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Australia comprises a land area of about 7,692,024 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 2001 '000	Capital city	Estimated resident population 2001 '000(a)
NSW	800 642	6 609	Sydney	4 155
Vic.	227 416	4 823	Melbourne	3 489
Qld	1 730 648	3 635	Brisbane	1 653
SA	983 482	1 515	Adelaide	1 111
WA	2 529 875	1 906	Perth	1 397
Tas.	68 401	473	Hobart	198
NT	1 349 129	200	Darwin	108
ACT	2 358	322	Canberra	321
Aust.	(b)7 692 024	(c)19 485		

(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

		1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
Gross value of agriculture	\$m	28 258	28 894	30 224
Crops	\$m	15 308	16 226	16 923
Livestock slaughtering etc.	\$m	6 992	7 256	7 947
Livestock products	\$m	5 958	5 412	5 354

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Balance on current account	\$m	-32 283	-18 170	-22 212
Net goods	\$m	-12 955	-30	-757
Net services	\$m	-1 396	905	-1 218
Net income	\$m	-18 150	-19 077	-20 220
Net current transfers	\$m	218	32	-17
Balance on capital account	\$m	1 053	1 109	1 038
Balance on financial account	\$m	30 920	14 335	20 286

BUILDING

		1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
New houses completed — trend	'000	99	108	92
Value of new houses completed(a)	\$m	12 779	15 337	10 663
New other residential building completed — trend	'000	42	43	43
Value of new other residential building completed(a)	\$m	5 677	6 322	5 101
Value of new residential building completed(a)	\$m	18 458	21 659	15 764
Value of non-residential building completed(a)	\$m	15 058	14 690	12 194

(a) Chain volume measures, reference year is 1999-2000.

CLIMATE

	Mean annual rainfall mm	Mean daily hours of sunshine	Mean daily temperature			
			January		July	
			Max. °C	Min. °C	Max. °C	Min. °C
Sydney	91.9	7.2	26.3	18.6	16.9	6.9
Melbourne	46.7	6.8	26.0	13.5	12.9	5.2
Brisbane	98.8	8.0	29.1	20.9	20.6	9.5
Adelaide	37.9	7.7	27.9	15.7	14.9	6.9
Perth	66.0	8.9	31.5	16.9	17.7	8.1
Hobart	42.3	6.3	22.3	11.9	12.3	4.0
Darwin	142.5	8.5	31.7	24.8	30.4	19.3
Canberra	52.5	7.6	27.7	13.0	11.2	-0.2

Source: Bureau of Meteorology 2002, Bureau of Meteorology, Melbourne, viewed 14 August 2002, <<http://www.bom.gov.au>>.

CONSUMER PRICE AND OTHER PRICE INDEXES(a)

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
CPI weighted average of eight capital cities, all groups	124.7	132.2	136.0
Export	98.0	114.8	116.7
Import	120.2	134.3	132.3
Building materials			
House	122.8	124.4	126.0
Other	116.1	116.4	118.6
Manufacturing			
Materials used	115.8	132.4	132.4
Articles produced	120.6	128.5	128.8

(a) Reference year 1989-90 = 100.0.

DEMOGRAPHY

		1999	2000	2001
Population 30 June	'000	18 984	19 225	19 485
Births	'000	250	249	249
Deaths	'000	128	128	129
Marriages	'000	114	113	103
Divorces	'000	53	50	55
Overseas movement of persons 30 June		1990	1995	2000
Permanent and long-term				
Arrivals	'000	1 115	1 120	1 366
Departures	'000	528	712	879

EDUCATION

		1999	2000	2001
School students				
Government	'000	2 248	2 248	2 248
Non-government	'000	979	999	1 020
Higher education students(a)	'000	686	696	726

		1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Total expenditure	\$m	35 763	37 340	39 981

(a) Source: Department of Education, Science and Training.

EMPLOYEE EARNINGS AND HOURS

		2000	2001	2002
Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees — trend (May)	\$	823.80	859.30	906.80
Annual average weekly hours worked by full-time employed persons	hours	43	43	42
Males	hours	44	44	44
Females	hours	40	40	39

FINANCE

		1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Government finance				
General government				
Revenue	\$m	224 739	242 533	256 855
Expenses	\$m	215 609	224 735	248 916
Net Operating Balance	\$m	9 130	17 798	7 939
Income tax levied on individuals	\$m	75 580	83 623	77 392
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	108 215	118 038	125 189
Private finance assets 30 June		2000	2001	2002
Banks	\$m	725 799	800 013	866 135
Other depository corporations	\$m	193 565	229 298	240 556
Life insurance corporations	\$m	191 705	194 497	194 976
Pension funds	\$m	425 264	459 051	453 355
Financial intermediaries n.e.c.	\$m	215 135	230 815	252 526
Financial institutions lending commitments		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Housing finance	\$m	74 952	74 424	96 482
Personal finance	\$m	51 822	52 700	58 128

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 2001-02

	Balance on merchandise trade \$US billion	Consumer price index (all items) 1995=100.0	Producer price index 1995=100.0
Australia	0.5	116.4	114.1
Canada	31.7	112.5	108.1
France	8.9	109.1	97.6
Germany	101.8	110.4	104.9
Italy	8.1	117.3	110.8
Japan	66.4	100.2	94.8
New Zealand	0.2	111.7	112.3
OECD Major 7	n.a.	113.0	104.4
United Kingdom	-52.9	117.0	108.2
United States of America	-458.0	116.9	107.3

	Wages index 1995=100.0	Employment index 1995=100.0	Unemploy- ment rate %
Australia	118.9	111.8	6.7
Canada	110.6	113.7	7.6
France	118.1	n.y.a.	8.7
Germany	113.9	102.5	8.0
Italy	115.5	108.4	n.y.a.
Japan	105.6	98.6	5.3
New Zealand	n.a.	111.1	5.3
OECD Major 7	117.6	105.7	6.3
United Kingdom	126.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
United States of America	118.0	107.6	5.5

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION

		2000	2001	2002
Net foreign liabilities at 30 June	\$m	421 771	498 775	523 654
Foreign investment in Australia	\$m	736 989	823 187	844 404
Australian investment abroad	\$m	-410 484	-462 154	-453 877
Net foreign debt at 30 June	\$m	277 804	313 472	329 763

		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Net foreign equity, ratios to GDP	%	7.7	7.1	8.5
Net foreign debt, ratios to GDP	%	44.2	46.6	46.1

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Total exports	\$m	97 286	119 539	121 176
Total imports	\$m	110 078	118 317	119 681

		2001-02 Exports	2001-02 Imports
Merchandise export and import commodities			
Food and live animals	\$m	21 707	4 614
Beverages and tobacco	\$m	2 355	864
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	\$m	22 443	1 756
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	\$m	25 120	9 033
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	\$m	310	289
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	\$m	5 362	14 637
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	\$m	13 557	14 821
Machinery and transport equipment	\$m	14 140	53 672
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	\$m	4 466	17 421
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	\$m	11 715	2 574

LABOUR FORCE

		1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Annual averages				
Employed persons	'000	8 940	9 130	9 232
Unemployed persons	'000	635	626	657
Unemployment rate	%	6.6	6.4	6.6
		2000	2001	2002
Job vacancies, May — trend	'000	109.3	90.1	92.7
		1999	2000	2001
Trade union membership	%	25.7	24.7	24.5
Industrial disputes, working days lost	'000	651	469	393

MANUFACTURING

		1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Electricity	mill. kWh	179 630	184 790	188 546
Tobacco and cigarettes	t	21 045	20 688	19 125
Automotive gasoline	ML	18 705	18 652	17 887
Ready mixed concrete	'000 m ³	18 600	20 634	17 250
Alumina	'000 t	14 208	15 037	16 099
Automotive diesel oil	ML	12 968	12 737	13 212
Portland cement	'000 t	7 705	7 937	6 820
Hardwood woodchips	'000 t	4 856	6 164	6 402
Aviation turbine fuel	ML	5 218	5 539	5 836
		1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Employment at end of June(a)	'000	977	954	946
Wages and salaries(b)	\$m	38 132	38 048	38 746
Sales and service income	\$m	229 603	240 145	251 759

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

MINING

		1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
Iron ore	'000 t	168 104	160 564	165 966
Gold bullion	kg	333 673	311 038	286 359
Black coal	'000 t	226 818	226 870	253 846
Brown coal	'000 t	68 638	65 880	65 991
Crude oil (incl. condensate)	ML	33 931	29 225	29 765

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

		1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
Gross domestic product chain volume measure	\$m	603 447	629 212	641 370
Gross fixed capital formation				
Private	\$m	112 831	123 896	115 431
Public	\$m	24 875	25 155	25 819
Final consumption expenditure				
Households	\$m	354 951	374 712	402 685
General government	\$m	108 215	118 038	125 189

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

		1999–00	2000–01	2001–02
Inbound visitors	'000	4 652	n.y.a.	4 768
Australians travelling abroad	'000	3 332	n.y.a.	3 368
Major destinations of Australian travellers				
New Zealand	'000	507	n.y.a.	592
United States of America	'000	374	n.y.a.	276
United Kingdom	'000	330	n.y.a.	308
Indonesia	'000	257	n.y.a.	276
Total all travellers	'000	3 332	n.y.a.	3 368

TRANSPORT

		1998	1999	2001
Motor vehicles on register				
Passenger vehicles	'000	9 561	9 720	9 870
Light commercial vehicles, trucks, non-freight carrying trucks, buses	'000	2 177	2 215	2 257
Motor cycles	'000	329	334	351

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.

°C	— degrees Celsius	ML	— megalitre
\$m	— million dollars	mm	— millimetre
'000	— thousand	n.a.	— not available
GDP	— gross domestic product	n.e.c.	— not elsewhere classified
incl.	— including	n.e.s.	— not elsewhere specified
kg	— kilogram	n.y.a.	— not yet available
km ²	— square kilometre	SITC	— Standard International Trade Classification
kWh	— kilowatt hour		
m ³	— cubic metre	t	— tonne
mill.	— million		

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