

Australia's relationship with

ARIZONA



KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 7,151,502 (2020) 14th most populous state
- **Major Cities:** Phoenix (capital), Tucson, Mesa, Chandler
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** Arizona's GDP was \$48,297.1 million in 2018 and ranked 20th in the United States
- **GDP Growth:** In 2018 real GDP grew 4.1 percent. The 2017-2018 national change was 2.9 percent
- **Key Industries:** Arizona's key industries are manufacturing, mining, professional, financial and business services, education, agriculture and tourism
- **Known for:** Grand Canyon, German and Japanese internment camps WWII

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade:** \$US 334,647,710
- **Australia's Exports to Arizona:** \$US 92,725,823
- **Arizona's Exports to Australia:** \$US 241,921,887

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:**
Flagstaff – City of Blue Mountains, NSW
Scottsdale - Cairns, QLD
- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with Arizona is managed by the Consulate General in Los Angeles
- **Consul General Los Angeles:** Ms Jane Duke
- **Defence Personnel:** RAAF at 56th Fighter Wing
Luke AFB, Glendale, Army at Fort Huachuca, Sierra Vista

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

- **Governor:** Doug Ducey (R)
- **2020 Presidential Outcome:** Biden 49.4%
- **Senators:** Mark Kelly(D), Kyrsten Sinema (D)
- **House:** 5 Democrats, 4 Republican

TOURISM

- 68,200 Australians visited Arizona in 2018. This is up from 10.41% from 2017
- Australian visitors to Arizona spent on average USD1, 701.85 per visitor in 2017

AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

- **Australians Living in Arizona:**
Sandy Brondello (Phoenix Mercury Head Coach, WNBA)
Alanna Smith (Phoenix Mercury, WNBA)
Aaron Baynes (Phoenix Suns NBA)
- **Sports:** (USAFL) Arizona Hawks, Arizona Outlaws, Arizona Outlaws Women, Arizona Lady Hawks, Phoenix Scorpions, Tempe Devils Tombstone Marshalls, Westside Bombers
- **There is an active Australian community in Arizona.** Most are connected through local sporting communities such as the USAFL. There is also an ongoing flow of Australians heading to Arizona for study abroad programs at local universities. Post held an Australian Global Alumni networking reception in December 2017 with some 40 members of the Australian community attending.
- Arizona is home to the nation's largest eucalyptus farm, Australian Outback Plantation.

GLOBAL BUSINESS

In addition to large privately held companies Petsmart and Shamrock Food headquartered in Phoenix, there are 4 Fortune 500 companies in Arizona including:

- **Avnet (108):** Headquarters in Phoenix
- **Freeport-McMoRan (175):** Headquarters in Phoenix

- **Republic Services (299):** Headquarters in Phoenix
- **Insight Enterprises (473):** Headquarters in Tempe

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

Academic institutions and associations with Australian partnerships:

- **Arizona State University** – Has exchange programs with the University of South Australia, University of New South Wales and Monash University.
- **University of Arizona** – Has an exchange with the law school of the Australian National University

MAJOR EVENTS

- **The Phoenix Open of the PGA Tour**
- **Arizona State Fair (October):** has been held since 1884 and has attracted a million people in a single year
- **Prescott Frontier Days (July):** the world's oldest rodeo
- **Parada del Sol Parade (March):** the world's largest horse-drawn parade
- **Dia De Los Muertos** – Due to Arizona bordering status with Mexico, the Day of the Dead in is celebrated each October/November
- **Country Thunder Music Festival (April):** largest music festival in Arizona

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

- The city of Phoenix last year received the U.S. President's "E" Award for its contribution to export trade growth, the highest award any American entity can receive for making an exceptional contribution to the growth of U.S. exports
- **Incubators and accelerators:** Arizona Center for Innovation, Armory Incubator, ASU Entrepreneurship & Innovation, AZ Techcelerator, Big Bounce, BioAccel, CO+Hoots, Center for Entrepreneurial Innovation, Chandler Innovations, CoFoundersLab, Desarrollo, EO Accelerator, Fennemore Craig, P.C., Furnace Accelerator, Game CoLab, Gangplank, Greater Phoenix Economic Council, Growth Nation, Invest Southwest, JumpStartBiz-Fountain Hills, LaunchPoint,

MAC6, Matador Business Incubator, MediCoventures, Mission Accomplish, Northern Arizona Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology, Rocky Mountain, SEED SPOT, Stealthmode Partners, The Arizona Business Incubation Association

- **Think tanks:** Morrison Institute for Public Policy at Arizona State University, Grand Canyon Institute, The Arizona Center for Economic Progress, Goldwater Institute
- **Non-university research institutions:** Environment Arizona Research & Policy Center, SARSEF, All of Us, Science Foundation Arizona, Research Corporation for Science Advancement