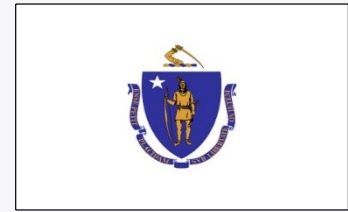


Australia's relationship with

MASSACHUSETTS



KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 6.9 million (2020 est) – most populous state in New England
- **Major Cities:** Boston (capital & largest), Worcester, Springfield, Cambridge, Lowell
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** \$575.6 billion (2020), ranked 11th in the United States
- **GDP Growth:** 2.7% (2018)
- **Key Industries:** Finance (largest industry in 2016), insurance, real estate, rental and leasing.
- **Known for:** Plymouth (landing place of the Mayflower & Pilgrims), the 'First Thanksgiving', hotbed of activity during the American Revolution, large Irish-American population, Boston cream pie, Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston Red Sox, Boston Commons, Cape Cod, Nantucket & Martha's Vineyard, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library
- **National Rankings:** (out of 50 states)
Economy: 11th
Healthcare: 2nd
Infrastructure: 44th
Education: 1st
Tax burden: 12th
State size by area: 44th
State size by population: 15th
Density: 5th

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade** (goods & services): US\$410 Million
- **Australia's Exports to Massachusetts** (goods only): US\$81.8 Million
- **Australian goods & services exported to Massachusetts:** Wine, beef, medical equipment/parts
- **Massachusetts' Exports to Australia** (goods only): US\$ 328.2 Million
- **% of the Massachusetts' exports to Australia:** 1.2%
- **Massachusetts goods & services exported to Australia:** Medical/diagnostic equipment, aircraft parts, pet food, pleasure boats

- **Massachusetts exports to Australia** have grown by over 32% since the AUSFTA entered into force.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:**
Boston and Melbourne, VIC
Concord and Concord, NSW
- **Local Aussie-Inspired Shops:**
Bluestone Lane: Boston, Cambridge
Cuppa Coffee Espresso Bar: Boston (2)
KO Catering & Pies: Boston
- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with Massachusetts is managed by the Australian Consulate in New York
- **Consul General:** the Hon Nick Greiner AC

AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

The New England chapter of the American Australian Association was established in Boston in 2004 when it merged with local organisation ANZACC. The New England chapter holds a range of programs, including speaker seminars and social events. Regional Director: Louisa Teo and Board member Charlie Grant.

- **Australian Sporting Club:**
Boston Demons & Lady Demons ([USAFL](#))
Boston Netball League
- **Australian Community:**
- **Meetup Group:** Australians & New Zealanders in Boston (455 members)
<https://www.meetup.com/en-AU/BostonAussies/>

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

- **Governor:** Charlie Baker (R), next election - 2022
- **2020 Presidential Outcome:** Biden 65.6%
- **Senators:** Elizabeth Warren (D), Ed Markey (D)
- **Congressional Delegates:** 9 Democrats

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

Australian companies have more than 70 individual points of presence in Massachusetts, spanning over 25 different industries including air & space transport, engineering, and manufacturing. Notable companies include:

- **Computer-share Limited:** Australian stock transfer company that provides corporate trust, stock transfer and employee share plan services. Office location in Canton.
- **Flight Centre Limited:** One of the world's largest travel agency groups.
- **Macquarie Group Ltd.:** Australian multinational independent investment bank and financial services company. Office location in Boston.
- **GHD:** Professional services company operating in the global market sectors of water, energy and resources, environment, property and buildings, and transportation. Office location in Hyannis.
- **Lendlease:** Multinational construction, property and infrastructure company. Office location in Boston.

GLOBAL BUSINESS

- **General Electric:** An American multinational conglomerate.
- **Liberty Mutual Insurance Group:** An American diversified global insurer.
- **Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance:** An American mutual life insurance company.
- **TJX:** An American multinational off-price department store corporation.
- **Raytheon:** U.S. defense contractor and industrial corporation with core manufacturing concentrations in weapons and military and commercial electronics.

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

- A number of formal agreements exist between Australian institutions and universities located in Massachusetts. These include agreements governing student and faculty exchange, study abroad and research partnerships.

Notable Partnership with Harvard University:

- The Australian National University's largest US partner for research collaboration is Harvard University in Cambridge MA. Key areas of collaboration include Australian studies,

astronomy, health, climate change, law and security studies.

- The University of Sydney and Harvard have entered into an agreement which will enable University of Sydney PhD students and academic staff to visit and conduct research at Harvard.
- The Gough Whitlam & Malcolm Fraser Chair in Australian Studies at Harvard was established in 1976 with a gift from the Australian government, commemorating America's Bicentennial.
- The Harvard Club of Australia aims to promote fellowship among alumni of Harvard University in Australia.
- Notable Australians who attended Harvard include the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, The Hon Nick Greiner AC and Stephen Gageler AC, Justice of the High Court of Australia.

Nationally Ranked Universities

- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**
- **Harvard University**
- **Boston College**
- **Northeastern University**
- **Berklee College of Music**
- **Babson College** (No.1 undergraduate school for entrepreneurship)

MAJOR EVENTS

- **Boston Marathon:** The world's oldest annual marathon, begun in 1897. Held on Patriot's Day, the third Monday of April, the event attracts approximately 30,000 participants and 500,000 spectators each year. Australian Robert De Castella won the Boston Marathon in 1986 in a time of 2 hours, 7 minutes and 51 seconds, setting a course record (no longer current).
- **Boston Tea Party Re-enactment:** Held annually on 16 December: the anniversary of the protest that sparked the American Revolution. Guests retrace the steps of American colonialists, culminating at the Boston Harbour where reenactors dump tea into the water.
- **America's Hometown Thanksgiving:** Held the weekend before thanksgiving, this three-day festival celebrates the history of Thanksgiving at the place it all started – Plymouth, Massachusetts.