



## AUSTRALIA IS A TOP 20 COUNTRY

Australia is renowned as a country that punches well above its weight across a broad range of measures against global counterparts. The measures outlined below highlight just how Australia ranks as a top 20 country across a wide range of indexes including the economy, international trade, investment, education and other global indexes.

### Economy

Australia has completed 27 consecutive years of annual economic growth, one of the few economies in the post-WWII period to achieve this – (2017-18) (Australian Bureau of Statistics)

Australia is the **wealthiest nation** in terms of median wealth per adult ahead of Switzerland – (2018) (Global Wealth Report, Credit Suisse)

Australia has the world's 6<sup>th</sup> largest pool of investment **funds under management** (US\$2.1 trillion). However, within Asia Australia is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> – (2017-18) (Investment Company Institute)

Australia is estimated to have the world's 13<sup>th</sup> highest **GDP** and 11<sup>th</sup> highest **GDP per capita** (in US dollar terms) – (2017) (International Monetary Fund)

The **Australian Stock Exchange** is the 16<sup>th</sup> largest stock exchange in the world (by domestic market capitalisation) – (2017) (World Federation of Exchanges)

### International trade and investment

Australia is the number one global exporter of **iron ore, coal** and **unwrought lead**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest exporter of **aluminium ores** and the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest exporter of **copper ores** and **zinc ores** (by value) – (2017) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest global exporter of **liquefied natural gas (LNG)** (by quantity) – (2017) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest global exporter of **pearls**, 4<sup>th</sup> largest exporter of **zircon** and the 6<sup>th</sup> largest exporter of **gold** (by value) – (2017) (United Nations Comtrade database)


Australia is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest exporter of **beef** and **lentils**, the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest exporter of **sugar**, and the 5<sup>th</sup> largest exporter of **cereals** and **wine** (by value) – (2017) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the largest global exporter of **wool** and 3<sup>rd</sup> largest exporter of **cotton** (by value) – (2017) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest global exporter of **vegetables**, 9<sup>th</sup> largest exporter of **oleaginous fruit** and 12<sup>th</sup> largest exporter of **dairy products** (by value) – (2017) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia is the 15<sup>th</sup> largest exporter of **orthopaedic appliances** (by value) – (2017) (United Nations Comtrade database)

Australia receives the 10<sup>th</sup> largest **international tourist spend** from overseas visitors – (2016) (United Nations World Development Indicators)



Australia attracted the 13<sup>th</sup> largest amount of **inward Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** and Australian investors contributed the 17<sup>th</sup> highest amount of **outward FDI** globally (based on FDI stocks) – (2017) (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development – UNCTAD)

## Doing business

Australia is ranked equal 5<sup>th</sup> on the **Web Participation** Index – (2018) (World Wide Web Foundation)

Australia is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> for **economic freedom** – (2018) (Index of Economic Freedom)

Australia is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> on the **Global Entrepreneurship** Index – (2018) (The Global Entrepreneurship and Development Institute)

Australia is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> on **economic resilience** – (2018) (IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook)

Australia is ranked 11<sup>th</sup> on the **Global Talent Competitiveness** Index (Sydney is ranked 20<sup>th</sup>) – (2018) (INSEAD Global Talent Competitiveness Index Report)

Australia is ranked 11<sup>th</sup> on **business environment** for 2019-23 – (Economist Intelligence Unit)

Australia is ranked 13<sup>th</sup> on **world digital competitiveness** – (2018) (IMD World Digital Competitiveness Rankings)

Australia is ranked 18<sup>th</sup> on **ease of doing business** – (2019) (World Bank Group)

Australia is ranked 19<sup>th</sup> on **world competitiveness** (2018) (IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook)

Australia is ranked 19<sup>th</sup> on **world talent** (2017) (IMD World Talent Ranking)

Australia is ranked 20<sup>th</sup> on the **Global Innovation** Index – (2018) (Cornell University, INSEAD and the World Intellectual Property Organization)

## Education and training

Australia is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest destination for **international students** (tertiary) behind the United States and the United Kingdom – (2016) (UNESCO, Institute for Statistics)

Australia has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest number of **universities in the world's top 100** (University of Melbourne ranked 38<sup>th</sup>, University of Queensland 55<sup>th</sup>, University of Sydney 68<sup>th</sup>, Australian National University 69<sup>th</sup>, Monash University 91<sup>st</sup>, University of Western Australia 93<sup>rd</sup>) – (2018) (Academic Ranking of World Universities)

Australia is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> on **secondary education enrolment rates** – (2017-18) (World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Index)

Australia is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> on **internet access in schools** – (2017-18) (World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Index)


Australia has the 9<sup>th</sup> highest proportion of 25-64 year olds with **tertiary qualifications** – (2017) (OECD Education at a Glance 2018)

Australia is ranked 15<sup>th</sup> for having the best **education system** in the world – (2018) (Pearson)

## Health and lifestyle

Australia is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> for **well-being** with three states in the top 10 regions (ACT ranking 1<sup>st</sup>, VIC 5<sup>th</sup>, WA 10<sup>th</sup>) – (October 2018) (OECD Regional Well-being)

Australia is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> on the **Youth well-being** Index (2017) (International Youth Foundation)



Australia has three cities in the world's top 10 **most liveable cities** ranking (Melbourne 2<sup>nd</sup> – Vienna took out first spot displacing Melbourne after a seven year streak, Sydney 5<sup>th</sup> and Adelaide 10<sup>th</sup>) – (2018) (Economist Intelligence Unit Global Liveability Ranking)

Australia is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> on the **Travel & Tourism Competitiveness** Index (2017) (World Economic Forum)

Australia is ranked equal 7<sup>th</sup> (with Greece and Malta) on the **Passport** Index with 183 visa-free access destinations – (2018) (Henley & Partners)

Australia is ranked 9<sup>th</sup> globally on **prosperity** – (2017) (Legatum Institute)

Australians have the 10<sup>th</sup> highest **life expectancy** – (2016) (World Bank World Development Indicators)

Australia had the highest medal tally at the **2018 Commonwealth Games** with 80 gold, 59 silver and 59 bronze medals – (2018) (Gold Coast 2018 XXI Commonwealth Games)

## Governance and human development

Australia is ranked equal 1<sup>st</sup> on **customs transparency** – (2016) (World Economic Forum Global Enabling Trade Report)

Australia is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> on the UN's **Human Development** Index after Norway and Switzerland (2017) (United Nations Development Programme)

Australia is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> on **efficiency in enforcing contracts** – (2016) (World Economic Forum Global Enabling Trade Report)

Australia is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> on **legal rights** – (2017-18) (World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Index)

Australia is ranked 9<sup>th</sup> on the **Inclusive Development** Index – (2018) (World Economic Forum, the Inclusive Development Index)

Australia is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> on the **Rule of Law** Index – (2017-18) (World Justice Project)

Australia is ranked equal 13<sup>th</sup> (with Hong Kong and Iceland) on **transparency** (low incidence of corruption) – (2017) (Transparency International)

## Global citizenship

Australians are ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> on the **World Giving** Index (71% donating money; 65% helping a stranger and 40% volunteering time) – (2017) (Charities Aid Foundation World Giving Index)

Australia is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> globally on the **Soft Power** Index – (2018) (Portland Communications)

Australia is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest contributor to the **United Nations regular budget** and the 11<sup>th</sup> largest financial contributor to the **United Nations peacekeeping budget** – (2018) (United Nations)

Australia is the 13<sup>th</sup> largest country donor for **Official Development Assistance** (ODA) – (2016) (OECD)

## Geography and biodiversity

Australia has the 6<sup>th</sup> largest **land size** – (2017) (World Bank World Development Indicators)

Australia's **search and rescue** region comprises 10% of the earth's surface (Australian Maritime Safety Authority Corporate Plan)

Australia's **marine jurisdiction** is large – 1.8 times the size of Australia's land mass and 4 per cent of the global oceans (Geoscience Australia)

Australia is home to between 600,000 and 700,000 species, many of which are found nowhere else in the world (Department of the Environment and Energy)