



Australia is a top 20 country

Economy

Australia has entered its 25th year of annual economic growth – (2015-16) (Australian Bureau of Statistics)

Australia is estimated to have world's 12th highest **GDP** and 7th highest **GDP per capita** (both in US dollar terms) – (2015) (International Monetary Fund)

Australia has the world's 3rd largest pool of investment **funds under management** (US\$1.624 trillion) – (2014) (Investment Company Institute)

The Australian dollar is the 5th **most traded currency** – (2013) (Bank of International Settlements)

The **Australian Stock Exchange** is the world's 15th largest (by domestic market capitalisation) – (September 2015) (World Federation of Exchanges)

International Trade and Investment

Australia is the number one global exporter of **coal, iron ore, aluminium ores, and zinc** (by value) – (2014) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the largest global exporter of **beef** and **chickpeas**, the 2nd largest exporter of **lentils** and the 4th largest exporter of **sugar** (by value) – (2014) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the 12th largest exporter of dairy products (by value) – (2014) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the 3rd largest exporter of **Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)** and of copper (by value) – (2014) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the 7th largest exporter of **silver**, the 8th largest exporter of **gold**, and the 2nd largest exporter of **zircon** (by value) – (2014) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the 14th largest exporter of **orthopaedic appliances** and the 20th largest exporter of **medicaments** (by value) – (2014) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia receives the 12th largest **international tourist spend** from overseas visitors – (2013) (World Bank World Development Indicators)

Australia attracted the 13th largest amount of **inward Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)**, and Australian investors contributed the 17th highest amount of **outward FDI** globally (based on FDI stocks) – (2014) (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development – UNCTAD)

Doing business

Australia is ranked 1st on the Global **Creativity** Index – (2015) (Martin Prosperity)

Australia is ranked 3rd on the Global **Dynamism** Index – (2015) (Thornton Consulting)

Australia is ranked 3rd on **entrepreneurship** behind the United States and Canada – (2015) (The Global Entrepreneurship and Development Institute)

Australia is ranked 3rd on **business environment** for 2015-19 – (Economist Intelligence Unit)

Australia is ranked 4th for **economic freedom** – (2015) (Index of Economic Freedom)

Australia is ranked 4th on the number of **new businesses** – (2012) (World Bank Development Indicators)

Australia is ranked 5th on the **financial development index** – (2012) (World Economic Forum)

Australia is ranked 13th on **ease of doing business** – (2015) (World Bank International Finance Corporation)

Australia is ranked 7th on the **web participation** index – (2013) (World Wide Web Foundation)

Australia is ranked 15th on the number of **trademark applications** filed by residents – (2013) (World Bank)

Australia is ranked 16th on the number of **patent applications** filed by residents – (2013) (World Bank)

Australia is ranked 17th on the global **innovation** index – (2015) (Cornell University, INSEAD and the World Intellectual Property Organisation)

Education and training

Australia is ranked 1st on **secondary education enrolment rates** – (2014-15) (World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Index)

Australia has the 3rd highest number of **international students** (tertiary) behind the United States and United Kingdom – (2013) (UNESCO)

Australia has the 5th highest number of **universities in the world's top 100** (University of Melbourne ranked 33rd, Australian National University 52nd, University of Sydney 56th, University of Queensland equal 60th, Monash University 73rd, University of New South Wales equal 82nd) – (2015-16) (Times Higher Education World University Rankings)

Australia is ranked 6th on **internet access in schools** – (2015-16) (World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Index)

Australia has the 6th highest proportion of 25-64 year olds with **tertiary qualifications** – (2012) (OECD Education at a Glance 2014)

An Australian team won the **robot football world championships** for the second consecutive year – (2015) (RoboCup)

Health and Lifestyle

The Canberra region is ranked 1st for **well-being** – (2014) (OECD Regional Well-being Report)

Australia has 4 cities in the world's top 10 **most liveable cities** ranking (Melbourne 1st, Adelaide equal 5th, Sydney 7th and Perth 8th) – (August 2015) (Economist Intelligence Unit Global Liveability Ranking)

Australia is the most popular country on social media site **Instagram** (with 1.8 million followers of Tourism Australia's @Australia account) – (2015) (Instagram)

Australia is ranked 7th globally on **prosperity** – (2014) (Legatum Institute)

Australia is ranked 6th on Lonely Planet's **Best in Travel** list, drawing special mention for value for money, indigenous tourism and UNESCO World Heritage wilderness areas – (2015)

Australians have the 9th highest **life expectancy** – (2013) (World Bank World Development Indicators)

Governance and Human Development

Australia is ranked 2nd on the UN's **Human Development Index** after Norway – (2013) (United Nations Development Program Human Development Index)

Australia is ranked equal 1st on **customs transparency** – (2014) (World Economic Forum Global Enabling Trade Report)

Australia is ranked equal 1st on **judicial efficiency and impartiality** in commercial disputes – (2014) (World Economic Forum Global Enabling Trade Report)

Australia is ranked 3rd for **human rights** – (August 2014) (International Human Rights Rank Indicator)

Australia is ranked 4th on **legal rights** – (2015-16) (World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Index)

Australia is ranked 11th on **transparency** (low incidence of corruption) – (2014) (Transparency International)

Global citizenship

Australia resettles the highest number of **refugees** per capita – (2013)

(Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)

Australians are the 6th most generous **private donors** in the world – (2014)

(Charities Aid Foundation World Giving Index)

Australia is ranked 6th globally on **soft power diplomacy** – (2015) (Portland Communications)

Australia is the 9th largest **Official Development Assistance (ODA)** donor country – (2013) (OECD)

Australia is the 12th largest contributor to the **United Nations regular budget** and the 11th largest financial contributor to the **United Nations peacekeeping budget** – (2015) (United Nations)

Geography and biodiversity

Australia has the world's 2nd largest **search and rescue** area, encompassing 54 million square kilometres – (2015) (Australian Maritime Safety Authority)

Australia has the world's 3rd largest **marine jurisdiction** of 13.86 million square kilometres – (2015)

(Department of Industry)

Australia has the 6th largest **land size** – (2014) (World Bank World Development Indicators)

Australia has a rich **biodiversity** comprising over 566,000 species (up to 10 per cent of all species on earth are present in Australia) – (2009) (Convention on Biological Diversity)