



2004 AUSTRALIA AT A GLANCE



Australia comprises a land area of about 7.7 million square kilometres (see table below). The land lies between latitudes 10° 41' south (Cape York, Queensland) and 43° 38' south (South East Cape, Tasmania) and between longitudes 113° 09' east (Steep Point, Western Australia) and 153° 38' east (Cape Byron, New South Wales).

The area of Australia is almost as great as that of the United States of America (excluding Alaska), about 50% greater than Europe (excluding the former USSR) and 32 times greater than the United Kingdom.

Australia is composed of six states: New South Wales (NSW), Victoria (Vic.), Queensland (Qld), South Australia (SA), Western Australia (WA), Tasmania (Tas.) and two territories: Northern Territory (NT) and Australian Capital Territory (ACT). The longest river in Australia is the Murray River (2,520 kilometres), which forms a natural border between NSW and Vic. The highest mountain in Australia is Mt Kosciuszko, 2,228 metres, which is situated in NSW.



State/ territory	Area km²	Estimated resident population 30 June 2002 '000	Capital city(a)	Estimated resident population 30 June 2002 '000
NSW	800 642	6 640	Sydney	4 171
Vic.	227 416	4 873	Melbourne	3 524
Qld	1 730 648	3 707	Brisbane	1 689
SA	983 482	1 520	Adelaide	1 114
WA	2 529 875	1 927	Perth	1 414
Tas.	68 401	473	Hobart	198
NT	1 349 129	198	Darwin	107
ACT	2 358	322	Canberra	321
Aust.	(b)7 692 024	(c)19 663		

(a) Capital City Statistical Division. (b) Includes Jervis Bay Territory — 73 square kilometres. (c) Includes Other Territories — Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

AGRICULTURE

		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Gross value of agriculture	\$m	30 212	34 237	39 588
Crops	\$m	16 923	18 534	21 403
Livestock slaughtering etc.	\$m	7 944	9 738	11 435
Livestock products	\$m	5 345	5 965	6 751

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Balance on current account	\$m	-18 334	-21 938	-42 463
Net goods	\$m	-30	-792	-18 236
Net services	\$m	905	-856	-1 452
Net income	\$m	-19 241	-20 273	-22 555
Net current transfers	\$m	32	-17	-220
Balance on capital account	\$m	1 109	1 016	1 298
Balance on financial account	\$m	15 277	21 051	41 591

BUILDING

		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
New houses completed — trend	'000	107	92	95
Value of new houses — work done(a)	\$m	17 431	12 119	15 216
New other residential building completed — trend	'000	42	42	35
Value of new other residential building — work done(a)	\$m	7 055	5 692	6 726
Value of new residential building — work done(a)	\$m	24 472	17 812	21 942
Value of non-residential building — work done(a)	\$m	14 996	12 447	13 135
Value of total building — work done(a)	\$m	43 770	33 654	39 137

(a) Chain volume measures, reference year is 2000-01.

CLIMATE

	Mean annual rainfall mm	Mean daily hours of sunshine	Mean daily temperature			
			January		July	
			Max. °C	Min. °C	Max. °C	Min. °C
Sydney	1 102.4	7.2	26.3	18.6	16.9	6.9
Melbourne	560.6	6.8	26.0	13.5	12.9	5.2
Brisbane	1 185.4	8.0	29.1	20.9	20.6	9.5
Adelaide	454.4	7.7	27.9	15.7	14.9	6.9
Perth	791.9	8.9	31.5	16.9	17.7	8.1
Hobart	507.2	6.3	22.3	11.9	12.3	4.0
Darwin	1 709.8	8.5	31.7	24.8	30.4	19.3
Canberra	630.5	7.6	27.7	13.0	11.2	-0.2

Source: Bureau of Meteorology 2003, Bureau of Meteorology, Melbourne, viewed 19 August 2003, <<http://www.bom.gov.au>>.

CONSUMER PRICE AND OTHER PRICE INDEXES(a)

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
CPI, all groups	132.2	136.0	140.2
Export	114.8	116.7	111.7
Import	134.3	132.3	126.0
Stage of production, final (stage 3)(b)	107.0	108.8	110.5
Output of general construction(b)	106.1	107.9	112.7
Materials used in house building	124.4	126.0	130.5
Materials used in other building	116.4	118.6	123.6
Materials used in manufacturing	132.4	132.4	131.9
Articles produced by manufacturing	128.5	128.8	130.3
Transport (freight) and storage(b)	102.3	103.2	105.2
Property and business services(b)	107.5	110.6	113.5

(a) Unless otherwise specified, reference base year is 1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) Reference base year is 1998-99 = 100.0.

DEMOGRAPHY

		2000	2001	2002
Population at 30 June	'000	19 153	19 413	19 663
Births	'000	249	245	250
Deaths	'000	129	130	134
		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Permanent and long-term arrivals	'000	305	349	353
Permanent and long-term departures	'000	198	213	220
Net overseas migration	'000	107	136	134

EDUCATION

		2000	2001	2002
Government school students	'000	2 275	2 283	2 284
Non-government school students	'000	1 001	1 022	1 047
VET course enrolments(a)	'000	1 749	2 119	2 277
Higher education students(b)	'000	696	842	897

(a) Some double counting may occur where students have multiple enrolments.

(b) From 2001 the basis for calculation changed from enrolments at a particular date, to enrolments throughout a year.

Source: National Schools Statistics Collection; National Council for Vocational Education Research; Department of Education, Science and Training.

EMPLOYEE EARNINGS AND HOURS

		2001	2002	2003
Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees, May — trend	\$	859.30	907.40	959.10
		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Annual average weekly hours worked by full-time employed				
Persons	hours	41	41	41
Males	hours	42	42	43
Females	hours	38	38	38

FINANCE

		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
General government finance				
GFS Revenue	\$m	242 529	256 482	261 422
GFS Expenses	\$m	224 675	249 104	262 032
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	17 854	7 378	-610
Income tax levied on individuals	\$m	83 788	77 425	87 250
Total taxation revenue	\$m	196 141	213 741	216 915
Private finance assets at 30 June		2001	2002	2003
Banks	\$m	805 177	872 818	972 694
Other depository corporations	\$m	230 439	243 061	279 917
Life insurance corporations	\$m	189 187	189 548	186 347
Pension funds	\$m	456 536	459 964	472 604
Other insurance corporations	\$m	75 053	76 352	85 180
Central borrowing authorities	\$m	91 752	93 607	104 252
Financial intermediaries n.e.c.	\$m	223 464	235 528	249 703
Financial institutions lending commitments		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Housing finance	\$m	74 424	96 482	106 691
Personal finance	\$m	52 700	58 137	68 940
Commercial finance	\$m	183 815	207 012	261 405
Lease finance	\$m	6 061	6 626	6 312

HEALTH

		1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Expenditure(a)	\$m	51 680	55 668	60 779

(a) Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS 2002-03

	Balance on merchandise trade \$US billion	Consumer price index (all items) 1995=100.0	Producer prices index 1995=100.0
Australia	-10.6	120.0	115.4
Canada	30.3	116.3	109.0
France	6.2	111.3	97.5
Germany	132.5	110.6	105.8
Italy	3.1	120.4	112.8
Japan	78.9	99.7	91.5
New Zealand	-1.5	114.3	111.4
OECD Major 7	n.a.	115.0	105.1
United Kingdom	-72.7	120.0	109.4
United States of America	-558.1	119.5	109.2

	Wages index 1995=100.0	Employment index 1995=100.0	Unemploy- ment rates %
Australia	n.y.a.	114.6	6.1
Canada	116.3	117.0	7.6
France	126.5	n.y.a.	9.1
Germany	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	9.0
Italy	121.3	109.4	n.y.a.
Japan	105.0	97.9	5.4
New Zealand	n.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
OECD Major 7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	6.6
United Kingdom	136.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
United States of America	125.8	109.8	5.9

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION

		2001	2002	2003
Net foreign liabilities at 30 June	\$m	493 972	524 434	568 445
Foreign investment in Australia	\$m	827 907	856 900	905 885
Australian investment abroad	\$m	-464 002	-460 154	-464 353
Net foreign debt at 30 June	\$m	306 087	329 191	358 965

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Net foreign equity, ratios to GDP	%	8.6	9.5	11.0
Net foreign debt, ratios to GDP	%	45.7	46.3	47.8

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Total exports	\$m	119 539	121 108	115 442
Total imports	\$m	118 317	119 649	133 131

		2002-03 Exports	2002-03 Imports
Merchandise export and import commodities			
Food and live animals	\$m	18 374	5 107
Beverages and tobacco	\$m	2 723	1 062
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	\$m	21 429	1 953
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	\$m	23 807	10 598
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	\$m	324	364
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	\$m	5 099	15 025
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	\$m	12 597	16 074
Machinery and transport equipment	\$m	13 528	60 640
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	\$m	4 413	18 716
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	\$m	13 148	3 592

LABOUR FORCE

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Annual averages				
Employed persons	'000	9 130	9 232	9 459
Unemployed persons	'000	625	657	616
Unemployment rate	%	6.4	6.6	6.1

		2001	2002	2003
Job vacancies, May — trend	'000	94.4	95.7	109.4

		2000	2001	2002
Trade union membership, August	%	24.7	24.5	23.1
Industrial disputes, working days lost	'000	469	393	259

MANUFACTURING

Production		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Cars and station wagons for fewer than 10 persons	no.	314 475	340 099	318 951
Unfortified wine	'000L	779 149	1 016 306	1 150 854
Red meat	'000 t	3 031	3 171	3 067
Milk	ML	10 847	10 545	11 271
Sugar	kt	5 448	4 162	4 610
Tobacco and cigarettes	t	20 688	19 125	18 367
Scoured and carbonised wool	t	118 558	124 679	99 924
Automotive gasoline	ML	18 652	17 887	18 000
Automotive diesel oil	ML	12 737	13 212	13 065
Aviation turbine fuel	ML	5 539	5 836	5 390
Raw steel	kt	8 053	8 003	8 311
Alumina	'000 t	15 037	16 099	16 417
Ready mixed concrete	'000 m ³	20 634	17 250	19 447

Key performance indicators

Employment at end of June(a)	'000	954	946	n.y.a.
Wages and salaries(b)	\$m	38 048	38 746	n.y.a.
Sales and service income	\$m	240 145	251 759	n.y.a.

(a) Includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes the drawings of working proprietors.

MINING

Production		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Iron ore and concentrates	Mt	160	176	185
Gold in mine products	t	299	296	264
Black coal (saleable)	Mt	239	258	273
Brown coal	Mt	66	65	65
Crude oil and condensate	ML	37 447	38 705	36 100
Natural gas and ethane	Gm ³	33	34	36

Key performance indicators

Employment at end of June(a)	'000	64	67	n.y.a.
Wages and salaries(b)	\$m	4 808	5 229	n.y.a.
Sales and service income	\$m	41 756	54 032	n.y.a.

(a) Includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes the drawings of working proprietors.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Gross domestic product chain volume measure	\$m	657 771	669 307	695 663
Gross fixed capital formation				
Private	\$m	125 858	118 449	131 782
Public	\$m	25 136	25 140	26 631
Final consumption expenditure				
Households	\$m	374 922	403 875	428 260
General government	\$m	114 510	120 989	127 768

RETAIL TURNOVER(a)		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Food retailing	\$m	62 218	62 004	63 340
Clothing and soft good retailing	\$m	10 781	10 213	11 005
Recreational good retailing	\$m	7 612	7 310	7 393
Hospitality and services	\$m	27 363	27 563	28 584
Total	\$m	154 884	155 222	163 374

(a) Chain volume measures, reference year is 2000-01.

TOURISM		2000	2001	2002
Inbound visitors	'000	4 931	4 856	4 841
Australians travelling abroad (number of departures)	'000	3 498	3 443	3 461
Major destinations of Australian travellers (number of departures)				
New Zealand	'000	528	600	597
United States of America	'000	395	293	299
United Kingdom	'000	339	301	318
Indonesia	'000	280	289	242
Total all departures	'000	3 498	3 443	3 461

TRANSPORT		1999	2001	2002
Motor vehicles on register				
Passenger vehicles	'000	9 720	9 836	10 101
Light commercial vehicle, trucks, non-freight carrying trucks, buses	'000	2 215	2 256	2 314
Motor cycles	'000	334	351	371

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Annual periods shown as, for example, 2000 refer to the year ended 31 December 2000; those shown as, for example 1999-00 refer to the year ended June 2000. Values are shown in Australian dollars (\$) unless another currency is specified. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and totals.

'000	thousand	ML	megalitre
\$m	million dollars	mm	millimetre
%	percentage	Mt	megatonne
°C	degrees Celsius	n.a.	not available
GDP	gross domestic product	n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
Gm ³	cubic gigametres	n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
km ²	square kilometre	n.y.a.	not yet available
kt	kilotonne	SITC	Standard International
L	litre		Trade Classification
m ³	cubic metre	t	tonne

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