

# Commonwealth of Australia



- Capital city: Canberra
  - Official language: English (de facto)
- 1) Geographical features:**
- Area: 7,741,220 sq km
  - Geographical coordinates: 27 00 S, 133 00 E
  - Climate: generally arid to semi-arid; temperate in south and east; tropical in north
  - Topography type: mostly low plateau with deserts; fertile plain in southeast

## **2) Political features:**

- Government type: Federal parliamentary democracy and a Commonwealth realm
- Head of state: Queen of Australia Elizabeth II (since 6 February 1952)
- Head of government: Prime Minister Malcomb Turnbull (since 15 September 2015)

## **3) Economic features:**

- Total GDP: \$ 1,453,770,210,672.0 (2014)
- GDP growth rate: 2.5% (2014)
- GDP per capita: \$ 61,887.0 (2014)
- GNI (PPP): \$ 1,007,360,995,516 (2014)
- Sectoral composition of economy (2014 est.):
  - » Agriculture: 3.7%
  - » Industry: 28.9%
  - » Services: 67.4%
- Currency and exchange rate: Australian dollars (AUD) per US dollar – 1.098 (2014 est.)
- Exports: \$ 250.8 billion (2014 est.)
- Biggest exporting partners: China 33.7%, Japan 18%, South Korea 7.4%, US 4.2% (2014)
- Imports: \$245.9 billion (2014 est.)
- Biggest importing partners: China 20.5%, US 10.6%, Japan 6.8%, Germany 4.7%, South Korea 4.7%, Malaysia 4.4%, Thailand 4.3% (2014)

## **4) Social and demographic features:**

- Population size: 23,490,736.0 (2014)
- Main languages spoken: English 76.8%, Mandarin 1.6%, Italian 1.4%, Arabic 1.3%, Greek 1.2 %, Cantonese 1.2%, Vietnamese 1.1%, other 10.4%, unspecified 5% (2011 est.)

- Main religions followed: Protestant 30.1% (Anglican 17.1%, Uniting Church 5.0% , Presbyterian and Reformed 2.8%, Baptist, 1.6%, Lutheran 1.2%, Pentecostal 1.1%, other Protestant 1.3%), Catholic 25.3% (Roman Catholic 25.1%, other Catholic .2%), other Christian 2.9%, Orthodox 2.8%, Buddhist 2.5%, Muslim 2.2%, Hindu 1.3%, other 1.3%, none 22.3%, unspecified 9.3% (2011 est.)
- Biggest ethnic groups: English 25.9%, Australian 25.4%, Irish 7.5%, Scottish 6.4%, Italian 3.3%, German 3.2%, Chinese 3.1%, Indian 1.4%, Greek 1.4%, Dutch 1.2%, other 15.8% (includes Australian aboriginal .5%), unspecified 5.4% (2011 est.)
- Sex ratio: 1.01 male(s)/female (2015 est.)

#### **5) Military and defense:**

- Total defense expenditure: \$ 25411m (2014)
- Defense expenditure as a % of GDP: 1.8% (2014)
- Military age: 17
- Military obligation: voluntary military service; no conscription
- Military strength (Active manpower): 58,000 (2014)

#### **6) Important rankings:**

- GDP ranking (nominal): 12 (2014) 12 (2015)
- HDI ranking: 2 (2014)
- Global peace index: 9 (2015)
- KOF Globalization index: 21 (2015)
- Military strength ranking: 13 (2015)
- Where-to-be-born index: 2 (2013)