



Australia is a top 20 country

Australia has the world's 12th highest **GDP** and 5th highest **GDP per capita** (both in US Dollar terms) – (2013) (International Monetary Fund)

Australia has the world's 3rd largest pool of investment **funds under management** (US\$ 1.624 trillion) – (2013) (Investment Company Institute)

Australia has the 4th highest number of **international students (tertiary)** behind the United States, United Kingdom and France – (2012) (UNESCO)

Australia is ranked 1st on **secondary education** enrolment rates – (2013-14) (World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Index)

Australia is ranked 3rd for **economic freedom** – (2014) (Index of Economic Freedom)

Australia is ranked 1st on **legal rights** – (2013-14) (World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Index)

Australia is ranked 3rd for **human rights** – (2014) (International Human Rights Rank Indicator)

The **Australian Stock Exchange** is the world's 11th largest (by domestic market capitalisation) – (May 2014) (World Federation of Exchanges)

Australia is the number one global exporter of **Coal, Iron Ore, Aluminium ores, and Zinc** – (2013) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is 2nd largest exporter of **chick peas and lentils** and 3rd largest exporter of **beef and sugar** – (2013) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the 7th largest exporter of **gold** and also of **silver** – (2013) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the 3rd largest exporter of **LNG** – (2013) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the 12th largest contributor to the **United Nations budget** (regular budget and peacekeeping) – (2014) (United Nations)

Australia is the 9th largest **global Overseas Development Assistance (ODA)** donor country – (2012) (OECD)

Australians are the 7th most generous **private donors** in the world – (2012) (Charities Aid Foundation)

Australia receives the 11th largest **international tourist spend** from overseas visitors – (2013) (United Nations World Tourism Organisation)

Australia is ranked 5th on the **financial development index** – (2012) (World Economic Forum)

Australia is ranked 17th on the global **innovation** index – (2014) (Cornell University, INSEAD and the World Intellectual Property Organisation)

Australia attracted the 14th largest amount of **inward FDI**, and Australian investors contributed the 18th highest amount of **outward direct investment** globally – (2013) (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development – UNCTAD)

Australia is ranked 4th on the number of **new businesses** – (2012) (World Bank Development Indicators)

Australia ranks 11th on **ease of doing business** – (2013) (World Bank International Finance Corporation)

Australia ranked equal 9th on **transparency** (low incidence of corruption) – (2013) (Transparency International)

The Australian dollar is the 5th **most traded currency** – (2013) (Bank of International Settlements)

Australia has five **universities in the world's top 100** (ranked 5th) – (2013-14) (Times Higher Education World University Rankings)

Australia has the 9th highest proportion of 25-64 year olds with **tertiary qualifications** (2011 – latest data) (OECD Education at a Glance 2013)

Australia ranks 2nd on the UN's **Human Development Index** after Norway – (2014) (United Nations Development Program Human Development Index)

Australians have the 11th highest **life expectancy** – (2012) (World Bank World Development Indicators)

Australia has the 6th largest **land size** – (2012) (World Bank World Development Indicators)

Australia had the 10th highest total medal tally at the 2012 **Olympics** (2012)

Australia resettles the 2nd highest number of **refugees** per capita after Norway – (2012) (United Nations Commissioner for Refugees)

Australia is ranked 11th on the **web participation** index – (2013) (World Wide Web Foundation)

Australia has 4 cities in the world's top 10 **most liveable cities** ranking (Melbourne 1st, Adelaide equal 5th, Sydney 7th and Perth 9th) (August 2013) (Economist Intelligence Unit)

Australia is ranked equal 1st on **customs transparency** – (2013) (World Economic Forum)

Australia is ranked equal 1st on **judicial efficiency and impartiality in commercial disputes** – (2013) (World Economic Forum)

Australia ranks 12th on the number of **trademark applications** filed by residents (2011) (World Bank)

Australia ranks 17th on the number of **patent applications** filed by residents (2012) (World Bank)

Australia has the world's 2nd largest **search and rescue** area, encompassing 54 million square kilometres (2014) (Australian Maritime Safety Authority).