

Australia's relationship with

MAINE



KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 1,344,000 (2019)
- **Major Cities:** Augusta (capital), Portland (largest), Lewiston, Bangor, Brunswick
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** \$67.52 billion
- **Key Industries:**
Paper mills, fisheries, tourism has replaced manufacturing
- **Known for:** Lobster, world's largest exporter of blueberries and toothpicks, the Bush compound in Kennebunkport, Eastport is the easternmost city in the continental US, home of Stephen King, nick named "The Pine Tree State"
- **National Rankings:** (out of 50 states)
Economy: 37th
Healthcare: 22nd
Infrastructure: 43rd
Education: 19th
Tax burden: 13th
State size by area: 39th
State size by population: 42nd
Density: 38th

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade:** US\$19.9 Million (2019)
- **Australia's Exports to Maine:** US\$2.9 Million
- **Maine's Exports to Australia:** US\$17 Million
- **Main goods & services exported to Australia:** paper products, aircraft parts

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:** Portland and Glenelg, VIC
- The Maine Lobstermen's Association run exchanges with lobster fishers in WA & Tasmania, sharing ethical practices & marine conservation tips.
- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with Maine is managed by the Australian Consulate-General in New York
- **Consul-General:** the Hon Nick Greiner AC

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

- **Governor:** Janet Mills (D), next election in 2022

- **2020 Presidential Outcome:** Biden 53.1%
- **Senators:** [Susan Collins \(R\)](#), [Angus King \(I\)](#)
- **House:** [2 democrats](#)

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

- **Gloria Jean's:** Specialty coffeehouse chain has a location in South Portland.
- **Onesteel:** Australia's largest integrated manufacturer and supplier of steel has a location in Maine.
- **Majella** bought heritage Portland property, Willaston West Church, renovated into Willaston-West Condos, having undergone numerous legal battles where ultimately the Maine Supreme Court upheld the City's decision to approve development changes.

GLOBAL BUSINESS

- **LL. Bean:** international retail company headquartered in Freeport.
- **Unum:** insurance company that provides supplemental insurance coverage in the workplace with a location in Portland.
- **Idexx Laboratories:** Corporation engaged in the development, manufacture, and distribution of products and services for the companion animal veterinary, livestock and poultry, water testing, and dairy markets. Corporate headquarters are in Westbrook.
- **Ahlstrom-Munksjö:** global company that provides fiber-based products for medical diagnostics.
- **Cianbro:** Construction firm headquartered in Pittsfield.

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

- **University of Maine** runs student exchange programs with Edith Cowan University, Perth and Griffith University, Brisbane.