Australia's relationship with

# CONNECTICUT

#### **KEY FACTS**

- **Population:** 3,565,287 (2019)
- **Major Cities:** Hartford (capital), Bridgeport (largest city), New Haven
- Gross Domestic Product (GDP): \$285.64 billion
- Key Industries:
  - Equipment, especially helicopters, subs Manufacturing of machinery Manufacturing of transportation 700 digital media related businesses; green tech, insurance and financial services
- Known for: Nick named "The Constitution State", one of original 13 colonies, Hartford Courant is oldest US newspaper, median income among highest in the US, Yale University
- National Rankings: (out of 50 states)

Economy: 30<sup>th</sup>
Healthcare: 3<sup>rd</sup>
Infrastructure: 46<sup>th</sup>
Education: 12<sup>th</sup>
Fiscal stability: 46<sup>th</sup>
State size by area: 48<sup>th</sup>
State size by population: 29<sup>th</sup>

Density: 5<sup>th</sup>

## **ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP**

- Two-Way Trade: US\$165.2 Million
- Australia's Exports to Connecticut: US\$54.3 Million (2019)
- Connecticut's Exports to Australia: US\$110.9 Million (2019)
- Connecticut goods & services exported to Australia: Aircraft parts, explosives equipment, medical equipment, petroleum coke

#### PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

• Sister Cities:

Stratford, CT and Stratford, Vic belong to an organization that unites cities named Stratford, celebrating their cultural ties to Shakespeare and theatre.



Local Aussie-Inspired Shops:

Flinders Lane: Stamford

COBS Bread Bakery: Stamford & Riverside

- Representation: Australia's relationship with Connecticut is managed by the Australian Consulate-General in New York
- Consul-General: the Hon Nick Greiner AC

#### POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

- Governor: Ned Lamont (D), next election 2022
- 2020 Presidential Outcome: 59.2% Biden
- Senators: Richard Blumenthal (D), Chris Murphy (D)

#### **AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS**

- Sustainable Building Systems LLC: joint-venture involving the Weeks Group from Adelaide.
- Westfield: A global developer and operator of flagship shopping destinations. Two of their shopping mall locations are in Connecticut.
- Sims Metal Management: One of the world's leading publicly listed metal recycler, with operations encompassing the buying, processing and selling of ferrous and nonferrous recycled metals. Three of their locations are in Connecticut.
- Macquarie: A diversified financial group providing clients with asset management and finance, banking, advisory and risk and capital solutions across debt, equity and commodities. One office is located in Connecticut.
- **QBE Insurance:** QBE is an international "Integrated Specialist Insurer."

#### **GLOBAL BUSINESS**

 GE: Company whose focus is engineering with software and analytics whilst also leading new paradigms in additive manufacturing, materials science, and data analytics Recognized as by Business Week as one of The World's 25 Most Inventive Companies and by Fortune as one of the World's Best Companies for Leaders.

- United Technologies: A global technology company headquartered in Farmington, CT.
- Aetna: An international healthcare company headquartered in Farmington, CT. Recognized for four years as one of America's most community-minded companies in the 2016 Civic 50.
- **Cigna:** A global health service company headquartered in Bloomfield, Connecticut.
- Xerox: An American global corporation that sells print and digital document products and services, headquartered in Norwalk, CT

### **UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS**

 Yale University: Provides opportunities for its students to study in Australia, including at ANU, University of Melbourne, James Cook and University of Sydney. There is a focus on studies related to environment and sustainability.