

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 Scott Morrison (since 24 August 2018)

3) Economic Features:

- Total GDP: \$ 1.248 trillion (2017 est.)
- GDP Growth Rate: 2.2% (2017 est.)
- GDP Per Capita: \$ 50,400 (2017 est.)
- GDP (PPP): \$ 1.248 trillion (2017 est.)
- Sectoral Composition of Economy (2017 est.):
 - » Agriculture: 3.6%
 - » Industry: 25.3%
 - » Services: 71.2%
- Currency and Exchange Rate: Australian dollars (AUD) per US dollar – 1.311 (2017 est.)
- Exports: \$ 231.6 billion (2017 est.)
- Biggest Exporting Partners: China 33.5%, Japan 14.6%, South Korea 6.6%, India 5%, Hong Kong 4% (2017)
- Imports: \$221 billion (2017 est.)
- Biggest Importing Partners: China 22.9%, US 10.8%, Japan 7.5%, Germany 4.9%, South Korea 4.5% (2017)

4) Social and Demographic Features:

- Population Size: 23,470,145 (2018 est.)
- Main Languages Spoken: English 72.7%, Mandarin 2.5%, Arabic 1.2%, Italian 1.2%, Greek 1%, Vietnamese 1.2%, other 14.8%, unspecified 6.5% (2018 est.)
- Main Religions Followed: Protestant 23.1% (Anglican 13.3%, Uniting Church 3.7% , Presbyterian and Reformed 2.3%, Baptist, 1.5%, Lutheran 0.7%, Pentecostal 1.1%, other Protestant 0.5%), Roman Catholic 22.6%, other Christian 4.2%, Orthodox 2.3%, Buddhist 2.4%, Muslim 2.6%, Hindu 1.9%, other 1.3%, none 30.1%, unspecified 9.6% (2016 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.)
- Total Employment (millions; ages 15+): 12.0 (2016)
- Sex Ratio: 1.01 male(s)/female (2018 est.)

5) Military and Defense:

- Total Defense Expenditure: \$ 26836m (2018)
- Defense Expenditure as a % of GDP: 1.9% (2018)
- Military Age: 17
- Military Obligation: voluntary military service; no conscription
- Military Strength (Active Manpower): 60,000 (2018)

6) Important Rankings:

- GDP Ranking (Nominal): 13 (2018)
- HDI Ranking: 3 (2018)
- Global Peace Index: 13 (2018)

- KOF Globalization Index: 24 (2018)
- Military Strength Ranking: 19 (2018)
- Where-to-be-born Index: 2 (2013)