

GENERAL PROFILE: JAPAN

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2023

Population
124.371 Millions

Exchange rate
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GDP
4 204 495 Millions current US\$

Land area¹
(u) 364 500 km²

CPI growth
3.27 %

GDP growth
1.68 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Merchandise exports	594 941	769 774	624 921	717 261
Merchandise imports	515 866	694 059	648 117	785 796
Merchandise trade balance	79 074	75 715	-23 196	-68 535

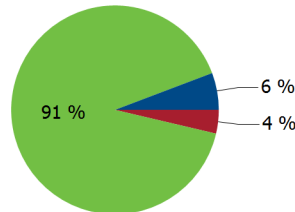
-4.0 %

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2023

Export structure by product group in 2023

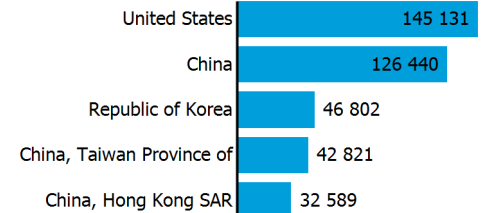
(as % of total exports)

- Ores and metals
- Manufactured goods
- Other



Top 5 partners in 2023

(exports, millions of US\$)



INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Total trade in services²

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Services exports	102 029	134 414	162 637	(e) 206 623
Services imports	139 030	164 704	178 587	(e) 226 028
Services trade balance	-37 001	-30 290	-15 950	(e) -19 405

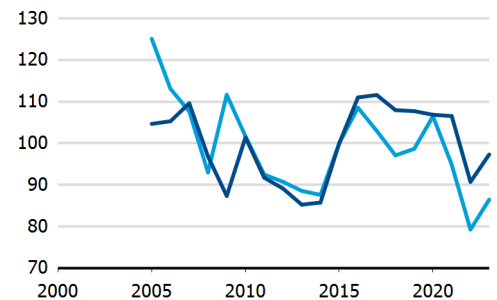
Services exports by main category²

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Transport	35.1	31.4	21.8	(e) 14.5
Travel	12.2	9.8	15.4	(e) 19.1
Other services	52.4	58.3	62.3	(e) 64.9

TRADE INDICES

- Terms of trade index
- Purchasing power index of exports



ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
GDP, current	4 831 467	5 759 072	4 444 931	4 204 495
GDP per capita, current US\$	37 771	44 928	34 924	33 806
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %	1.80	4.10	1.56	1.68
Current account balance, % of GDP	3.52	3.84	3.07	3.60
Exchange rate (/US\$)	110.218	87.780	121.044	..

+1.7 %

Gross domestic product growth rate in 2023

GDP by expenditure in 2022

(as % of total GDP)



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FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial flows

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

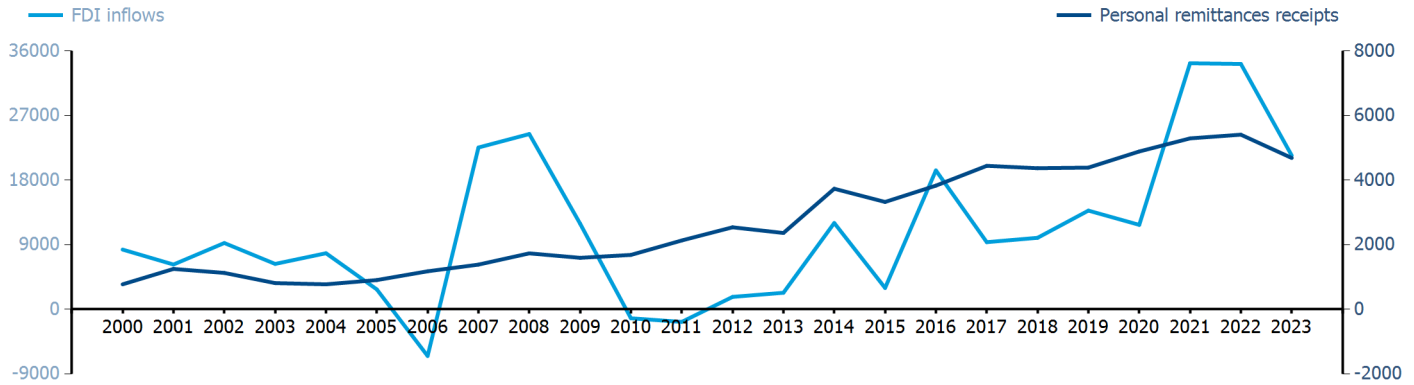
	2005	2010	2015	2023
FDI inflows	2 775.76	-1 251.81	2 975.53	21 433.36
FDI outflows	45 781.25	56 263.41	136 248.52	184 022.18
Personal remittances, % of GDP	0.02	0.03	0.07	0.11

+4.4 %

FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2023

Financial flows trends

(millions of US\$)



TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

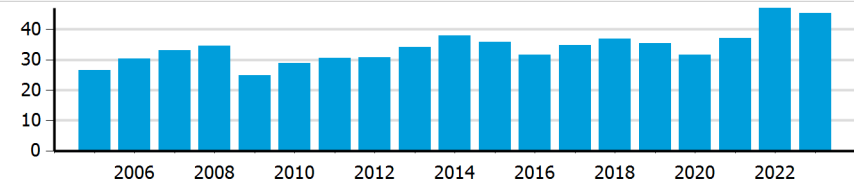
Trade balance indicators²

(as % and index)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Balance, % of GDP	1.45	1.36	-0.52	(e) -1.56
Balance, % of imports	11.56	9.89	-2.88	(e) -6.66
Normalized balance	0.055	0.047	-0.015	(e) -0.034

Trade openness²

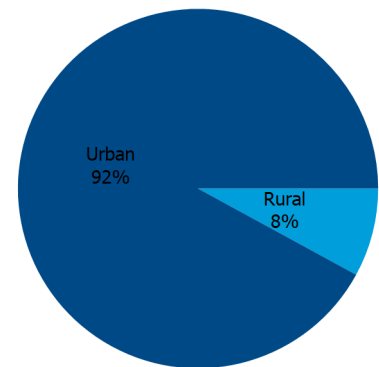
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)



LIVING AREA

Population by living area in 2023

(% of population)



OTHER INDICATORS

Maritime transport indicators

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)	16 013	17 707	31 027	41 709
Container port throughput (TEU)	..	20 015 034	21 094 824	21 498 446

1.831 %

Share of the total world merchant fleet in 2023

Information economy indicators

(as % of)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Share of ICT goods, % of total exports	16.12	9.80	7.85	7.65
Share of ICT goods, % of total imports	13.23	11.66	11.76	12.54
Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector

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Source: UN Trade and Development, UNCTADstat (<https://unctadstat.unctad.org/datacentre>)

Notes:

- 1 Land area refers to the total area of a country excluding area under inland water bodies. It differs from the country area, that includes area under inland water bodies, but excludes offshore territorial waters.
- 2 Statistics presented correspond to the 6th edition of the IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6, 2009).
- e Estimated.
- u Estimated. Data refers to 2020.

Symbols for missing values:

- 0 Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
- .. No value reported or collected
- Not applicable
- ... Not available, including no quotation
- # Non-relevant calculation
- Not publishable
- *** Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

Abbreviations & acronyms:

- DWT: Dead weight tons
- FDI: Foreign direct investment
- GDP: Gross domestic product
- ICT: Information and communication technology
- TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit
- US\$: United States dollar

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