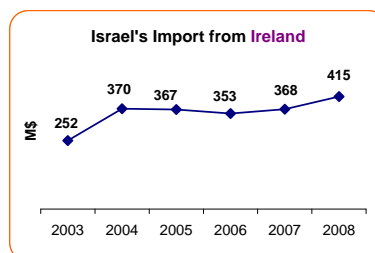
Israel's Trade Relations with Ireland

Israel's goods trade with Ireland, 2007-08

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| Export to Ireland (m\$): | 100 |
| Import from Ireland (m\$): | 415 |
| Total trade (export + import) (m\$): | 515 |
| Surplus (export - import) (m\$): | -315 |

Growth (YOY)

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| Export to Ireland (m\$): | -16% |
| Import from Ireland (m\$): | 13% |
| Total trade (export + import) (m\$): | 6% |



The Main Sector of Goods Trade between Israel and Ireland, 2007-08

| Export to Ireland | | | Import from Ireland | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|----------|---------------------------------|-----|----------|
| Sector | M\$ | % Change | Sector | M\$ | % Change |
| Machinery, electrical equipment | 29 | -45% | Machinery, electrical equipment | 229 | 5% |
| Chemicals | 27 | 8% | Food, beverages, tobacco | 91 | 27% |
| Plastics and rubber | 17 | 22% | Chemicals | 58 | 17% |
| Vegetable products | 6 | 6% | Optical, medical instruments | 19 | 87% |
| Basic metals | 6 | 11% | Plastics and rubber | 6 | 54% |

In 2008, there were 579 Israeli exporting companies to Ireland: this reflects a 2% increase compare to 2007.

[2] Corruption Perceptions Index 2008 - out of 180 country

[5] The Enabling Trade Index 2009 - out of 121 country

[3] Ease of Doing Business Index 2009 - out of 181 country

(F) Forecast

[4] Economic Freedom Index 2009 - out of 179 country