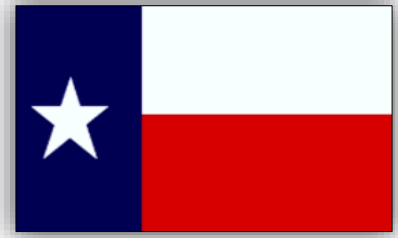


Australia's relationship with

TEXAS



KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 28,986,000 ([2019](#))
- **Major Cities:** Austin (capital), Houston (largest), Dallas, San Antonio
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** US\$1.843 trillion ([2019](#))
- **GDP Growth:** 2.9% ([2019](#))
- **Key Industries:** Energy (oil & gas), life sciences, mining, advanced manufacturing, agriculture, computers/electronics, aerospace, biomed.
- **Known for:** The Alamo, BBQ, longhorn cattle, home to US presidents George Bush, George W Bush, Eisenhower and Johnson, as well as Howard Hughes, Janis Joplin, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Willie Nelson

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-Way Trade:** US\$3.4 billion ([2019](#))
- **Australia's Exports to Texas:** US\$554 million ([2019](#))
- **Texas Exports to Australia:** US\$2.9 billion ([2019](#))

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:**
Over 9 sister city relationships, including:
Houston TX - Perth WA
Austin TX - Adelaide SA
Dallas TX – Burnside and Glenside SA
Texas and Qld have a state – state relationship
- **Local Aussie-Inspired Shops:** (2020)
The Aussie Grind: Frisco
Platypus Brewing: Houston
Two Hands: Austin
LDU Coffee: Dallas
- **Patrons, benefactors, champions:**
Nana Booker, Honorary Consul Emeritus;
Booker Lowe Galleries
- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with Texas is managed by the [Consulate General in Houston](#) (1 DFAT, 7 Austrade)
- **Consul General:** Benson Saulo

- **South Australia Trade and Investment** (Houston): 2

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

- **Governor:** Greg Abbott (R) next election, 2022
- **2020 Presidential Outcome:** [Trump 52.1%](#)
- **Senators:** [John Cornyn \(R\)](#) [Ted Cruz \(R\)](#)
- **House:** [13 Dems](#), [23 Reps](#)

AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

- **Associations:** Australian-American Chamber of Commerce, Houston (185 members), The Australian New Zealand Society of Texas, Houston (approx. 100 members)
- **Australian Football:** Austin Crows, [Austin Crows Women](#), Dallas Dingos, [Dallas Dingoes Women](#) Houston Lonestars, [Houston Lonestars Women](#)
- **Australian Netball:** Houston Shooting Stars, Austin Retros Netball, Dallas Netball Association
- **Australians Living in Texas:**
- [Patty Mills](#), Basketball (San Antonio Spurs)
Greg Chalmers, Golf (Dallas)
Rod Pampling, Golf (Flower Mound)
Stanton Welch, Artistic Director, Houston Ballet
Dr Richard Gibbs, Baylor College of Medicine, genome sequence (Houston)
Professor Peter Hartley, University of Western Australia/Rice University (Houston)
[Nik Constantinou](#), Football, Texas A&M punter
[Jordan Moko](#), Football, Texas A&M offensive lineman

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

Over 250 Australian firms operate out of Texas, in sectors including engineering, oil and gas. Notable firms include:

- **BHP Petroleum Headquarters** (Houston)
- **Lend Lease** – Construction and Project Management
- **Atlassian** (Austin) – Software
- **Macquarie Group** (Austin, Houston)
- **Broadspectrum Limited** (Houston) – Asset Management Services
- **Sonic Healthcare Limited** (Austin) – Medical Laboratories
- **WorleyParsons** (Houston) – Engineering, procurement, construction and consultancy services

GLOBAL BUSINESS

Texas has the third largest concentration of Fortune 500 companies in the US (following NY and CA). It is home to around 10% of all Fortune 500 firms (49/500). Notable firms with headquarters in Texas include:

- ExxonMobile (Irving)
- McKesson (Irving)
- AT&T (Dallas)
- Phillips 66 (Houston)
- Valero Energy (San Antonio)
- Dell Technologies (Round Rock)
- Sysco (Houston)
- Energy Transfer (Dallas)
- American Airlines (Fort Worth)
- ConocoPhillips (Houston)

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

- **University of Texas at Austin:** Edward A Clark Center for Australian and New Zealand Studies
- **MD Anderson Cancer Center** and Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute, Vic
- **Baylor College of Medicine** and Garvan Institute, NSW
- **University of Texas, Austin and Texas A&M** are founding members of the Giant Magellan Telescope alongside Astronomy Australia Ltd and ANU.
- **Texas A&M** also has an MOU on research cooperation with the Australian Government and an exchange with the Australian Defence Force Academy.

Nationally Ranked Universities

- Rice University (#17)

- University of Texas-Austin (#48)
- Southern Methodist University (#64)
- Texas A&M (#70)
- Baylor University (#79)

MAJOR EVENTS

- South X South West (Austin)
- Texas State Fair (Dallas)
- CERA Week (Houston)
- Nape – world's largest oil & gas expo (Houston)
- Rodeo (Houston)