



South Korea Market Summary & Category Data for Fish & Seafood - Prawns

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About Seafood Industry Australia

Seafood Industry Australia (SIA) is the national peak-body representing the Australian seafood industry as a whole. With members from the wildcatch, aquaculture and post-harvest sectors of the Australian seafood industry, we are the voice of Australian seafood.

SIA provides consumers, Government and other stakeholders with confident and united representation. Our unity indicates that we love what we do, we stand by our products and that those products are the best in the world.

SIA provides services identified through a process involving member input to fill a critical gap that currently exists, to have more influence on Government decisions, to act as a national industry voice, to be a marketing and communications hub, and to remove obstacles to growth standing in the way of the Australian seafood industry.

Our vision is for the Australian seafood industry to be United, Effective and Respected.

Our mission is to Promote, Protect and Develop the Australian seafood industry on the national and international level.

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The ATMAC program is an Australian Government initiative, expanding trade in Australian agricultural, forestry and fisheries sectors into emerging export markets and/or export markets with high-growth potential. This will be achieved through support for diversification efforts that align with industry priorities.

Seafood Industry Australia's 'marketing, market access and export development for the Australian seafood industry' was funded under the ATMAC Program.





Economic Indicators

- GDP (USD): **\$1.70 trillion** as of December 2023.
- GDP Per Capita (USD): **\$34,650** as of December 2023.
- Currency: **South Korean Won (KRW)**.
- Exchange Rate: **1 KRW = 0.0011 AUD** (01/02/24).
- Mercer's 2023 Quality of Living Ranking: South Korea highest-ranking city is **Seoul at 81**, followed by **Busan at 95**.
- Human Development Index: **0.925** and ranked **19th** as of 2021.
- Logistics Performance Index: **3.80** and ranked **17th** globally as of 2023.

Source: IMF, UNDP, Mercer, World Bank, DFAT

- **Trade Agreements:**

- South Korea has an extensive catalogue of free trade deals with 88 Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) and 19 Treaties with International Provisions (TIPs) currently in force.
- South Korea is a party to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), the world's biggest trade deal, with 14 other nations including Australia, the Asian nation's fourth-largest trading partner.
- The Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement (KAFTA) was signed in 2014 and will lead to the eventual elimination of 99.8% of tariffs on Australian exports to South Korea by 2033. Tariffs on raw sugar and bottled wine have already been eliminated.

Source: <https://investmentpolicy.unctad.org/country-navigator>



Demographic Indicators

- Total Population: Approximately **51.70 million** as of December 2023.
- Expatriate Population: Approximately **2.26 million** as of 2023 as per Statistics Korea.
- Population Growth: **-0.06%** as of 2023.
- Median Age: Approximately **45.00 years old**.
- Urban Population: **81.43%** as of 2022.
- **Population Ethnicity:**
 - 96% Korean
 - 2% Chinese
 - 2% Other (including American and Vietnamese)
- **Dominant Religious Groups:**
 - 56.1 No religion
 - 27.7% Christian
 - 15.5% Buddhist
 - 0.7% Other (including Muslim, Hindu)

Source: Ministry of Interior and Safety, United Nations, WorldAtlas



Consumer Behaviour & Societal Trends

Key Trends:

- South Korean consumers saw their purchasing power, already below the OECD average, fall further in 2020 as a result of reduced consumption and business activity following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, this reduction was relatively lower than most countries worldwide, and consequently, consumer confidence has held up as of late-2020.
- Korean consumers rank mobile shopping sites followed by the online forum Never Cafe as the channels they visit most frequently before making an online purchase, demonstrating the importance they place on customer reviews when making spending decisions.
- With the fast rise in South Koreans living by themselves, a trend that reached 30% of all households in 2019-20, product innovation that improves the convenience of daily activities, such as ready-to-eat and easy-to-cook meals, has become very popular.
- Due to concerns over personal immunity re-emerging due to the COVID-19 pandemic, interest in consumer health products has grown considerably throughout 2020-21 amongst Korean consumers, particularly in the preventative health category which encompasses popular products such as red ginseng.
- Purchases in South Korea are generally made in large department stores or shopping centres spread out around major cities. The products most commonly purchased come from select major brands that employ very detailed packaging, as purchases are often made for image or status reasons.
- South Koreans, relative to the rest of the world, are not loyal to brands and will change quickly as per product reviews and feedback sourced over the internet due to their tech-savvy qualities.

- South Korean consumers are especially concerned about their environmental footprint with pollution, present at high rates in industrial cities, being the leading environmental concern for 70% of the population and almost always associated with climate change. Although, participation in the shared economy, populated in South Korea by internet exchanges and flea markets, decreased in 2020 due to social distancing preferences amongst consumers.
- Half of South Koreans surveyed believed they had become more mindful of where they spend their money due to the COVID-19 pandemic, while nearly half were switching to less expensive products. This shift in purchasing behaviour towards saving money has seen purchasing on Food & Beverage remain stable while spending in most other categories has fallen.

Source: Nielsen, Mintel, McKinsey, USDA

Digital Adoption:

- Relative to the rest of the world, South Koreans are very connected with technology, with over 49 million internet users as of January 2020, comprising 96% of the population.
- There are also high levels of social media usage at nearly 45 million social media users with a penetration rate of 87%.

Source: Digital in 2021 Report





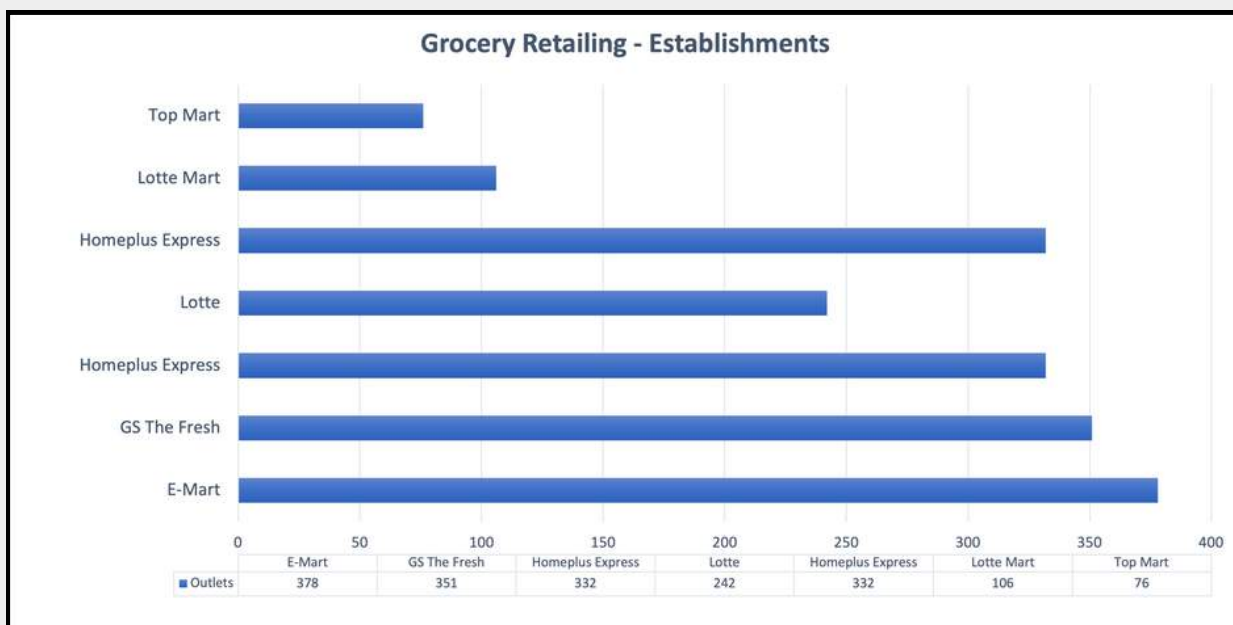
Grocery Retail Channel Developments

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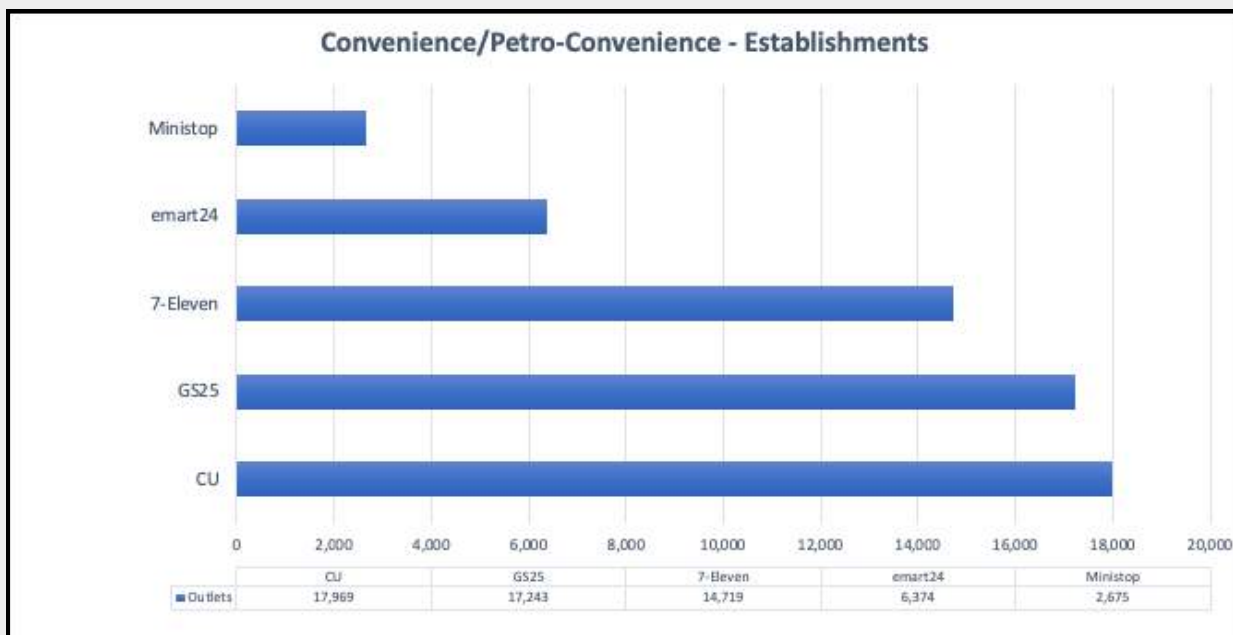
- Grocery sales value remained stable throughout 2020 as the result of spending on essential goods rising as a portion of household expenditure, along with government subsidies to support grocery retailers, especially independent stores, that were struggling in the midst of reduced foot traffic nationwide.
- Many traditional grocery retailers took up partnerships with hyperlocal online delivery platforms such as Nolja and Ddingdong at the encouragement of the South Korean government, in an attempt to maintain profit margins by capitalising on the explosive growth in demand for grocery home delivery.
- Convenience stores performed better in 2020, according to YoY sales data, as the result of South Korean consumers increasingly preferring to shop for groceries more locally and choosing outlets with smaller crowds, while retailers have greatly diversified their product range. For the first time, convenience stores have outperformed department stores in offline retail sales.
- Convenience stores in South Korea have continued a decade-long trend of consistent expansion in terms of franchise numbers due to high product sales, with the number of stores throughout the nation more than quadrupling since 2007, leading South Korea to have the world's highest convenience store density. This is largely aided by hypermarkets being restricted from 24/7 operations.
- Following a string of successful trials in operating AI-powered unmanned supermarkets throughout South Korea, propelled by the rapid increase in consumer demands for hygienic shopping experiences, the first permanent "smart supermarket" was opened in Seoul in October 2020.
- Omnichannel grocery retailers are improving their online services, not only expanding direct business-to-consumer platforms but partnering with other e-commerce giants to increase their presence. A notable example includes Homeplus and GS The Fresh partnering with South Korea's biggest search engine, Naver Corp, to create a grocery shopping platform.

- South Korea’s E-Mart dominates the hypermarket channel, its market power allowing the major retailer to be able to promise a full refund for consumers who purchase certain grocery products at E-Mart but then find the same good for a cheaper price elsewhere.
- The largest e-commerce retailer in South Korea, Coupang, plans to increase the firm’s market share in the grocery market by offering free delivery for all customers, along with a free return service and early morning delivery for members of its subscription service.
- All grocery retailers are stepping up efforts to go “hyperlocal” as credit card spending within 500 metres of people’s homes grew 2.9% between September and November 2020, when compared to two years prior. This involves efforts such as creating “neighbourhood bulletin boards” and online flea markets.

Grocery Retailing Brand Outlets:



Convenience/Petro-Convenience Brand Outlets:



Source: Nielsen, Mintel, McKinsey, USDA

Foodservice Channel Developments

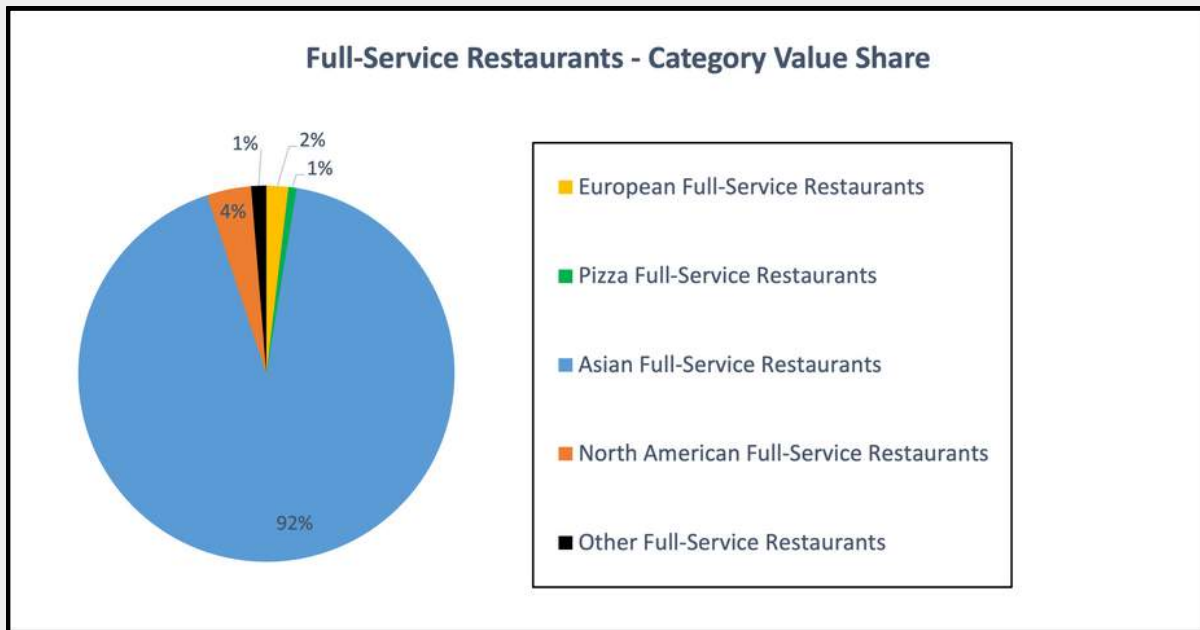
Key Trends:

- The foodservice industry in South Korea has suffered heavily from the COVID-19 pandemic and the three waves of high infections it brought to the Asian nation. For example, in February and March of 2020, on-premise dining decreased 26%, with the consequences of such behaviour including widespread closures of, mostly independent, foodservice operators.
- The foodservice industry is expected to gradually recover in accordance with infection rates reducing across South Korea, with forecasts for an average annual growth rate between 2021 and 2026 of 3.47% as businesses reopen with improved hygiene measures and better home delivery/take-away capabilities.
- The growing Western influence over South Korea has influenced dining trends. For instance, more consumers prefer fusions of exotic cuisines, or fusions of Korean and Western favourites seen in the popular “Kimchi Pizzas” and “Carbonara Rice Cakes”.
- Certain major limited-service restaurant chains are diversifying to new food categories in an attempt to reverse declining sales value, demonstrated by baked chicken retailer Goopne Chicken entering the multi-menu market with a range of pizzas.
- The explosive rise in demand for more convenient and hygienic dining options, coupled with the growing trend of single-person households in South Korea, has led third-party delivery apps to grow greatly in terms of sales and prominence. Limited-service restaurant giant Starbucks, in conjunction with the vast majority of businesses in this sector, recently entered the delivery market with the dominant delivery app developer Woowa Brothers.
- With the working hours of Koreans increasing, the population is increasingly craving convenient foods but has maintained the preference for healthier foods, leading the most successful fast-food chains to diversify set-meal menus, such as through offering more salads and plant-based items.

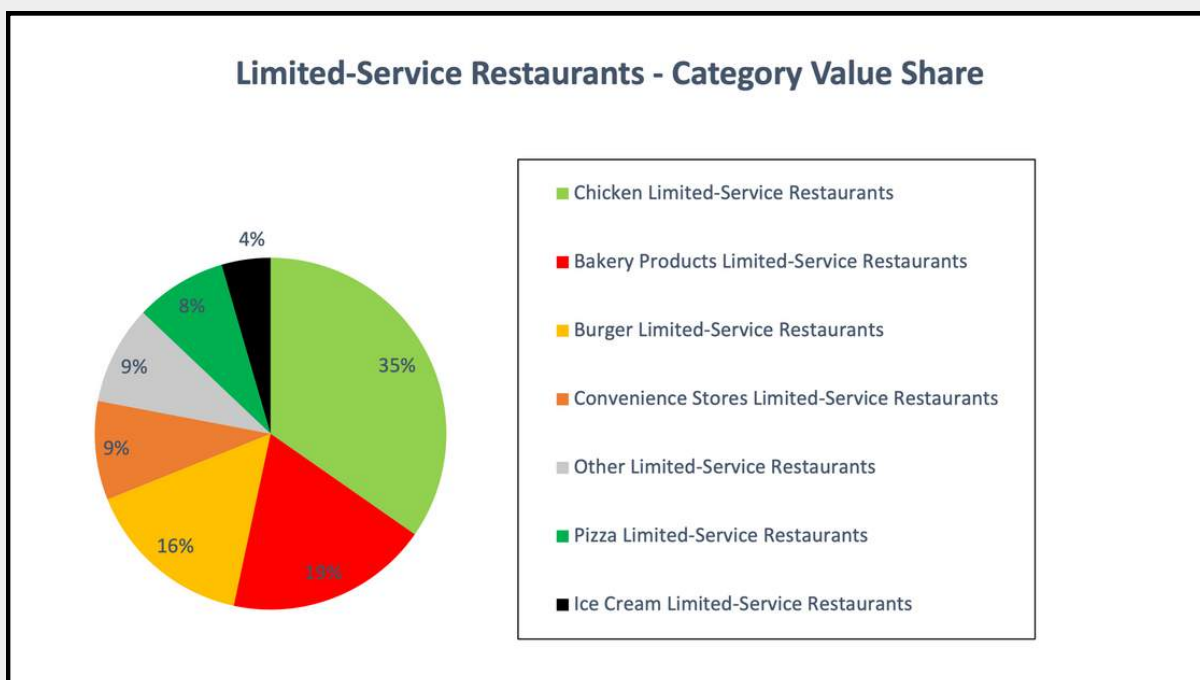


- Consecutive South Korean government stimulus packages have failed to satisfy small business owners who, in joining together in hundreds to sue the government, claim that restrictions unfairly targeted cafes, along with businesses outside of the Seoul region.
- Diversified products that are progressively appearing on full-service restaurant menus are mainly targeted towards at-home dining. For example, DIY meal-kits and other semi-finished products are increasingly sold through restaurants' direct business-to-consumer delivery services.
- Restaurants have begun to adopt the trend for creating subscription services with available monthly subscriptions spreading for products such as sandwiches and coffees, the latter of which had subscriptions popularised in 2020 by Paris Baguette.

Full-Service Restaurants - Category Value Share:



Limited-Service Restaurants - Category Value Share:



Source: Euromonitor, Mordor Intelligence, The NPD Group, Trendmonitor, Anadolu Agency

Food & Drink e-Commerce Channel Developments

Key Trends:

- Already very strong due to Koreans' relatively higher levels of engagement with and time spent on the internet, the e-commerce channel saw the largest growth in retail sales of any other channel in 2020 as the COVID-19 pandemic shifted consumer preferences away from shopping in physical stores.
- The Food & Drink e-commerce sector continued to record double-digit YoY growth in sales value in 2020, mainly due to the rising popularity of online food delivery apps. Stockpiling behaviours in the earliest months of the COVID-19 pandemic meant some businesses even reached their maximum delivery capacity.
- Mobile shopping sites remain the most popular destinations for purchases made through the internet and one of the most popular sources of influence on purchases made.
- Middle-aged consumers now constitute one of the largest consumer groups, while South Koreans in their 20-30s remain the biggest purchasers. Both consumer groups are forecast to remain loyal to this mode of shopping after the COVID-19 pandemic, signaling a permanent shift in preferences towards the convenience offered by online Food & Drink shopping.
- Spending on Food & Drink grew the most of any e-commerce category in early 2020, with statistics from February demonstrating a 90.2% increase in YoY sales value because major retailers were well prepared with adequate stock management procedures to deal with the surge in consumer demand.



Key E-tailers:

- The biggest search engine in the country, Naver, entered the online Food & Drink market in 2020 with its new online grocery shopping named “Jangbogi”, which partners with major supermarkets such as Hanaro Mart and Homeplus to offer quick online orders and deliveries.
- Coupang is the biggest e-tailer in South Korea and operates a very successful same-day grocery delivery service with zero-waste packaging, a convenient return policy, and distribution centres covering around 70% of the nation’s population.
- Market Kurly has experienced three-digit growth since launching in 2015 because of the business’ relatively wide range of Food & Drink products sold, including traditional fresh food products along with RTE organic meals and foods with portions purposely made smaller for the rise of single-person households.

Source: Euromonitor, Statistics Korea, Insider, AJ Marketing Blog

Seafood Consumption in South Korea

- Fish and seafood supply per person in South Korea is valued at 54.97 kg as of 2017 according to the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO).
 - *Food supply is defined as food available for human consumption. At country level, it is calculated as the food remaining for human use after deduction of all non-food utilizations*

Source: FAO, 2021



Market Access Requirements

Key Regulators:

- Ministry of Food & Drug Safety (MFDS): Creates regulations for food safety and the procedures for conducting inspections on finished Food & Drink product imports. Also inspects imported agricultural products.
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (MAFRA): Creates regulations and the procedures for quarantine checks for agricultural products including livestock and dairy goods.
- Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE): Creates rules regarding GMOs and the procedures of governing the imports of products containing such biotechnology ingredients.
- Korea Customs Service (KCS): Deals with import registration documents, collects duties and undertakes the inspection of food imports except for agricultural products.

Product Registration/Import Procedure:

- Importing agricultural products involves undertaking many more steps to gain approval. This involves obtaining approval from the KCS, MFDS, National Quarantine Office (for ports without an MFDS office) and the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency.
- Prepare the necessary documentation.
- Apply for a customs clearance number on the KCS website.
- To obtain preferential tariff treatment, research the product's classification using the Tariff Database Inquiry portal on the KCS website and, if applicable, provide certification to KCS.
- Fill out an import declaration form from the KCS website.
- Once the goods have been successfully inspected, receive a certificate of inspection and pay necessary taxes.

Documentation Required:

- Packing list
- Bill of Lading
- Commercial invoice
- Maritime insurance
- Certificate of origin (if the product can gain preferential treatment)
- Phytosanitary certificate (for certain fruits and grains)
- Animal health certificate and general health certificate (for meat, dairy and other products)
- Organic certification in line with South Korean regulations (if declaring a product to be organic)



General Labelling Requirements:

- Must be in Korean, English can be used to supplement the Korean labels in certain areas such as country of origin. The label must also outline:
 - Product name.
 - Name and address of the importer and original manufacturer.
 - If the importer and distributor are not the same, list the name and address of the distributor.
 - Net quantity.
 - Expiry date.
 - Nutrition information.
 - Ingredient list.
 - Additive declaration.
 - Allergy declaration.
 - Juice percentage declaration.
 - GMO declaration.

Packaging Requirements:

- Products that can be recycled need to carry a “separation and discharge” mark. This sign should specify the materials used.

Non-Tariff Barriers:

- 10% Value-added tax on all imports.
- Liquor tax varies for different alcoholic beverages, as high as 72% for spirits.

Tariffs Levied:

- Average customs duty without preferential treatment for food imports (excluding agricultural products) is 8%. Products that generally require higher payments include seafood, along with wine and spirits.
- A guide for Australian exporters on how to utilise KAFTA to obtain preferential treatment, including tariff rate quotas, for tariff obligations is available on the DFAT website, where there is also a useful FTA Portal. A detailed list can also be found on DFAT’s “Schedule of Tariff Commitments” page.

Source: USDA Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Reports [FAIRS], Austrade, DFAT, Export.gov



Category Data

Fish and Seafood in South Korea

Key Trends:

- Surrounded by water on almost every side, Koreans consider seafood to be an integral part of their diet. Fish species that are primarily consumed are Alaskan pollock, mackerel, squid, hairtail and yellow corvina, anchovy, shrimp, tuna, saury, flat fish, monk fish, eel, rockfish, and cod.
- With a food culture that is similar to Chinese and Japanese food, Koreans often eat their seafood fried, steamed, boiled with spices and herbs, or even raw.
- Most Koreans believe fresh or chilled fish is better tasting than frozen fish. Hence, there is a strong preference for fresh or chilled fish. However, since this also costs more than frozen fish, pre-cooked, prepared and preserved food available at convenience stores appeals to consumers immensely.
- Koreans often buy their seafood according to the season, since fish that is 'in season' tastes fresher and is often cheaper too. Many convenience stores often hold discount campaigns and deals to promote seasonal seafood. A good example of the Korean fish calendar would be Halibut from February to April, Gizzard Shad during September to November, and YellowTail during December to January.
- Within the category of imported fish, salmon remains one of the most popular, with a growth in demand for salmon boosting imports. To put this in perspective, salmon quantities imported in 1997 were less than 2000 tonnes. In 2018, it was expected to increase to more than 30,000 tonnes. With local production of salmon being limited, consumption of salmon hugely relies on imports.
- To meet the nation's surging appetite for salmon, Korea's major food companies are rushing to release salmon products such as smoked and roasted salmon. Dongwon Food & Beverage, the nation's largest salmon importer, has recently launched 'Norwegian Air Express' smoked salmon - a salmon that is neither frozen nor defrosted and is sold fresh in convenience stores.



- The number of Korean single person-households is on the rise, as is the number of Koreans who prefer not to cook at home. As a result, there is potential for home meal replacement (HMR) to grow exponentially in Korea, creating multiple growth opportunities for seafood producers too. The convenience of ready-to-cook and ready-to-eat products appeals to most consumers and an increase in demand for HMR products has led to an increase in seafood HMR like marinated salmon steak, cod fillet, and mackerel box-lunches. Convenience stores and newsagents are taking considerable advantage of this trending demand, especially through launching private-label products, many of which are sourced from countries outside of Korea.
- Food safety is a priority for Koreans, with more consumers paying increased attention to hygiene and food safety standards, especially after the Fukushima earthquake and the 2011 collapse of the nuclear plant in Japan. Following these events, Korea banned many Japanese fish.
- With raw fish being a popular way of consumption for Korean consumers, keeping seafood fresh throughout the delivery process is vital.
- Similar to its neighbouring Asian countries, Korean consumers enjoy consuming sushi and sashimi when dining out. Even though Korea has thousands of existing sushi restaurants, convenience stores are also jumping into the sushi market by offering consumers individually packaged sushi in store.
- As per a 2015 US Government report, the highest priorities of Korean consumers while purchasing seafood are freshness, place of origin, taste, low cost, and food safety.
- Korean consumers remain highly sensitive to food safety matters, having experienced several food safety scandals in the last few years, including the risk of radiation from Japanese seafood. A survey conducted by the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety found that 7 out of 10 consumers were unlikely to buy seafood caught in Japan.

Country	Sector	Category	Segment	Year	Value M USD	5yr CAGR M USD (%)
South Korea	Fish & Seafood	Ambient Fish & Seafood	Ambient Fish & Seafood	2022	544.39	2.31
				2027	624.72	2.79
		Chilled Raw Packaged Fish & Seafood - Processed	Chilled Raw Packaged Fish & Seafood - Processed	2022	850.81	3.09
				2027	1,017.05	3.63
		Chilled Raw Packaged Fish & Seafood - Whole Cuts	Chilled Raw Packaged Fish & Seafood - Whole Cuts	2022	910.36	2.41
				2027	993.34	1.76
		Dried Fish & Seafood	Dried Fish & Seafood	2022	196.17	3.39
				2027	257.16	5.56
		Fresh Fish & Seafood (Counter)	Fish	2022	1,820.03	1.07
				2027	1,937.41	1.26
			Shellfish	2022	2,040.55	2.21
				2027	2,290.77	2.34
		Frozen Fish & Seafood	Frozen Processed Fish	2022	209.02	3.60
				2027	270.39	5.28
Frozen Whole Cuts Of Fish & Seafood	2022		370.93	3.35		
	2027		414.59	2.25		

Source: GlobalData, 2024

ITC - Trade Data

Frozen Cold-water Shrimps and Prawns in South Korea

South Korea - Trade Data - HS Code 030616 Frozen Cold-water Shrimps and Prawns... (Import):

Rank	Country	Imported Value (USD Thousand)	Quantity Imported (Tonnes)	Annual Growth in Imported Value % (Short-term '21 - '22)	Annual Growth in Imported Value % (Long-term '18 - '22)	Annual Growth in Imported Quantity % (Long-term '18 - '22)
-	World	22,346	2,585	126	34	14
1	Russia	14,401	729	163	109	77
2	Canada	3,826	567	123	4	0
3	United States	3,266	1,150	42	8	10
4	Greenland	395	65	1,735	-13	-26
5	Estonia	129	27	0	-	-
6	Lithuania	125	28	20	90	26
7	Latvia	70	14	-	-	-
8	Denmark	68	3	126	-	-18
9	Thailand	64	2	-32	2	-3
10	Vietnam	2	0	-	12	-

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-	World	951	72	-41	-6	-8
1	New Zealand	481	41	-6	13	18
2	China	291	22	69	-	-40
3	Japan	153	8	-68	-15	-16
4	Hong Kong	9	1	325	-23	-
5	Kiribati	9	1	7	-	-
6	Papua New Guinea	7	0	-86	-6	-
7	Thailand	-	-	-	-	-
8	Vietnam	-	-	-	-	-
9	Denmark	-	-	-	-	-
10	Iceland	-	-	-	-	-

Source: ITC Trade Map, 2023

ITC - Trade Data

Frozen shrimps and prawns, even smoked, whether in shell or not in South Korea

South Korea - Trade Data - HS Code 030617 Frozen shrimps and prawns, even smoked, whether in shell or not

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-	World	591,797	67,975	18	6	5
1	Vietnam	290,049	30,932	23	4	3
2	Peru	61,070	8,016	176	65	63
3	Ecuador	57,636	8,547	-23	-2	0
4	China	55,668	6,974	39	19	15
5	Malaysia	41,330	4,316	2	5	3
6	Argentina	27,932	2,439	8	9	2
7	India	26,513	3,686	96	16	10
8	Thailand	20,156	1,752	-46	1	-2
9	Indonesia	4,209	546	130	5	3
10	Saudi Arabia	1,959	341	90	-42	-40

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Cold-water shrimps and prawns "Pandalus spp., Crangon crangon", even smoked, whether in shell or not...in South Korea

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Source: ITC Trade Map, 2023



ITC - Trade Data

Shrimps and prawns, even smoked, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, dried, salted or in brine in South Korea

South Korea - Trade Data - HS Code 030627 Shrimps and prawns, even (Import): smoked, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, dried, salted or...

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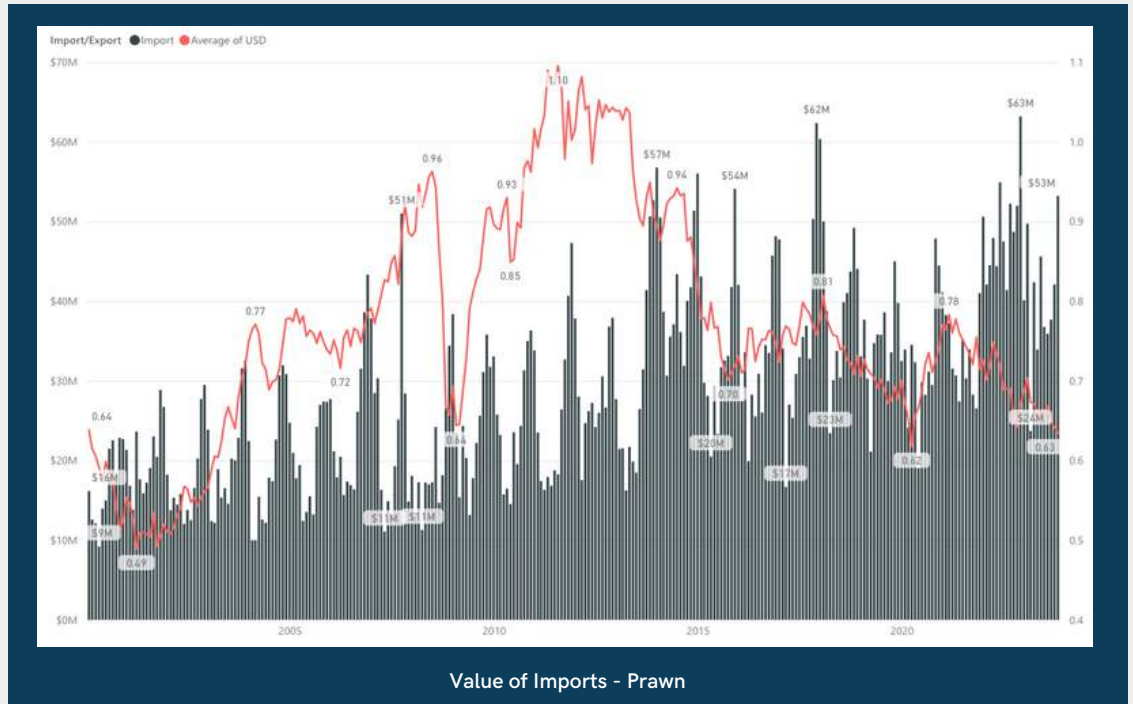
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FRDC - Trade Data

Prawn Imports - Value

AUS - Trade Data - Species: Prawn

(Imports):



Commodity Description	Value
Frozen, farmed shrimps and prawns (excl. cold-water shrimps and prawns), uncooked, whether in shell or not	\$1,630,383,209
Prepared or preserved shrimps and prawns, not in airtight containers (excl. shrimps and prawns of Chapter 03)	\$1,204,970,160
Frozen shrimps and prawns (excl. cold-water shrimps and prawns), in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water	\$994,511,888
Prepared or preserved shrimps and prawns (excl. shrimps and prawns packed in air-tight cans, bottles, jars or similar containers and shrimps and prawns of Chapter 03)	\$944,539,299
Frozen, farmed shrimps and prawns, uncooked, whether in shell or not	\$872,364,896
Prepared or preserved shrimps and prawns, in airtight containers (excl. shrimps and prawns of Chapter 03)	\$748,698,567
Frozen shrimps and prawns, uncooked, whether in shell or not (excl. farmed shrimps and prawns)	\$634,398,941
Frozen shrimps and prawns (excl. cold-water shrimps and prawns and farmed shrimps and prawns), uncooked, whether in shell or not	\$455,801,459
Frozen shrimps and prawns, in shell, with head and tail on, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water (excl. those of HS 16052000)	\$452,061,228
Frozen shrimps and prawns (uncooked), whether in shell or not; Frozen shrimps and prawns, in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water	\$356,244,832
Frozen cold-water shrimps and prawns (Pandalus spp., Crangon crangon), whether in shell or not, raw, dried, salted, in brine or smoked, or cooked in shell by steaming or boiling in water	\$65,023,171
Prepared or preserved shrimps and prawns, packed in air-tight cans, bottles, jars or similar containers (excl. shrimps and prawns of Chapter 03)	\$32,892,236
Unfrozen, uncooked shrimps and prawns, live, fresh, chilled, dried, salted or in brine, whether in shell or not (excl. farmed shrimps and prawns)	\$17,712,323
Dried, salted, in brine, or smoked shrimps and prawns (excluding frozen, live)	\$11,659,974
Unfrozen shrimps and prawns (excl. cold-water shrimps and prawns), whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, dried, salted, in brine or smoked, or cooked in shell by steaming or by boiling in water	\$6,815,586
Unfrozen shrimps and prawns, in shell, with head and tail on, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water (excl. those of HS 16052000)	\$4,341,867
Shrimps and prawns, whether in shell or not, live, dried, salted or in brine; shrimps and prawns in shell, cooked by steaming or boiling in water; dried, salted or in brine	\$1,801,083
Live, fresh or chilled shrimps and prawns (excluding cold-water shrimps and prawn)	\$1,123,110
Unfrozen, uncooked, farmed shrimps and prawns, live, fresh, chilled, dried, salted or in brine, whether in shell or not	\$1,088,667
Shrimps and prawns, fresh or chilled, whether in shell or not	\$161,816
Unfrozen cold-water shrimps and prawns (Pandalus spp., Crangon crangon), whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled; dried, salted, in brine or smoked, or cooked in shell by steaming or by boiling in water	\$40,988

Value of Imports - Commodity Breakdown

Country	Value
Vietnam	\$3,018,453,195
Thailand	\$2,097,311,255
China	\$1,681,802,935
Malaysia	\$602,594,517
India	\$280,231,946
Indonesia	\$247,322,932
Myanmar	\$81,195,513
Australia (Re-Imports)	\$34,857,161
New Caledonia	\$26,717,277
Singapore	\$18,530,425
Brunei Darussalam	\$18,101,332
Taiwan	\$15,702,658
Australia	\$14,570,934
Saudi Arabia	\$12,434,637

Leading Import Sources - Value

State	Value
NSW	\$3,416,136,318
VIC	\$2,691,436,734
QLD	\$1,080,643,564
WA	\$685,293,552
SA	\$347,547,229
NT	\$13,262,787
TAS	\$2,313,136

Import Value by State

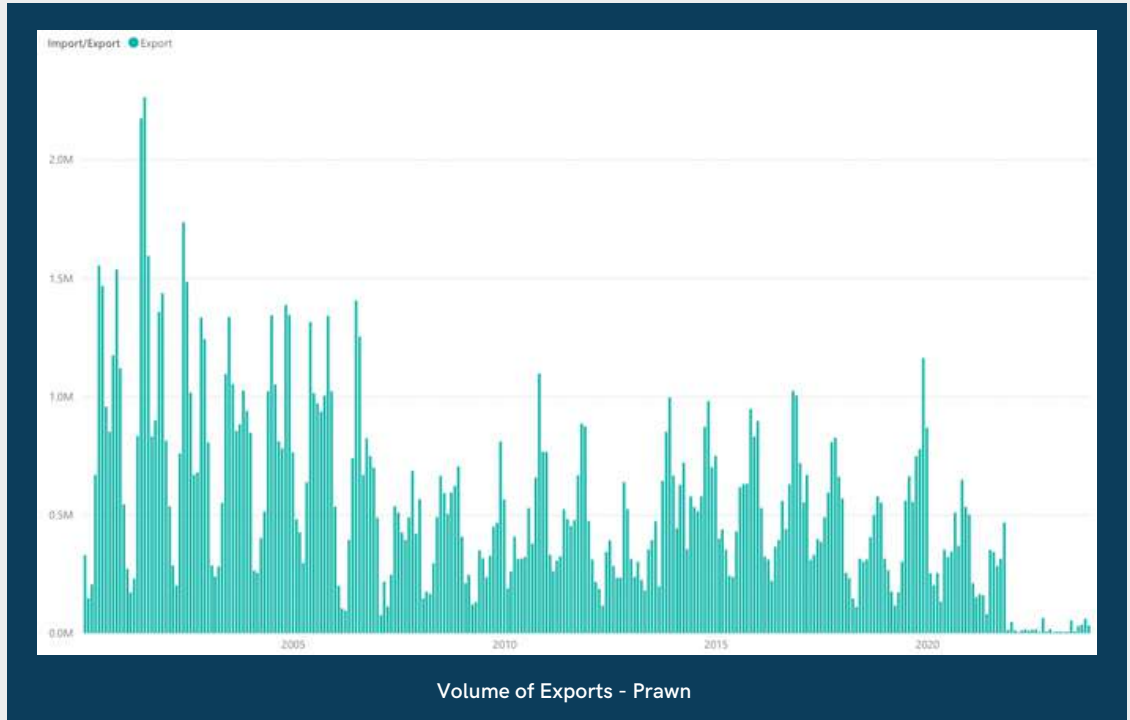
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FRDC - Trade Data

Prawn Exports - Volume

AUS - Trade Data - Species: Prawn

(Exports):



Commodity Description	Quantity
Frozen whole shrimps and prawns, whether in shell or not, raw, dried, salted or in brine, or cooked in shell by steaming or boiling in water	85,667,959
Frozen shrimps and prawns (excl. cold-water shrimps and prawns), whether in shell or not, raw, dried, salted, in brine or smoked, or cooked in shell by steaming or boiling in water	49,985,316
Frozen headless shrimps and prawns, whether in shell or not, raw, dried, salted or in brine, or cooked in shell by steaming or boiling in water	5,642,611
Frozen shrimps and prawns (incl. prawn cutlets (fantails), prawn meat, etc), whether in shell or not, raw, dried, salted or in brine, or cooked in shell by steaming or boiling in water (excl. headless and whole shrimps and prawns)	3,853,293
Frozen cold-water shrimps and prawns (Pandalus spp., Crangon crangon), whether in shell or not, raw, dried, salted, in brine or smoked, or cooked in shell by steaming or boiling in water	2,930,710
Unfrozen whole shrimps and prawns, live, fresh, chilled, dried, salted or in brine, whether in shell or not, or in the shell and cooked by steaming or by boiling in water	1,225,608
Unfrozen shrimps and prawns, in airtight containers (excl. shrimps and prawns of Chapter 03)	786,930
Prepared or preserved shrimps and prawns (excl. shrimps and prawns of Chapter 03)	770,800
Prepared or preserved shrimps and prawns, not in airtight containers (excl. shrimps and prawns of Chapter 03)	538,578
Dried, salted, in brine, or smoked shrimps and prawns (excl. frozen, live, fresh or chilled), whether in shell or not	189,381
Unfrozen shrimps and prawns (incl. prawn cutlets (fantails), prawn meat, etc), fresh, chilled, dried, salted or in brine, whether in shell or not, or in the shell and cooked by steaming or by boiling in water (excl. headless and whole)	182,501
Unfrozen shrimps and prawns (excl. cold-water shrimps and prawns), whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, dried, salted, in brine or smoked, or cooked in shell by steaming or by boiling in water	52,679
Unfrozen headless shrimps and prawns, fresh, chilled, dried, salted or in brine, whether in shell or not, or in the shell and cooked by steaming or by boiling in water	44,018
Live, fresh or chilled shrimps and prawns (excl. cold-water shrimps and prawns), whether in shell or not	17,145
Unfrozen cold-water shrimps and prawns (Pandalus spp., Crangon crangon), whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, dried, salted, in brine or smoked, or cooked in shell by steaming or by boiling in water	308
Live, fresh or chilled cold-water shrimps and prawns (Pandalus spp., Crangon crangon), whether in shell or not	35

Volume of Exports - Commodity Breakdown

Country	Quantity
Japan	46,549,577
Hong Kong	21,293,820
China	18,990,987
Vietnam	18,080,839
Spain	11,968,575
Thailand	8,344,265
Malaysia	5,845,572
New Zealand	4,703,376
Greece	3,378,222
Taiwan	2,769,230
Indonesia	2,307,555
Singapore	1,236,637
United States of America	1,006,179

Leading Export Destinations - Volume

State	Quantity
QLD	85,710,162
WA	26,827,509
Foreign (re-export)	20,733,441
SA	9,761,008
NSW	7,366,506
NT	533,394
VIC	527,717
TAS	428,135

Export Volume by State

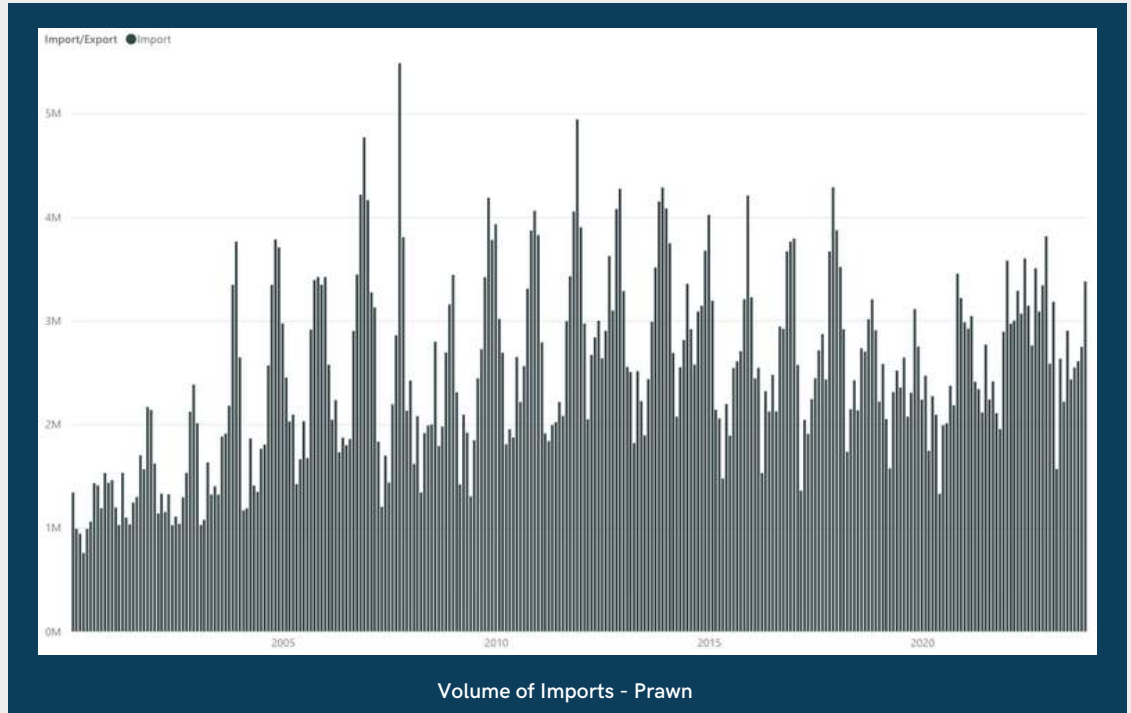
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FRDC - Trade Data

Prawn Imports - Volume

AUS - Trade Data - Species: Prawn

(Imports):



Commodity Description	Quantity
Frozen, farmed shrimps and prawns (excl. cold-water shrimps and prawns), uncooked, whether in shell or not	114,547,518
Prepared or preserved shrimps and prawns (excl. shrimps and prawns packed in air-tight cans, bottles, jars or similar containers and shrimps and prawns of Chapter 03)	107,383,312
Prepared or preserved shrimps and prawns, not in airtight containers (excl. shrimps and prawns of Chapter 03)	97,015,687
Frozen, farmed shrimps and prawns, uncooked, whether in shell or not	80,166,882
Frozen shrimps and prawns (excl. cold-water shrimps and prawns), in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water	75,395,907
Prepared or preserved shrimps and prawns, in airtight containers (excl. shrimps and prawns of Chapter 03)	65,443,099
Frozen shrimps and prawns, uncooked, whether in shell or not (excl. farmed shrimps and prawns)	59,252,161
Frozen shrimps and prawns, in shell, with head and tail on, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water (excl. those of HS 16052000)	57,452,933
Frozen shrimps and prawns (excl. cold-water shrimps and prawns and farmed shrimps and prawns), uncooked, whether in shell or not	30,885,911
Frozen shrimps and prawns (uncooked), whether in shell or not; Frozen shrimps and prawns, in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water	9,508,147
Prepared or preserved shrimps and prawns, packed in air-tight cans, bottles, jars or similar containers (excl. shrimps and prawns of Chapter 03)	5,239,434
Frozen cold-water shrimps and prawns (Pandalus spp., Crangon crangon), whether in shell or not, raw, dried, salted, in brine or smoked, or cooked in shell by steaming or boiling in water	4,490,110
Unfrozen, uncooked shrimps and prawns, live, fresh, chilled, dried, salted or in brine, whether in shell or not (excl. farmed shrimps and prawns)	1,309,707
Dried, salted, in brine, or smoked shrimps and prawns (excluding frozen, live, f	652,405
Unfrozen shrimps and prawns, in shell, with head and tail on, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water (excl. those of HS 16052000)	382,397
Unfrozen shrimps and prawns (excl. cold-water shrimps and prawns), whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, dried, salted, in brine or smoked, or cooked in shell by steaming or by boiling in water	332,565
Shrimps and prawns, whether in shell or not, live, dried, salted or in brine; shrimps and prawns in shell, cooked by steaming or boiling in water, dried, salted or in brine	132,040
Unfrozen, uncooked, farmed shrimps and prawns, live, fresh, chilled, dried, salted or in brine, whether in shell or not	93,483
Live, fresh or chilled shrimps and prawns (excluding cold-water shrimps and prawns)	68,290
Shrimps and prawns, fresh or chilled, whether in shell or not	13,234
Unfrozen cold-water shrimps and prawns (Pandalus spp., Crangon crangon), whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, dried, salted, in brine or smoked, or cooked in shell by steaming or by boiling in water	2,445

Volume of Imports - Commodity Breakdown

Country	Quantity
Vietnam	229,902,530
Thailand	192,474,998
China	161,624,256
Malaysia	54,434,289
Indonesia	22,590,090
India	21,544,159
Myanmar	7,963,242
Australia (Re-Imports)	2,292,104
New Caledonia	2,136,430
Singapore	1,744,739
Philippines	1,544,441
Saudi Arabia	1,533,016

Leading Import Sources - Volume

State	Quantity
NSW	289,638,491
VIC	231,078,057
QLD	98,177,984
WA	60,699,246
SA	28,791,144
NT	1,208,515
TAS	215,230

Import Volume by State

Source: FRDC, 2023

FRDC - Trade Data Sourced from FAO

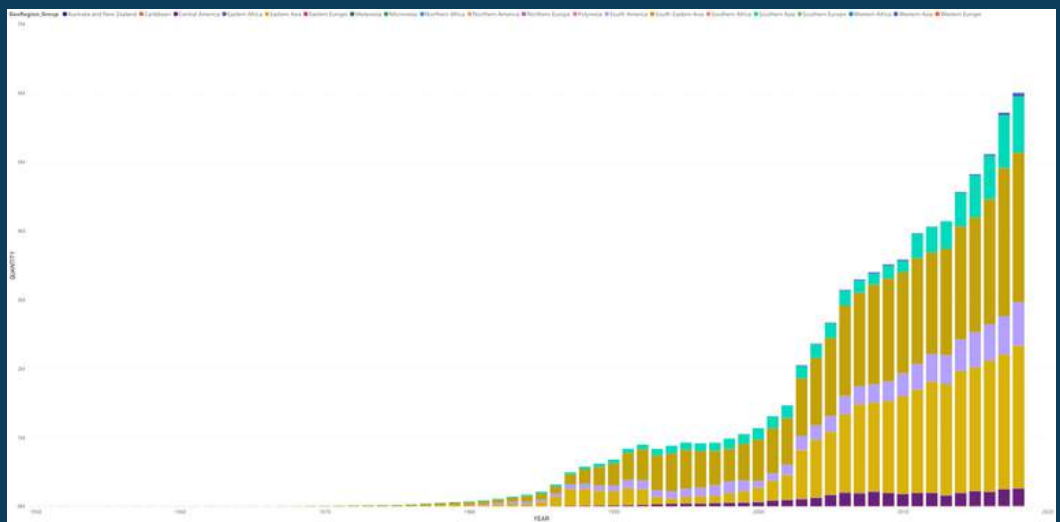
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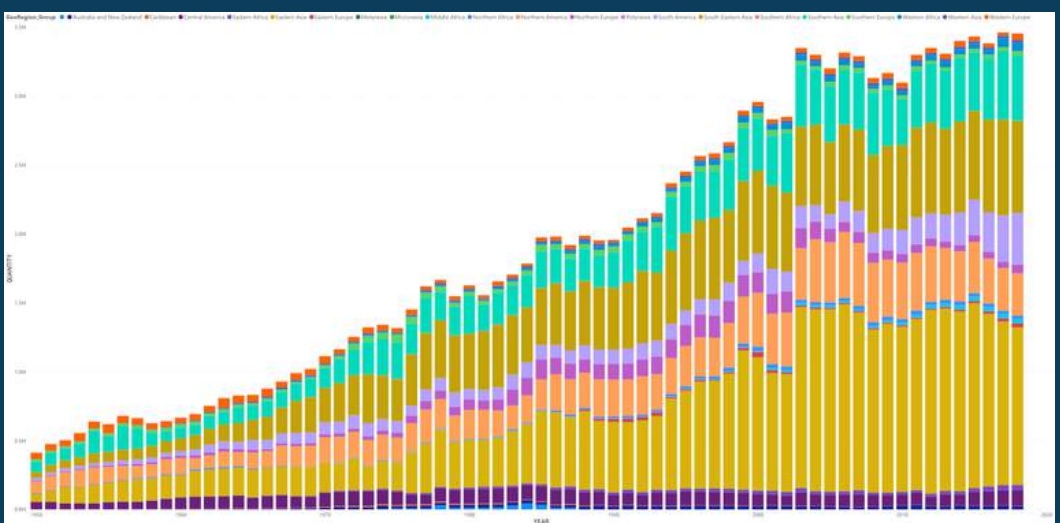
Reporting country Name En	Unit Name	2021	2020	2019
Australia	Tonnes - net product weight	33 360	32 523	34 857
Korea, Republic of	Tonnes - net product weight	104 721	99 662	101 696

Reporting country Name En	Unit Name	2021	2020	2019
Australia	Value (USD 1000)	344 723	327 545	361 309
Korea, Republic of	Value (USD 1000)	755 299	649 511	669 986

Global Fish Trade Volume & Value by ISSCAAP (International Standard Statistical Classification of Aquatic Animals and Plants) - FAO



Production Volume by GeoRegion - Aquaculture Production - FRDC



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