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## Australia at a glance

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Australia comprises a land area of almost 7.7 million square kilometres (see table below). The bulk of the Australian land mass lies between latitudes 10 degrees 41 minutes (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 land 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 includes six states: New South Wales (NSW), Victoria (Vic.), Queensland (Qld), South Australia (SA), Western Australia (WA), Tasmania (Tas.), two territories: Northern Territory (NT) and Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and several other Australian Territories. 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 km <sup>2</sup>	Estimated resident population 30 June 2003 '000	Capital city(a)	Estimated resident population 30 June 2003 '000
NSW	800 642	6 682	Sydney	4 201
Vic.	227 416	4 911	Melbourne	3 560
Qld	1 730 648	3 801	Brisbane	1 733
SA	983 482	1 526	Adelaide	1 120
WA	2 529 875	1 950	Perth	1 433
Tas.	68 401	477	Hobart	200
NT	1 349 129	199	Darwin	108
ACT	2 358	323	Canberra	323
<b>Aust.</b>	<b>(b)7 692 024</b>	<b>(c)19 872</b>		

(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

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Gross value of agriculture(a)	\$m	34 237	39 588	32 563
Crops	\$m	18 534	21 403	15 475
Livestock slaughtering etc.	\$m	9 738	11 435	10 676
Livestock products(a)	\$m	5 965	6 751	6 412

(a) Includes value of honey and beeswax for 2000-01; subsequent years excludes these commodities.

## BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Balance on current account	\$m	-20 550	-40 322	-47 427
Net goods	\$m	-852	-18 317	-23 688
Net services	\$m	-381	-322	-409
Net income	\$m	-19 300	-21 469	-23 301
Net current transfers	\$m	-17	-214	-29
Balance on capital account	\$m	1 016	991	1 199
Balance on financial account	\$m	20 890	40 150	47 062

## BUILDING(a)

		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Value of new houses – work done	\$m	16 161	18 381	19 016
Value of new other residential building – work done	\$m	7 038	8 844	9 630
Value of new residential building – work done	\$m	23 202	27 225	28 645
Value of non-residential building – work done	\$m	13 582	15 098	16 031
Value of total building – work done	\$m	41 065	47 084	49 982

(a) Chain volume measures, reference year is 2002-03.

## CLIMATE(a)

	Mean annual rainfall mm	Mean daily hours of sun- shine	Mean daily temperature			
			January		July	
			Max. °C	Min. °C	Max. °C	Min. °C
Sydney	1 276.5	7.2	26.1	19.4	17.2	8.6
Melbourne	654.4	6.4	25.8	15.4	13.9	6.8
Brisbane	1 194.0	8.0	29.2	21.2	20.6	9.5
Adelaide	563.0	7.6	28.7	16.8	15.2	7.4
Perth	745.3	8.8	31.9	17.2	17.9	8.4
Hobart	576.4	6.3	21.8	12.5	12.2	4.7
Darwin	1 847.1	8.5	31.8	24.8	30.7	19.4
Canberra	630.0	7.6	27.7	13.3	11.5	-0.1

(a) Averages are for the standard climate normal period (1971-2000) except for Adelaide (1977-2000). Brisbane, Perth, Darwin and Canberra averages are for observations taken at airports, others are at locations in or near the central city.

Source: Bureau of Meteorology 2003.

## CONSUMER PRICE AND OTHER PRICE INDEXES(a)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
CPI, all groups	136.0	140.2	143.5
Export	116.7	111.7	102.5
Import	132.3	126.0	112.3
Stage of production, final (stage 3)(b)	108.8	110.5	112.0
Output of general construction(b)	107.9	112.7	121.1
Materials used in house building	126.0	130.5	134.3
Materials used in other building	118.6	123.6	127.7
Materials used in manufacturing	132.4	131.9	125.9
Articles produced by manufacturing	128.8	130.3	130.4
Transport (freight) and storage(b)	103.2	105.2	107.1
Property and business services(b)	110.6	113.5	117.3

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

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

## DEMOGRAPHY

		2001	2002	2003
Population at 30 June	'000	19 413	19 641	19 872
Births	'000	246	251	251
Deaths	'000	129	134	132
		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Permanent and long-term arrivals	'000	349	403	393
Permanent and long-term departures	'000	213	293	276
Net overseas migration	'000	136	111	116

## EARNINGS AND HOURS

		2002	2003	2004
Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees, May – trend	\$	907.20	959.20	997.70
Annual average weekly hours worked by full-time employed		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Persons	hours	41	41	40
Males	hours	42	43	42
Females	hours	38	38	38

## EDUCATION

		2001	2002	2003
Government school students (FTE)(a)	'000	2 260	2 269	2 265
Non-government school students (FTE)(a)	'000	1 021	1 046	1 065
VET clients (students)	'000	1 679	1 683	1 718
Higher education students	'000	842	897	930

(a) Full-time students plus full-time equivalent of part-time students.

Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research; Department of Education, Science and Training.

## FINANCE

All levels of government, general government		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
GFS Revenue	\$m	256 713	261 854	286 586
GFS Expenses	\$m	249 065	262 289	275 120
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	7 649	-435	11 467
Income tax levied on individuals	\$m	77 425	86 112	91 484
Total taxation revenue	\$m	213 741	216 945	237 477
Financial institutions financial assets 30 June		2002	2003	2004
Banks	\$m	875 338	975 972	1 116 027
Other depository corporations	\$m	245 504	243 406	232 957
Life insurance corporations	\$m	190 711	183 366	193 070
Pension funds	\$m	451 157	474 883	572 075
Other insurance corporations	\$m	77 495	87 753	90 379
Central borrowing authorities	\$m	93 910	103 260	101 195
Financial intermediaries n.e.c.	\$m	240 310	253 348	324 389
Financial institutions lending commitments		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Housing finance	\$m	96 482	106 699	124 033
Personal finance	\$m	58 137	68 813	79 588
Commercial finance	\$m	207 012	261 405	289 198
Lease finance	\$m	6 626	6 312	6 371

## HEALTH

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Expenditure	\$m	61 660	66 541	72 183

Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

## INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS 2003–04

	Balance of payments – current balance \$US billion	International merchandise trade \$m	Employment index 2000=100.0	Unemploy- ment rates %
Australia	-15.5	-21 969	106.5	5.8
Canada	40.9	-2	106.1	6.5
France	3.3	-2 877	102.4	9.5
Germany	184.2	-6 676	98.5	9.6
Italy	1.7	-2 840	105.1	6.6
Japan	110.8	3 721	98.0	5.0
New Zealand	-2.3	3 037	109.7	4.3
OECD Major 7(a)	n.a.	-20 433	100.8	6.5
United Kingdom	-96.5	-285	(b)n.y.a.	4.8
United States of America	-626.6	-10 448	100.9	5.8

(a) The major seven countries comprise: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, United States. (b) This series is in process of being revised from the third quarter 2002 to take account of the recent Census 2001.

## INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION

		2002	2003	2004
Total Net International Investment Position at 30 June	\$m	398 377	450 778	501 146
Foreign investment in Australia	\$m	863 065	916 300	1 058 482
Australian investment abroad	\$m	-464 688	-465 523	-557 336
Net foreign debt at 30 June	\$m	323 199	357 190	393 489
		2001–02	2002–03	2003–04
Net foreign equity, ratios to GDP	%	10.5	12.4	13.3
Net foreign debt, ratios to GDP	%	45.2	47.4	48.5

## INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

		2001–02	2002–03	2003–04
Total exports	\$m	121 108	115 479	108 906
Total imports	\$m	119 649	133 129	131 020

		2003–04 Exports	2003–04 Imports
Merchandise export and import commodities			
Food and live animals	\$m	18 221	5 106
Beverages and tobacco	\$m	2 700	900
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	\$m	20 789	1 931
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	\$m	20 434	10 092
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	\$m	358	368
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	\$m	5 298	15 075
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	\$m	11 357	15 759
Machinery and transport equipment	\$m	11 942	60 355
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	\$m	4 278	18 706
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	\$m	13 528	2 817

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

		2001–02	2002–03	2003–04
Total services credits	\$m	32 250	32 493	33 958
Freight	\$m	1 001	920	830
Other transport	\$m	6 664	6 538	6 783
Travel	\$m	15 645	15 452	17 108
Other service	\$m	8 940	9 583	9 237
Total services debits	\$m	-32 631	-32 891	-34 252
Freight	\$m	-5 626	-5 808	-6 056
Other transport	\$m	-5 150	-5 152	-5 578
Travel	\$m	-10 918	-11 012	-12 136
Other service	\$m	-10 937	-10 919	-10 482

**LABOUR MARKET**

		2001–02	2002–03	2003–04
Annual averages				
Employed persons	'000	9 168	9 395	9 559
Unemployed persons	'000	663	624	586
Unemployment rate	%	6.7	6.2	5.8
		<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
Job vacancies, May – trend	'000	95.5	106.0	123.6
		<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
Trade union membership, August	%	24.5	23.1	23.0
Industrial disputes, working days lost	'000	393	259	439

**MANUFACTURING**

<b>Production</b>		2000–01	2001–02	2002–03
Cars and station wagons for fewer than 10 persons	no.	340 099	318 951	358 286
Unfortified wine	'000 L	1 016 306	1 150 854	1 019 393
Red meat	'000 t	3 200	3 067	3 090
Milk	ML	10 545	11 271	10 322
Sugar	'000 t	4 162	4 987	5 461
Tobacco and cigarettes	t	19 124	18 367	19 561
Scoured and carbonised wool	t	124 679	99 924	88 663
Automotive gasoline	ML	17 887	18 000	17 984
Automotive diesel oil	ML	13 212	13 065	13 335
Aviation turbine fuel	ML	5 836	5 390	5 149
Alumina	'000 t	16 099	16 417	16 407
Raw steel	'000 t	8 003	8 311	9 399
Ready mixed concrete	'000 m <sup>3</sup>	17 251	19 447	21 003

**Key performance indicators**

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

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

**MINING**

<b>Production</b>		2000–01	2001–02	2002–03
Iron ore and concentrates	Mt	176	185	199
Gold in mine products	t	296	265	278
Black coal (saleable)	Mt	258	273	274
Brown coal	Mt	65	68	67
Crude oil and condensate	ML	38 705	36 100	33 321
Natural gas	Mm <sup>3</sup>	31 524	32 136	33 162

**Key performance indicators**

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

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

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**

		2000–01	2001–02	2002–03
Chain volume GDP and related measures(a)				
GDP	% change	2.0	3.9	2.8
GDP per capita	% change	0.8	2.6	1.5
GDP	\$m	687 720	714 370	734 209
Real net national disposable income(b)	% change	2.4	4.0	2.7
Multifactor Productivity – Market sector(c)	% change	–0.9	2.6	0.5

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2001–02. (b) Reference year for real income measures is 2001–02. (c) Gross domestic product per combined unit of labour and capital. Hours worked basis.

## RETAIL TURNOVER(a)

		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Food retailing	\$m	68 522	70 414	73 178
Clothing and soft good retailing	\$m	10 689	11 297	12 024
Recreational good retailing	\$m	7 028	7 210	7 925
Hospitality and services	\$m	27 936	28 973	30 984
Total(b)(c)	\$m	166 727	174 428	186 971

(a) Chain volume measures, reference year is 2002-03. (b) Chain volume measures are not additive for most periods; the component measures do not sum in total in the same way as the corresponding current price components do. (c) Total also includes department stores, household good retailing, and other retailing.

## TOURISM

		2001	2002	2003
Inbound visitors	'000	4 856	4 841	4 746
Australians travelling abroad (number of departures)	'000	3 443	3 461	3 388
Major destinations of Australian travellers (number of departures)				
New Zealand	'000	600	597	663
United States of America	'000	293	299	296
United Kingdom	'000	301	318	313
Indonesia	'000	289	242	186
Total all departures	'000	3 443	3 461	3 388

## TRANSPORT

		2001	2002	2003
Motor vehicles on register				
Passenger vehicles	'000	9 870	10 137	10 404
Light commercial vehicles, trucks, non-freight carrying trucks, buses	'000	2 256	2 314	2 381
Motor cycles	'000	351	371	377

## 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	mm	millimetre
\$m	million dollars	Mt	megatonne
%	percentage	n.a.	not available
°C	degrees Celsius	n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
FTE	full-time equivalent	n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
GDP	gross domestic product	no.	number
km <sup>2</sup>	square kilometre	n.y.a.	not yet available
L	litre	SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
m <sup>3</sup>	cubic metre		
ML	megalitre	t	tonne
Mm <sup>3</sup>	cubic megametres		

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