Australian Pharmaceutical Industry Overview

The Australian pharmaceutical industry is a major high tech industry, with exports of $3.89 billion in 2012–13. The industry employed 15,463 people in manufacturing and the manufacturing sector spent $404 million on product manufacturing R&D in 2011–12. In 2012–13, the pharmaceuticals industry received $7.1 billion from the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) sales.

Pharmaceutical Industry Turnover in Australia


Pharmaceutical Exports from Australia

Sources: ABS Cat. No. 5368, International Trade in Goods and Services Australia (includes complementary and over the counter medicines).

Key Statistics: Pharmaceutical Industry in Australia

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<td>Exports ($b)</td>
<td>3.760</td>
<td>3.944</td>
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<td>Imports ($b)</td>
<td>7.810</td>
<td>7.984</td>
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**Pharmaceutical Manufacturing in Australia**

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<td>Employment at end of June (no.)</td>
<td>14,970</td>
<td>15,074</td>
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<td>Industry Value Add ($b)</td>
<td>2.53</td>
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### Pharmaceutical Manufacturing BERD in Australia

[Graph showing percentage of Total Manufacturing BERD and Pharmaceutical and Medicinal Product Manufacturing BERD for years 2005–06 to 2011–12.]

Source: ABS, Cat. No. 8104.0, Research and Experimental Development, Businesses, Australia. ANZSIC Class 184. BERD: Business Expenditure in R&D.

Note: The Australian Pharmaceuticals Industry Data Card 2013 produced by the Department reported pharmaceutical BERD by socio-economic objective. This data is no longer available from the ABS. The current graph depicts BERD by Industry Class in pharmaceutical manufacturing.

### Highest PBS Suppliers by Market Share (Scripts), 2012–13

[Pie chart showing market share of PBS suppliers.]

Source: Expenditure and prescriptions twelve months to 30 June 2013 (Department of Health).

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