



AUSTRALIA IS A TOP 20 COUNTRY

Economy

Australia has entered its 26th year of annual economic growth – (2015-16) (Australian Bureau of Statistics)

Australia is the 2nd **wealthiest nation** in terms of wealth per adult after Switzerland – (2016) (Global Wealth Report, Credit Suisse)

The Australian dollar is the 5th **most traded currency** – (2016) (Bank of International Settlements)

Australia has the world's 6th largest pool of investment **funds under management** (US\$1.613 trillion). However, within Asia Australia is ranked 1st – (2016) (Investment Company Institute)

Australia is estimated to have the world's 13th highest **GDP** and 10th highest **GDP per capita** (in US dollar terms) – (2016) (International Monetary Fund)

The **Australian Stock Exchange** is the world's 16th largest stock exchange in the world (by domestic market capitalisation) – (2016) (World Federation of Exchanges)

International trade and investment

Australia is the number one global exporter of **coal, iron ore, aluminium ores** and **unwrought lead** and the 3rd largest global exporter of **zinc ores** (by value) – (2016) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the largest global exporter of **beef** and **chickpeas**, the 4th largest exporter of **lentils**, the 4th largest exporter of **sugar**, and the 5th largest exporter of **wine** (by value) – (2016) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the 3rd largest global exporter of **zircon** and the 5th largest exporter of **gold** (by value) – (2016) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the 2nd largest global exporter of **liquefied natural gas (LNG)** (by quantity) and 3rd largest exporter of **copper ores** (by value) – (2016) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the 10th largest global exporter of **vegetables** and **dairy products** (by value) – (2016) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the 13th largest exporter of **orthopaedic appliances** (by value) – (2016) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia receives the 12th largest **international tourist spend** from overseas visitors – (2015) (UNWTO World Tourism Barometer, Vol.14)

Australia attracted the 12th largest amount of **inward Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** and Australian investors contributed the 17th highest amount of **outward FDI** globally (based on FDI stocks) – (2015) (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 equal 2nd (with Japan) on the **Web Participation Index** – (2016)
(World Wide Web Foundation)

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

Australia is ranked 5th for **economic freedom** – (2017) (Index of Economic Freedom)

Australia is ranked 7th on the **Global Entrepreneurship Index** – (2017)
(The Global Entrepreneurship and Development Institute)

Australia is ranked 13th on **business environment** for 2017-21 – (Economist Intelligence Unit)

Australia is ranked 11th on the number of **trademark applications** filed by residents – (2014) (World Bank)

Australia is ranked 14th on **economic resilience** – (2017) (IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook)

Australia is ranked 15th on **ease of doing business** – (2017) (World Bank Group)

Australia is ranked 15th on **world digital competitiveness** – (2017) (IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook)

Australia is ranked 19th on the **Global Innovation Index** – (2016)
(Cornell University, INSEAD and the World Intellectual Property Organisation)

Education and training

Australia is ranked 3rd on **secondary education enrolment rates** – (2016-17)
(World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Index)

Australia has the 3rd highest number of **international students** (tertiary) behind the United States and the United Kingdom – (2014) (UNESCO)

Australia has the 3rd highest number of **universities in the world's top 100** (University of Melbourne ranked 40th, University of Queensland equal 55th, Australian National University 77th, Monash University 79th, University of Sydney 82nd, University of Western Australia 96th) – (2016)
(Academic Ranking of World Universities)

Australia is ranked 6th on **internet access** in schools – (2016-17)
(World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Index)

Australia has the 6th highest proportion of 25-64 year olds with **tertiary qualifications** – (2015)
(OECD Education at a Glance 2016)

Health and lifestyle

Australia is ranked 1st for **well-being** with six states in the top 10 regions (ACT ranking 1st, WA 2nd, QLD 3rd, VIC 4th, NSW 6th and SA equal 9th) – (June 2016) (OECD Regional Well-being)

Australia has 3 cities in the world's top 10 **most liveable cities** ranking (Melbourne 1st for the sixth consecutive year, Adelaide equal 5th and Perth 7th) – (August 2016)
(Economist Intelligence Unit Global Liveability Ranking)

Australia is the 12th most instagrammed country of all time on social media site **Instagram** (with 23.5 million posts so far of Tourism Australia's @Australia account) – (2016) (Business Insider)

Australia is ranked 3rd (out of 34 countries) on **digital life** – (2016) (Telefónica Index on Digital Life)

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 – (2016)

Australia is ranked 6th globally on **prosperity** – (2016) (Legatum Institute)



Australia is ranked equal 7th on the **Visa Restrictions Index** – (2017) (Henley & Partners)

Australians have the 10th highest **life expectancy** – (2015) (World Bank World Development Indicators)

Australia is ranked 6th on the **Global Talent Competitiveness Index** – (2017) (Global Talent Competitiveness Index Report)

Australia had the 10th highest total medal tally at the **2016 Olympics** with 8 gold medals and the 5th highest total medal tally at the **2016 Paralympics** with 22 gold medals – (2016)

Governance and human development

Australia is ranked equal 1st on **customs transparency** – (2016)
(World Economic Forum Global Enabling Trade Report)

Australia is ranked 3rd on **efficiency in enforcing contracts** – (2016)
(World Economic Forum Global Enabling Trade Report)

Australia is ranked equal 2nd (with Switzerland) on the UN's **Human Development Index** after Norway – (2015) (United Nations Development Program Human Development Index)

Australia is ranked 4th on **legal rights** – (2016-17) (World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Index)

Australia is ranked 11th on the **Rule of Law Index** – (2016) (World Justice Project)

Australia is ranked equal 13th on **transparency** (low incidence of corruption) – (2016)
(Transparency International)

Global citizenship

Australia is ranked 4th for the number of **refugees** resettled per capita – (2015)
(Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)

Australians are the 3rd most generous **private donors** in the world – (2016)
(Charities Aid Foundation World Giving Index)

Australia is ranked 6th globally on **soft power diplomacy** – (2016) (Portland Communications)

Australia is the 11th largest country donor for **Official Development Assistance (ODA)** – (2015) (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** – (2017) (United Nations)

Geography and biodiversity

Australia's **search and rescue** region comprises 10% of the earth's surface
(Australian Maritime Safety Authority Corporate Plan)

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

Australia has the 6th largest **land size** – (2016) (World Bank World Development Indicators)