

Australia's relationship with

SOUTH DAKOTA



KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 884,659 (2019)
- **Major Cities:** Pierre (capital), Sioux Falls
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** US\$53,692 Million (2019).
- **Key Industries:** Agriculture, Tourism, Service Sector, US Military.
- **Known for:** home of the Badlands, the Black Hills and Mt Rushmore, one of the friendliest states for businesses with no taxes on personal income, capital gains, or corporate income

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade:** US\$36.9 Million (2019)
- **Australia's Exports to South Dakota:** US\$1.9 Million ([2019](#))
- **South Dakota's Exports to Australia:** US\$35 Million ([2019](#))
- **Priority Sectors for the Australia-South Dakota economic relationship:** Pork, Display Panels, Textiles, Photographic Chemicals, Handling Machinery, LED Panels

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:** None
- **Local Aussie-Inspired Shops:** Essence of Coffee: Rapid City, SD
- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with South Dakota is managed by the **Consulate General in Chicago**.
- **Consul General:** David Bushby

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

- **Governor:** Kristi Lynn Noem (R), next election in 2023
- **2020 Presidential Outcome:** Trump 61.8%
- **Senators:** Mike Rounds (R), John Thune (R)
- **House:** 1 Republican

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

There are no notably large Australian businesses in South Dakota.

GLOBAL BUSINESS

- **Raven Industries:** A US manufacturer of precision agriculture products, high-altitude balloons, plastic film and sheeting, and radar systems headquartered in Sioux Falls

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

- In 2016 the **University of South Dakota** women's basketball team went to Melbourne to play the Victoria Metro Elite & WNBL's Melbourne Boomers, and to Sydney for a match against the Hornsby Spiders
- **Nationally Ranked Universities**
University of South Dakota: #263
South Dakota State University: #272

MAJOR EVENTS

- **The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally:** A big attraction in the Black Hills, the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is all about the motorcycles and more. Apart from the bikes, highlights of the Rally include concerts, races, bike shows, the Annual Mayor's Ride, free-style stunters, and the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame.
- **The Mount Rushmore Independence Day Celebration:** South Dakota's Black Hills provide the backdrop for the world's greatest mountain carving of American presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln. The 60-foot-high faces, 500 feet up, looking out over a setting of pine, spruce, birch, and aspen, are the setting for the Mount Rushmore Independence Day Celebration, and the fireworks show.