

Australia's relationship with

ILLINOIS



KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 12,671,821 ([2019](#))
- **Major Cities:** Springfield (capital), Chicago (largest), Aurora, Rockford, Joliet
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** US\$773,135 million ([2019](#))
- **GDP Growth:** 1.6 % ([2018-2019](#))
- **Key Industries:** Farming, finance, insurance, real estate, rental, and leasing.
- **Known for:** Architecture, jazz music, deep dish pizza, loyal sports fans, nick named "The Prairie State".

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade:** \$US 4,504, 076,400 (2019)
- **Australia's Exports to Illinois:** \$US 1,036,560,700 ([2019](#))
- **Illinois Exports to Australia:** \$US 3,467,515,700 ([2019](#))

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

- **Governor:** Jay Robert "J. B." Pritzker (D) next election in 2022
- **2020 Presidential Outcome:** Biden 57.5%
- **Senators:** Dick Durbin (D), Tammy Duckworth (D)
- **House:** 13 Democrats, 5 Republicans

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:**
Chicago, IL and Sydney, NSW
Wilmette, IL and Mona Vale, NSW
- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with Iowa is managed by the **Consulate General in Chicago**.
- **Consul General:** David Bushby

AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

- **Australian Football:** [Chicago Swans Football Club](#)
- **Australian Netball:** [Chicago Netball Club](#)

- **Australian, NZ, American Chamber of Commerce (ANZACC):** Approx 90 Members

- **Australians Living in Illinois:**
Jesse Spencer – TV actor "Chicago Fire"

Michael Mulcahy – Trombone player Chicago Symphony Orchestra

Peter Fitzpatrick – Photographer; Chair of Photography, Columbia College, Chicago

Peter Pfanner – Executive Director, Chicago Innovation Centre, University of Illinois

Rob Charter – Group President, Caterpillar

Leanne Redolen – Executive Director, Regional Transport Authority

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

- **Akuna :** Options trading
- **AMP Limited:** Banking services
- **Amcor Rigid Plastics USA** (HQ in MI)
- **ASX:** Financial products
- **Cardno:** infrastructure & environmental services
- **Coats electronic signage**
- **Computershare finance** (HQ in MA)
- **Creata:** Marketing
- **CSL Behring:** Plasma protein biotherapeutics
- **Daniels SharpSmart:** Waste management
- **GHD Group:** Engineering, architecture & environmental consulting
- **James Hardie:** Home & garden retail
- **Jindill:** Macadamia based products
- **Lendlease:** Construction & project management
- **Macquarie Group:** Banking
- **Nufarm Americas:** Agricultural chemical manufacturing
- **SenCorp:** Office services
- **Travel Associates:** Part of the Flight Centre Group
- **Westfield:** Commercial Real Estate



GLOBAL BUSINESS

There are 36 Fortune 500 companies headquartered in Illinois, including:

- Walgreens Boots Alliance
- McDonalds
- Boeing
- Motorola
- United Airlines
- Caterpillar
- Abbott Laboratories
- John Deere
- CME Group: world's largest futures market
- State Farm Insurance
- The Allstate Corporation
- Mondelez International
- Deere & Company
- Motorola Solutions
- Northern Trust

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

- **University of Adelaide** – University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- **Australian National University** – University of Illinois
- **Nationally Ranked Universities in Illinois:**
University of Chicago #3
Northwestern University #11
University of Illinois--Urbana-Champaign #52

MAJOR EVENTS

- Lollapalooza Music Festival:
 - Chicago Art & Design Fair (SOFA): Kirra Galleries Melbourne (glass) exhibited for the last 14 years
 - Chicago Architectural Biennial
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