

Australia's relationship with

Texas

KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 28,996,000 (2019 Estimate)
- **Major Cities:** Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Austin (State capital)
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** US\$1.8 trillion (2018) *ranked 2nd in the US and slightly larger than the economy of Australia*
- **GDP Growth:** 8.2% (2018)
- **Key Industries:** Energy (oil and gas), life sciences, advanced manufacturing, agriculture, computers/electronics, aerospace, biomed. Exports more than any other US state
- **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 (goods only):** US\$3.5 billion (2019)
- **Australia's Exports to Texas (goods only):** US\$554 million (2019)
- **Texas Exports to Australia (goods only):** US\$2.9 billion (2019)



Texas is well known for its size and open space. Four of Australia's six states (and the NT) are larger than Texas (WA, Qld, NSW, SA)

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS



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, Dallas Magpies, Houston Lone Stars
- **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 Pamplung – 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)

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

Australian firms employ over 18,000 people in Texas

GLOBAL BUSINESS

Texas has the third largest concentration of Fortune 500 companies in the United States (following New York and California). 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)

Texas' Exports to Australia have more than tripled since the entry into force of AUSFTA

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

At least 27 formal agreements exist between Australian Institutions and universities located in Texas.

Academic institutions and associations with Australian partnerships:

- Asia Society (Houston)
- University of Texas at Austin: Edward A Clark Center for Australian and New Zealand Studies
- MD Anderson Cancer Center – Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute, Vic
- Baylor College of Medicine – 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)
- Texas Christian University (#97)
- University of Texas-Dallas (#147)
- University of Houston (#185)
- Texas Tech University (#218)
- University of the Incarnate World (#272)
- Dallas Baptist University (#281)
- Sam Houston State University (#281 tie)
- University of North Texas (#281 tie)

MAJOR EVENTS

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