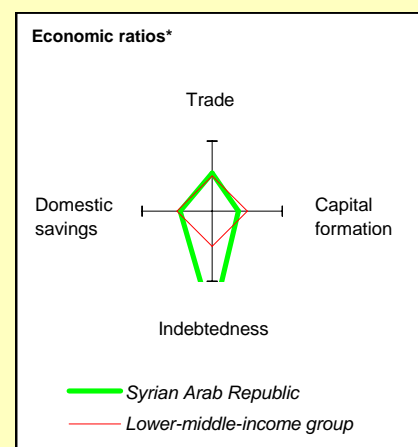
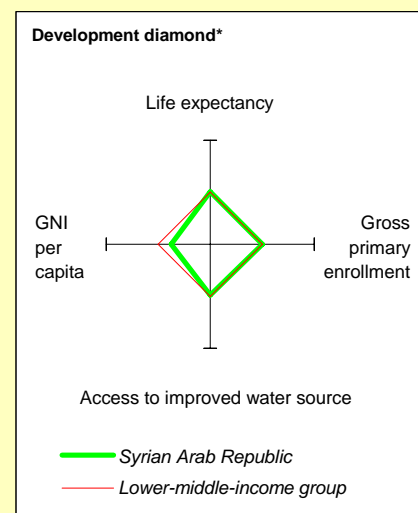


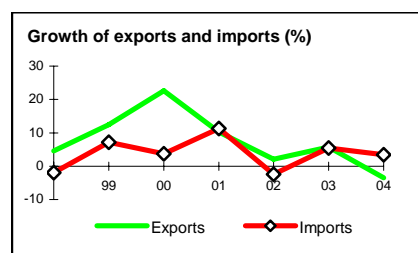
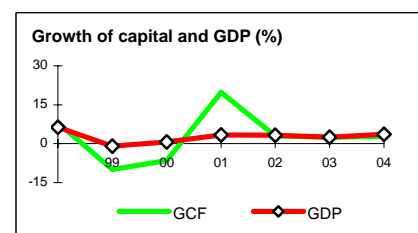
Syrian Arab Republic at a glance

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	Syrian Arab Republic	M. East & North Africa	Lower-middle-income		
POVERTY and SOCIAL					
2004					
Population, mid-year (millions)	17.8	294	2,430		
GNI per capita (Atlas method, US\$)	1,190	2,000	1,580		
GNI (Atlas method, US\$ billions)	21.2	589	3,847		
Average annual growth, 1998-04					
Population (%)	2.4	1.8	1.0		
Labor force (%)	3.9	-1.3	0.7		
Most recent estimate (latest year available, 1998-04)					
Poverty (% of population below national poverty line)		
Urban population (% of total population)	50	56	49		
Life expectancy at birth (years)	70	68	70		
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	16	45	33		
Child malnutrition (% of children under 5)	7	..	11		
Access to an improved water source (% of population)	79	88	81		
Literacy (% of population age 15+)	83	69	90		
Gross primary enrollment (% of school-age population)	115	100	114		
Male	118	104	115		
Female	112	94	113		
KEY ECONOMIC RATIOS and LONG-TERM TRENDS					
	1984	1994	2003	2004	
GDP (US\$ billions)	17.5	10.1	21.5	23.1	
Gross capital formation/GDP	25.5	30.0	23.7	23.0	
Exports of goods and services/GDP	12.7	33.1	40.3	39.1	
Gross domestic savings/GDP	13.7	17.6	30.9	29.9	
Gross national savings/GDP	16.9	20.6	23.6	20.3	
Current account balance/GDP	-11.6	-8.4	-2.2	2.2	
Interest payments/GDP	0.3	1.0	0.3	..	
Total debt/GDP	49.0	204.0	100.4	..	
Total debt service/exports	45.3	5.7	4.6	..	
Present value of debt/GDP	99.7	..	
Present value of debt/exports	290.4	..	
	1984-94	1994-04	2003	2004	2004-08
<i>(average annual growth)</i>					
GDP	4.6	2.7	2.5	3.6	4.0
GDP per capita	1.3	0.1	0.1	1.3	1.8
Exports of goods and services	13.2	10.6	5.8	-3.5	-6.0



	1984	1994	2003	2004
STRUCTURE of the ECONOMY				
<i>(% of GDP)</i>				
Agriculture	19.5	27.8	23.5	23.5
Industry	22.8	17.9	28.6	27.1
Manufacturing	..	13.6	25.5	24.2
Services	57.7	54.2	47.9	49.4
Household final consumption expenditure	61.8	68.9	58.4	60.3
General gov't final consumption expenditure	24.5	13.4	10.7	9.8
Imports of goods and services	24.5	45.4	33.0	32.2
	1984-94	1994-04	2003	2004
<i>(average annual growth)</i>				
Agriculture	3.4	2.7	0.4	7.8
Industry	11.1	5.8	0.9	2.5
Manufacturing	..	6.7	0.9	2.5
Services	3.7	1.5	4.7	1.6
Household final consumption expenditure	4.7	0.1	1.1	11.3
General gov't final consumption expenditure	-1.6	-0.1	3.9	6.9
Gross capital formation	-0.7	-0.3	2.5	2.7
Imports of goods and services	2.0	4.5	5.4	3.4

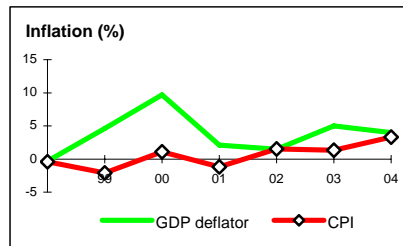


Note: 2004 data are preliminary estimates.

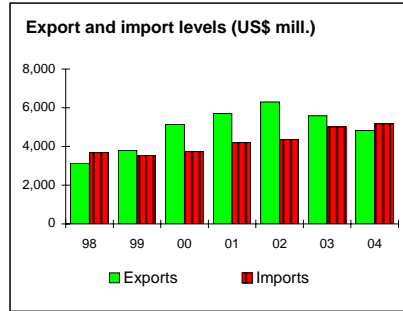
* The diamonds show four key indicators in the country (in bold) compared with its income-group average. If data are missing, the diamond will be incomplete.

PRICES and GOVERNMENT FINANCE

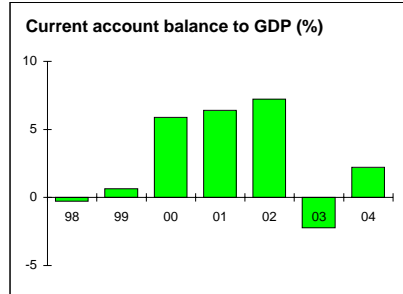
	1984	1994	2003	2004
Domestic prices				
<i>(% change)</i>				
Consumer prices	9.2	15.3	1.3	3.3
Implicit GDP deflator	7.2	13.6	5.0	4.0
Government finance				
<i>(% of GDP, includes current grants)</i>				
Current revenue	..	24.1	24.8	22.1
Current budget balance	..	9.6	9.2	7.1
Overall surplus/deficit	-15.5	-3.2	-3.1	-4.8


TRADE

	1984	1994	2003	2004
<i>(US\$ millions)</i>				
Total exports (fob)	1,850	3,300	5,593	4,823
Mineral fuels and lubricants	1,176	2,000
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Manufactures	263	266
Total imports (cif)	5,001	5,177
Food
Fuel and energy	1,402
Capital goods	..	2,125	2,369	2,450
Export price index (2000=100)	13	87	109	91
Import price index (2000=100)	12	86	108	107
Terms of trade (2000=100)	111	101	101	85


BALANCE of PAYMENTS

	1984	1994	2003	2004
<i>(US\$ millions)</i>				
Exports of goods and services	2,346	5,192	6,601	6,351
Imports of goods and services	4,593	6,215	6,956	7,168
Resource balance	-2,246	-1,023	-354	495
Net income	224	-420	-610	-480
Net current transfers	0	591	487	499
Current account balance	-2,023	-852	-477	514
Financing items (net)	2,239	1,545	931	-674
Changes in net reserves	-216	-693	-453	160
Memo:				
Reserves including gold (US\$ millions)	4,450	4,290
Conversion rate (DEC, local/US\$)	4.3	50.0	50.1	50.1


EXTERNAL DEBT and RESOURCE FLOWS

	1984	1994	2003	2004
<i>(US\$ millions)</i>				
Total debt outstanding and disbursed	8,569	20,647	21,566	..
IBRD	246	405	4	..
IDA	47	44	25	..
Total debt service	1,223	367	339	..
IBRD	38	107	8	..
IDA	1	0	2	..
Composition of net resource flows				
Official grants	641	118	83	..
Official creditors	-603	170	-161	..
Private creditors	79	-5	-4	..
Foreign direct investment (net inflows)	0	251	150	..
Portfolio equity (net inflows)	0	0	0	..
World Bank program				
Commitments	30	0	0	..
Disbursements	47	0	0	..
Principal repayments	18	49	9	..
Net flows	29	-49	-9	..
Interest payments	21	59	1	..
Net transfers	9	-107	-10	..

