

Australia's relationship with

IDAHO

KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 1.79 million ([2019](#))
- **Major Cities:** Boise City (Capital), Meridian, Nampa, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Caldwell, Coeur d'Alene, Twin Falls
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** \$81.49 Billion (2019 Q3)
- **GDP Growth:** 2.5% (2018 Q1 – 2019 Q3)
- **Key Industries:** Farming and mining
- **Known for:** Producing two thirds of the US' potatoes, Crater of the moon National Park, Idahoan business Simplot commercialised frozen French fries making billions as fast food's main supplier, subalpine and desert climate in one state, Idaho stretches over two time zones, nick named "The Gem State"

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade:** \$66 million (2019)
- **Australia's Exports to Idaho:** \$9.1 million ([2019](#))
- **Idaho's Exports to Australia:** \$58 million ([2019](#))

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:** None
- **Local Aussie-Inspired Shops:** Kiwi Shake & Bake: Boise
- **Tautphaus Park Zoo:** Located in Idaho Falls, is home to a themed Australia Exhibit called "Land Down Under", complete with wallabies and kookaburras.
- **Australian Melon Purchases:** Australia bought \$1.5M worth of Melon Seeds from Idaho in 2016.
- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with Idaho is managed by the Consulate General in San Francisco.
- **Consul General:** Nick Nichles



AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

- **Australian Football:** Boise is home to the Boise Australian Football Club.
- During massive fires in Idaho, Australian firefighters travelled to Idaho to help out.

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

- **Governor:** Brad Little (R), next election in 2022
- **2020 Presidential Outcome:** Trump 63.8%
- **Senators:** Mike Crapo (R), James E. Risch(R)
- **House:** 2 Republicans

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

- **Simplot:** Simplot Australia has manufacturing facilities and sales offices spread across Australia
- **Noosa:** Australian owned, Idaho-headquartered yoghurt company

GLOBAL BUSINESS

Albertsons
Micron Technology
WinCo Foods
Boise Cascade
J.R Simplot
Lamb Weston

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

Nationally Ranked Universities:

- Brigham Young University Idaho is ranked #77 in the US