

Australia's relationship with

IOWA

KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 3,155,070 ([2019](#))
- **Major Cities:** Des Moines, Cedar Rapids
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** \$195,585 Million (2019).
- **GDP Growth:** 0.9% ([2018-2019](#))
- **Key Industries:** Agriculture, Manufacturing
- **Known for:** Nick named "The Hawkeye State", originally part of French Louisiana, the nation's highest high school graduation rate, one of the safest states, known for green energy, sweet corn and hogs

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade:** US\$366 Million
- **Australia's Exports to Iowa:** US\$31.4 Million ([2019](#))
- **Iowa's Exports to Australia:** US\$365 Million ([2019](#))
- **Priority Sectors for the Australia-Iowa economic relationship:** Agriculture, aerospace, machinery.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:**
Manilla, IA and Manly, NSW
- **Local Aussie-Inspired Shops:**
St Kilda Café & St Kilda DSM: Des Moines
- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with Iowa is managed by the **Consulate General in Chicago**.
- **Consul General:** David Bushby

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

- **Governor:** Kim Reynolds (R) next election in 2022
- **2020 Presidential Outcome:** Trump 53.1%
- **Senators:** [Joni Ernst \(R\)](#), [Chuck Grassley \(R\)](#)
- **House:** 1 Democrat, 2 Republicans



AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

- **Sports:**
Des Moines Roosters, Des Moines Lady Dippers ([USAFL](#))
- **Notable Australians in Iowa:**
Mark Davidson, Wine Australia's market development manager lives in Iowa.

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

- **Corteva Agriscience™:** Corteva Agriscience™ is the agricultural division of DowDuPont. DowDuPont brings together the complementary portfolios of Dow and DuPont, two innovative, science-based companies that hold leadership positions in the Agriculture, Materials Science and Specialty Products industries.
- **Digga:** Digga is a world leader in auger and anchor drive technology for loaders, excavators, truck cranes, backhoes and tractors. Digga drives are exported to over 50 countries.

GLOBAL BUSINESS

- **Principal:** A retirement, insurance and asset management firm, member of the Fortune 500.
- **Rockwell Collins Aerospace:** Creates avionics and IT systems for aerospace and government manufacturers.
- **Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield:** A mutual insurance company.
- **HNI Corporation:** The largest office furniture manufacturer in the world. Also the world's leading hearth-products company.
- **Casey's General Stores:** Casey's General Stores is a chain of convenience stores throughout the Midwestern USA.



UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

- **Iowa** has no notable partnerships with any Australia Universities, excepting a few undergraduate exchange programs.

Nationally Ranked Universities

- **University of Iowa: #84**
- **Iowa State University: #121**

MAJOR EVENTS

- **The Iowa State Fair:** a well-known event culturally as well as politically and economically. Filled with well-known singers and performers, the fair also includes agriculture and technology exhibits. Furthermore, politicians always come to the fairs as it is a good way for them to meet their constituents and get a feel of pertinent issues.
 - **Julien Dubuque International Film Festival:** Dedicated to enriching the community and bridging cultures through the education and promotion of arts through independent film, the JDIFF acknowledges emerging filmmakers from around the world and supports diverse and cause-related films.
 - **World Food Prize:** An international award recognizing the achievements of individuals who have advanced development by improving the quality, quantity, or availability of food in the world.
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