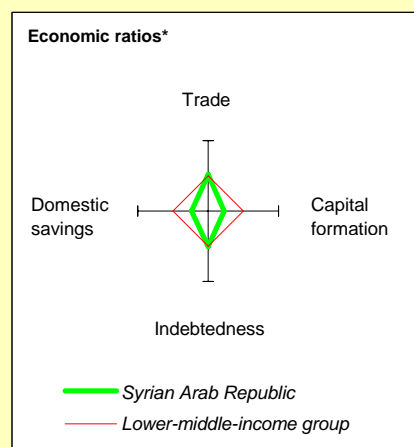
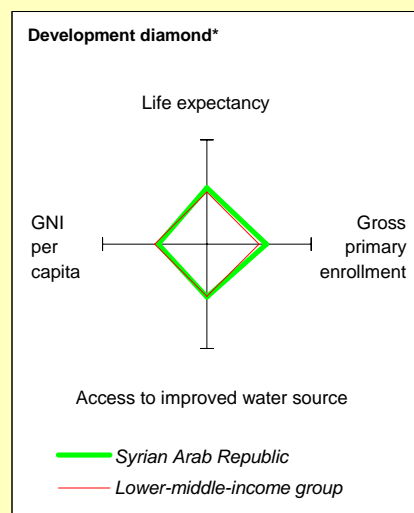


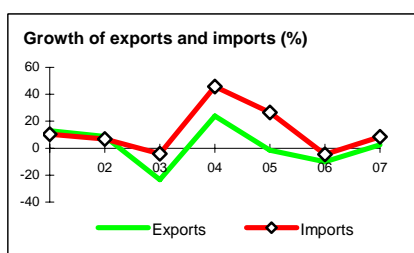
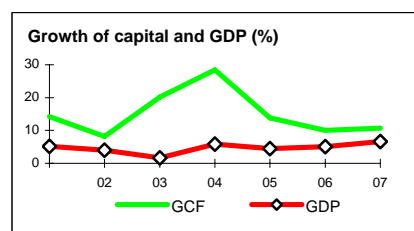
Syrian Arab Republic at a glance

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	Syrian Arab Republic	M. East & North Africa	Lower-middle-income		
POVERTY and SOCIAL					
2007					
Population, mid-year (millions)	19.9	313	3,437		
GNI per capita (Atlas method, US\$)	1,760	2,794	1,887		
GNI (Atlas method, US\$ billions)	35.0	876	6,485		
Average annual growth, 2001-07					
Population (%)	2.7	1.8	1.1		
Labor force (%)	4.7	3.6	1.5		
Most recent estimate (latest year available, 2001-07)					
Poverty (% of population below national poverty line)		
Urban population (% of total population)	54	57	42		
Life expectancy at birth (years)	74	70	69		
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	12	34	41		
Child malnutrition (% of children under 5)	9	..	25		
Access to an improved water source (% of population)	89	89	88		
Literacy (% of population age 15+)	81	73	89		
Gross primary enrollment (% of school-age population)	126	105	111		
Male	129	108	112		
Female	123	103	109		
KEY ECONOMIC RATIOS and LONG-TERM TRENDS					
	1987	1997	2006	2007	
GDP (US\$ billions)	11.4	14.5	33.4	38.1	
Gross capital formation/GDP	19.5	21.1	15.7	16.0	
Exports of goods and services/GDP	16.0	32.4	39.4	37.6	
Gross domestic savings/GDP	6.0	19.7	19.5	17.8	
Gross national savings/GDP	5.8	15.6	17.1	16.2	
Current account balance/GDP	-9.3	-3.2	2.8	2.4	
Interest payments/GDP	0.3	0.4	0.1	..	
Total debt/GDP	139.3	144.3	19.5	..	
Total debt service/exports	8.3	8.8	1.3	..	
Present value of debt/GDP	19.4	..	
Present value of debt/exports	45.0	..	
	1987-97	1997-07	2006	2007	2007-11
<i>(average annual growth)</i>					
GDP	6.1	3.6	5.1	6.6	3.6
GDP per capita	3.2	0.9	2.3	4.0	2.0
Exports of goods and services	14.0	1.9	-10.0	2.5	5.8



	1987	1997	2006	2007
STRUCTURE of the ECONOMY				
<i>(% of GDP)</i>				
Agriculture	26.6	27.9	18.3	20.4
Industry	20.7	30.9	32.2	31.6
Manufacturing	7.1	7.8
Services	52.8	41.2	49.5	48.0
Household final consumption expenditure	76.0	69.6	67.0	70.6
General gov't final consumption expenditure	18.0	10.6	13.5	11.6
Imports of goods and services	29.5	33.8	35.6	35.8
	1987-97	1997-07	2006	2007
<i>(average annual growth)</i>				
Agriculture	5.8	4.5	10.3	6.0
Industry	12.2	1.1	2.9	-5.0
Manufacturing	..	14.9	8.1	5.0
Services	1.1	7.2	8.1	9.5
Household final consumption expenditure	3.5	4.5	4.7	9.5
General gov't final consumption expenditure	3.1	5.8	-1.3	-3.8
Gross capital formation	6.3	11.9	10.0	10.7
Imports of goods and services	3.8	9.9	-4.5	8.4



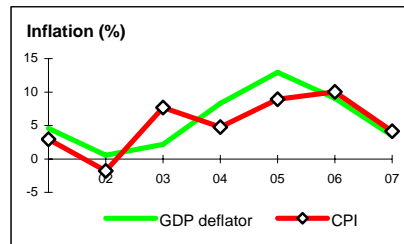
Note: 2007 data are preliminary estimates.

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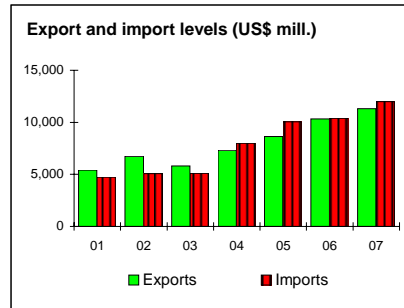
* The diamonds show four key indicators in the country (in bold) compared with its income-group average. If data are missing, the diamond will be incomplete.

PRICES and GOVERNMENT FINANCE

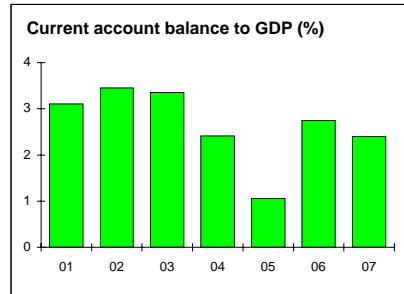
	1987	1997	2006	2007
Domestic prices				
<i>(% change)</i>				
Consumer prices	59.5	1.9	10.0	4.2
Implicit GDP deflator	25.4	6.0	9.1	3.5
Government finance				
<i>(% of GDP, includes current grants)</i>				
Current revenue	..	26.5	33.4	32.9
Current budget balance	8.6	13.6	3.3	3.6
Overall surplus/deficit	-2.0	1.5	-6.0	-5.1


TRADE

	1987	1997	2006	2007
<i>(US\$ millions)</i>				
Total exports (fob)	1,340	4,057	10,318	11,324
Agricultural products	703	2,509	742	776
Oil and petroleum products	..	2,509	4,075	4,583
Manufactures	703	142	1,236	1,342
Total imports (cif)	2,470	3,955	10,384	11,999
Food	..	713	930	1,104
Fuel and energy	492	171	2,883	3,192
Capital goods	..	2,121	1,937	2,180
Export price index (2000=100)	15	82	199	214
Import price index (2000=100)	13	97	116	123
Terms of trade (2000=100)	111	84	172	174


BALANCE of PAYMENTS

	1987	1997	2006	2007
<i>(US\$ millions)</i>				
Exports of goods and services	1,957	5,386	13,168	14,309
Imports of goods and services	2,916	5,615	11,879	13,635
Resource balance	-958	-230	1,289	674
Net income	-100	-732	-935	-319
Net current transfers	0	499	565	559
Current account balance	-1,058	-463	919	915
Financing items (net)	851	615	-1,621	-1,505
Changes in net reserves	207	-152	702	590
Memo:				
Reserves including gold (US\$ millions)	..	1,624	3,334	2,689
Conversion rate (DEC, local/US\$)	11.2	51.4	51.2	49.5


EXTERNAL DEBT and RESOURCE FLOWS

	1987	1997	2006	2007
<i>(US\$ millions)</i>				
Total debt outstanding and disbursed	15,815	20,937	6,502	..
IBRD	490	85	0	0
IDA	45	34	21	19
Total debt service	193	554	187	..
IBRD	1	271	0	0
IDA	0	13	2	2
Composition of net resource flows				
Official grants	585	72	95	..
Official creditors	2,623	-244	-129	..
Private creditors	150	-5	-1	..
Foreign direct investment (net inflows)	7	80	600	..
Portfolio equity (net inflows)	0	0	0	..
World Bank program				
Commitments	0	0	0	0
Disbursements	1	0	0	0
Principal repayments	0	272	1	1
Net flows	1	-272	-1	-1
Interest payments	1	12	0	0
Net transfers	0	-285	-2	-2

