



# **2002 AUSTRALIA AT A GLANCE**



Australia comprises a land area of about 7,692,030 square kilometres (see table below). The land lies between latitudes 10°41' South (Cape York, Queensland) and 43°39' South (South East Cape, Tasmania) and between longitudes 113°09' East (Steep Point, Western Australia) and 153°39' 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: the Northern Territory (NT) and the 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 Kosciuszko, 2,230 metres, which is situated in NSW.



State/ Territory	Area '000 km <sup>2</sup>	Estimated resident population June 2000 '000	Capital City	Estimated resident population of city June 1999 '000(a)
NSW	801	6 464	Sydney	4 041
Vic.	227	4 766	Melbourne	3 417
Qld	1 731	3 566	Brisbane	1 601
SA	983	1 498	Adelaide	1 093
WA	2 530	1 884	Perth	1 364
Tas.	68	470	Hobart	194
NT	1 349	196	Darwin	88
ACT	2	311	Canberra	310
<b>Aust.</b>	<b>7 692</b>	<b>19 157</b>		

(a) Capital City Statistical Division.

AGRICULTURE

		1997–98	1998–99	1999–00
Gross value of agriculture	\$m	28 347	28 990	30 236
Crops	\$m	15 329	16 171	16 923
Livestock slaughtering etc.	\$m	7 060	7 401	7 950
Livestock products	\$m	5 958	5 418	5 354
		1997–98	1998–99	1999–00
Wheat production	'000 t	19 227	21 465	24 757
Meat production (excluding poultry)	'000 t	2 930	2 944	3 031
Wool production	'000 t	690	688	695

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

		1998–99	1999–00	2000–01
Balance on current account	\$m	–33 716	–33 677	–18 686
Net goods	\$m	–12 740	–13 331	146
Net services	\$m	–1 870	–1 849	561
Net income	\$m	–18 328	–18 591	–19 571
Net current transfers	\$m	–778	94	178
Balance on capital account	\$m	1 167	1 119	1 075
Balance on financial account	\$m	32 205	33 099	15 485

BUILDING

		1997–98	1998–99	1999–00
New houses completed	'000	94	100	111
Value of new houses completed	\$m	10 996	11 605	14 510
New other residential building completed	'000	37	40	48
Value of new other residential building completed	\$m	4 540	5 200	6 030
Value of new residential building completed	\$m	15 728	17 080	20 540
Value of non-residential building completed(a)	\$m	13 329	14 016	14 179
(a) Valued at \$50,000 or more.				

CLIMATE

	Mean annual rainfall mm	Mean daily hours of sun-shine	Mean temperature			
			January		July	
			Max. °C	Min. °C	Max. °C	Min. °C
Canberra	631	7.6	27.7	13.0	11.2	–0.2
Sydney	1 222	6.8	25.8	18.6	16.2	8.0
Melbourne	561	6.8	26.0	13.5	12.9	5.2
Brisbane	1 185	8.0	29.1	20.9	20.6	9.5
Adelaide	454	7.7	27.9	15.7	14.9	6.9
Perth	792	8.9	31.5	16.9	17.7	8.1
Hobart	619	5.9	21.5	11.8	11.6	4.5
Darwin	1 710	8.5	31.7	24.8	30.4	19.3

Hottest day ever recorded: 16.1.1889, 53.1°C, Cloncurry, Qld.  
Coldest day ever recorded: 18.6.1994, –23.0°C, Charlotte Pass, NSW.  
Source: Bureau of Meteorology.

CONSUMER PRICE AND OTHER PRICE INDEXES

		1999–00	2000–01
CPI weighted av. of 8 capital cities, all groups	1989–90=100.0	124.7	132.2
Export	1989–90=100.0	98.0	114.8
Import	1989–90=100.0	120.2	134.3
Building materials–house	1989–90=100.0	122.8	124.4
Building materials–other	1989–90=100.0	116.1	116.4
Manufacturing			
Materials used	1989–90=100.0	115.8	132.4
Articles produced	1988–89=100.0	120.6	128.5

DEMOGRAPHY

		1998	1999	2000
Population at 30 June	'000	18 730	18 937	19 157
Births	'000	249	250	249
Deaths	'000	129	128	128
Marriages	'000	111	114	113
Divorces	'000	51	53	50
Overseas movement of persons		1998	1999	2000
Five years ended 30 June				
Permanent and long-term				
Arrivals	'000	1 235	1 300	1 366
Departures	'000	791	827	879

EDUCATION

School students		1998	1999	2000
Government	'000	2 239.4	2 247.7	2 248.3
Non-government	'000	959.3	979.0	999.1
Higher education students(a)	'000	671.9	686.3	695.5
VET Clients	'000	1 535.2	1 647.2	1 749.4
Participation (15–19 year old)	%	76.9	77.8	77.7

(a) Source: Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

EMPLOYEE EARNINGS AND HOURS

		1999	2000	2001
Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees (May)	\$	790.60	821.50	861.0
		1998–99	1999–00	2000–01
Average weekly hours worked by full-time workers	hours	41.1	41.4	40.7
Males	hours	42.7	43.0	42.1
Females	hours	37.9	38.3	37.9

FINANCE

Government finance		1997–98	1998–99	1999–00
Revenue (all governments)	\$m	185 643	181 282	196 224
Commonwealth income tax, persons	\$m	70 785	139 797	152 576
Total outlay (all governments)	\$m	196 412	224 649	242 443
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	101 291	108 733	117 773
Private finance		1999	2000	2001
Assets of selected financial institutions (June balances)				
Banks(a)	\$m	647 569	731 345	786 092
Other depository corporations(a)	\$m	184 470	189 900	229 420
Life offices and superannuation funds	\$m	172 152	184 075	194 403
Pension funds	\$m	344 626	405 417	451 054
Financial intermediaries	\$m	158 249	199 030	226 037
Consumer finance commitments		1998–99	1999–00	2000–01
Housing finance	\$m	61 501	74 930	74 571
Personal finance	\$m	45 905	51 887	52 592

(a) Source: Australian Financial Institutions Commission; Reserve Bank of Australia.

## INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS 1999–2000

Country	Balance on merchandise trade \$US billion	Consumer price index (all items) 1995=100.0	Producer price index 1995 =100.0
Australia	–8.0	106.8	110.9
Canada	29.6	107.4	108.2
France	11.3	105.4	96.3
Germany	65.5	105.8	103.5
Italy	8.4	111.3	109.2
Japan	110.7	101.8	96.3
New Zealand	–1.6	105.6	106.7
OECD Major 7	n.a.	108.7	104.4
United Kingdom	–51.2	112.5	108.0
United States of America	–425.2	111.1	107.5

	Wages index 1995=100.0	Employment index 1995=100.0	Unemploy- ment rate(a) %
Australia	111.0	109.8	6.3
Canada	108.4	111.6	6.8
France	112.9	107.1	9.5
Germany	111.2	102.1	7.9
Italy	113.5	105.3	10.5
Japan	107.0	99.8	4.7
New Zealand	n.a.	106.7	6.0
OECD Major 7	112.3	105.5	5.7
United Kingdom	121.2	106.1	5.5
United States of America	114.4	108.3	4.0

(a) As at 30 June.

Source: OECD; *Australian Economic Indicators* (1350.0).

## INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION

		1999	2000	2001
Net foreign liabilities at 30 June	\$m	349 935	394 055	480 594
Foreign investment in Australia	\$m	613 264	691 172	813 456
Australian investment abroad	\$m	–256 140	–287 397	419 318
Net foreign debt at 30 June	\$m	232 059	268 115	310 952
		1998–99	1999–00	2000–01
Net foreign equity, ratios to GDP	%	21.0	21.5	12.4
Net foreign debt, ratios to GDP	%	39.0	42.4	46.4

## INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

		1998–99	1999–00	2000–01
Total exports	\$m	85 991	97 225	119 602
Total imports	\$m	97 661	110 083	118 264
Major export commodities				
Machinery and transport equipment	\$m	10 324	11 606	13 408
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	\$m	10 665	11 308	14 761
Coal, coke and briquettes	\$m	9 302	8 347	10 840
Gold, non-monetary	\$m	6 335	5 090	5 110
Non-ferrous metals	\$m	5 399	7 398	9 398
Meat	\$m	4 000	4 459	5 772
Wheat	\$m	3 396	3 412	4 146
Wool	\$m	1 993	2 338	3 590
Major import commodities customs value				
Machinery	\$m	45 418	51 349	53 492
Transport equipment	\$m	2 848	5 276	3 409
Chemicals and related products	\$m	11 435	12 498	14 200

LABOUR FORCE

		1998–99	1999–00	2000–01
Annual averages				
Employed persons	'000	8 638.4	8 886.5	9 074.3
Unemployed persons	'000	718.2	661.4	625.5
Unemployment rate	%	7.6	6.9	6.4
		1999	2000	2001
Job vacancies, May 1999	'000	88.9	106.8	83.4
		1998	1999	2000
Trade union membership, August	%	28.1	25.7	24.7
Industrial disputes, work days lost, year ended 30 June	'000	526.3	650.4	469.1

MANUFACTURING

		Unit of quantity	1997–98	1998–99	1999–00
Electricity	mill.kW.h		176 212	179 630	184 790
Tobacco and cigarettes	t		21 257	21 045	20 688
Automotive gasoline	mill.L		18 592	18 705	12 737
Ready mixed concrete	'000 m³		17 412	18 601	20 597
Alumina	'000 t		13 538	14 208	15 037
Automotive diesel oil	mill.L		13 183	12 968	12 737
Blooms and slabs of iron or steel	'000 t		8 356	7 698	6 742
Basic iron, spiegeleisen and sponge iron	'000 t		7 928	7 453	6 489
Portland cement	'000 t		7 236	7 704	7 937
Hardwood woodchips	'000 t		5 665	4 865	6 164
Aviation turbine fuel	mill.L		5 423	5 219	5 538
			1997–98	1998–99	1999–00
Employment at end of June(a)	'000		965.0	937.4	932.8
Wages and salaries(b)	\$m		34 135	35 099	35 482
Turnover	\$m		214 355	220 555	231 145

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

MINING

		1996–97	1997–98	1998–99
Iron ore	'000 t	162 480	169 568	162 224
Black coal	'000 t	206 169	225 181	232 584
Brown coal	'000 t	58 886	68 638	65 880
Crude oil (incl. condensate)	ML	29 556	32 310	30 306

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

		1997–98	1998–99	1999–00
Gross domestic product chain volume measure	\$m	565 881	591 546	620 963
Gross fixed capital formation				
Private	\$m	112 391	116 429	127 493
Public	\$m	20 824	24 697	23 611
Final consumption expenditure				
Households	\$m	333 407	352 650	373 313
General government	\$m	103 045	107 945	117 773

RETAIL TURNOVER

		1997–98	1998–99	1999–00
Food	\$m	53 769	54 674	58 752
Clothing and softgood retailing	\$m	8 589	9 636	9 631
Recreational good retailing	\$m	6 775	6 867	6 973
Hospitality and selected other services	\$m	21 126	22 887	25 150
Total retail turnover	\$m	131 153	136 164	147 903

TOURISM

		1998	1999	2000
Inbound visitors	'000	4 167	4 460	4 652
Australians travelling abroad	'000	3 161	3 201	3 332
Major destinations of Australian travellers				
New Zealand	'000	470.1	488.9	506.7
United States of America	'000	322.7	347.0	373.7
United Kingdom	'000	343.3	337.4	330.2
Indonesia	'000	349.6	280.6	256.8
Total all travellers	'000	3 161.1	3 210.0	3 332.3

TRANSPORT

		1997	1998	1999
Motor vehicles on register				
Passenger vehicles	'000	9 240	9 561	9 720
Light commercial vehicles, trucks, non-freight carrying trucks, buses	'000	2 112	2 177	2 215
Motor cycles	'000	313	329	334

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

Annual periods shown as, for example, 1999 refer to the year ended 31 December 1999; those shown as, for example 1998–99 refer to the year ended June 1999. 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.

°C	— degrees Celsius	n.c.	— not collected
\$m	— million dollars	MJ	— megajoules
GL	— ggalitres	MkWh	— mega kilowatt hours
kms	— kilometres	n.y.a.	— not yet available
mill.	— million	p	— preliminary data
ML	— megalitres	'000	— thousand
mm	— millimetres	t	— tonnes
n.a.	— not available		

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