

Australia's relationship with

ARKANSAS

KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 3 million (2019 estimate)
- **Major Cities:** Little Rock (Capital), Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Springdale
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** US\$128.4 billion (2018)
- **GDP Growth:** 4.1% (2018)
- **Key Industries:** Agriculture, Transport and Logistics, Aerospace and Defence Industry.
- **Known for:** Home of Walmart, natural beauty (around 50 national and state parks), Johnny Cash, Bill Clinton, William Fulbright.

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade (Goods Only):** US\$143 million (2019)
- **Australia's Exports to Arkansas:** US\$42 million (2019)
- **Arkansas's Exports to Australia:** US\$101 million (2019)

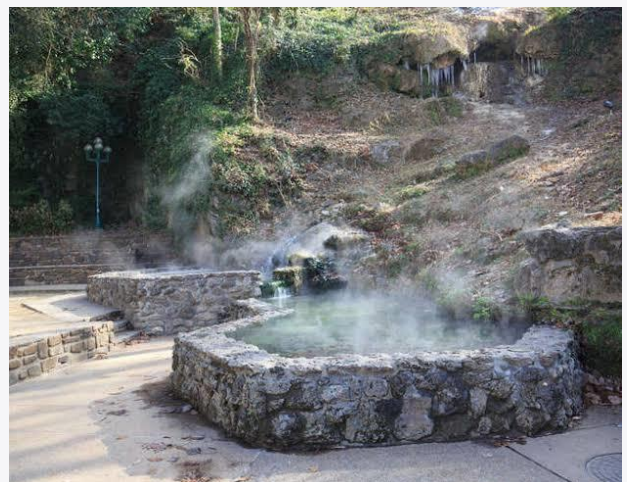
PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:** Subiaco AR and Subiaco WA
- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with Arkansas is managed by the **Consulate General in Houston.**
- **Consul General:** Peter McGauran



AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

- **Australian Community:** Arkansas State University is home to Cody Grace, an Australian who is now a star kicker.



Arkansas is known for its hot springs.

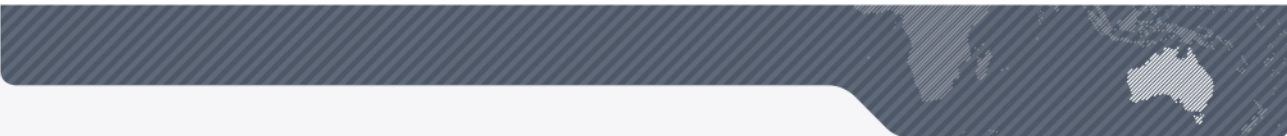
AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

There are no notable businesses owned by Australians in Arkansas.

GLOBAL BUSINESS

Including Walmart, which ranks first among US firms, Arkansas is home to six Fortune 500 companies:

- Walmart (Bentonville)
- Tyson Foods (Springdale)
- Murphy USA (El Dorado)

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- J. B. Hunt (Lowell)
 - Dillard's (Little Rock)
 - Windstream (Little Rock)

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

Academic institutions and associations with Australian partnerships:

- The University of Arkansas has an exchange with the University of Newcastle.

Nationally Ranked Universities

- University of Arkansas (#153)
- Harding University (#240)

MAJOR EVENTS

- **Arkansas State Fair:** The Arkansas State Fair attracts 400,000 guests each year, and features bull riding and live music.
 - **Fat Tire Festival:** a variety of competitive and non-competitive mountain bike races and events each July in Eureka Springs.
 - **Riverfest:** a music and arts festival in Little Rock that attracts around 250,000 visitors yearly.
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