

Australia's relationship with

UTAH

KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 3.205 Million (2019)
- **Major Cities:** Salt lake City, West Valley City, Provo City
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** \$178,137 billion (2018)
- **GDP Growth:** In 2018, Utah real GDP grew 4.3%
- **Key Industries:** Mining, manufacturing and distribution, agriculture, information technologies, professional and business services, education and health services, tourism, finance, and petroleum production
- **Known for:**
 - ‘Utahn/Utahan’;
 - ‘Beehive state’ (symbol of community in Book of Mormon);
 - 55-62% population reportedly Mormons;
 - youngest population in US in 2010;
 - least income inequality of any state;
 - 2002 winter Olympics (14 ski resorts);
 - staunchly GOP state
 - Butch Cassidy, Willard Marriott, Osmonds
 - Home of 5 major national parks: Arches, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, Canyonlands, and Zion.

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two way trade** \$ 321.4 million
- **Australian Export to Utah** \$ 70.9 million
- **Utah Export to Australia** \$ 250.5 million

TOURISM

- Australia is the largest incoming international skiing/snowboarding market for Utah and the seventh largest source of international tourists overall for Utah overall (4% in 2016)



PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- Utah-Australian people-to-people links include study abroad partnerships between the University of Utah and the University of Sydney and Griffith University, plus the annual arrival of thousands of Australians to work in Utah's ski fields over the winter on the J1 visa. The Australian winter Olympic teams train in Salt Lake City, and Campos Coffee has recently opened its US commissary in Salt Lake City. In addition, Australia is one of the main destinations for LDS missionary service. Australian owned Rio Tinto Kennecott in Bingham Canyon is Utah's largest private economic driver; no other private sector operation has generated more production, exports, income or jobs. Australian coffee shop and roastery Campos Coffee's US operations is based out of Salt Lake City. The Utah World Trade Center sent a delegation to Avalon Airshow in 2019 and the University of Utah is planning to open a Center of Excellence in Sydney (planning still ongoing)
- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with Utah is managed by the [Consulate General in Los Angeles](#) and the [Consulate General in San Francisco](#) (Managed by Austrade)
- **Consul General Los Angeles:** [Ms Chelsey Martin](#)
- **Consul General San Francisco:** [Mr Nick Nichles](#)

AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY

- **Australians Living in Texas:** Melbourne's Dante Exum plays basketball for the Utah Jazz (NBA).

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

Over 10 Australian firms operate out of Utah, in sectors including mining, manufacturing, and road freight transport. Notable firms include:

- **Rio Tinto Kennecott's** Bingham Canyon Mine is Utah's largest private economic driver; no other private sector operation has generated more production, exports, income or jobs. It is the largest man-made excavation on Earth and accounts for over 25% of all US copper production.
- **Dyno Nobel Inc**, Industrial and Agricultural Chemical Products in Salt Lake City, is a subsidiary of Incitec Pivot Ltd – a Victoria-based corporation that manufactures fertilizers, explosive chemicals and mining services.

MAJOR EVENTS

- Sundance Film Festival
- Utah Arts Festival
- Utah Pride Festival
- Native American Celebration in the Park
- Twilight Concert Series



Monument Valley, Utah

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

- **Incubators and accelerators:** BoomStartup, SUU's Small Business Development Center, Center for Entrepreneurship, Rollins Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology, Lassonde Entrepreneur Institute, Grow Utah, Miller Business Resource Center, USTAR, BioUtah, Wayne Brown Institute
- **Think tanks:** Sutherland Institute, Libertas Institute
- **Start-up environment:** Utah has long been considered a successor to Silicon Valley, often named among the cities that will follow in Silicon Valley's footsteps of creating highly successful tech businesses.