

Australia's relationship with

VERMONT



KEY FACTS

- **Population:** 624,000 (2019)
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** US\$ 34.78 billion
- **Major Cities:** Montpelier (capital), Burlington, (largest), Burlington
- **Key Industries:** Electrical equipment, dairy farming, leading US producer of maple syrup
- **Known for:** Nick named "The Green Mountain State", over 100 wood covered bridges, pioneer state for educating girls, Ben & Jerry's ice-cream, Calvin Coolidge, Chester A. Arthur. Montpelier is the smallest state capital and the only one with no McDonalds (favours local business)
- **National Rankings:** (out of 50 states)
Economy: 31st
Healthcare: 6th
Infrastructure: 35th
Education: 8th
Tax burden: 11th
State size by area: 45th
State size by population: 49th
Density: 31st

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

- **Two-way trade:** US\$19 Million (2019)
- **Value of Australian exports to Vermont:** US\$2 Million ([2019](#))
- **Value of Vermont's exports to Australia:** US\$17 Million ([2019](#))
- **Vermont goods & services exported to Australia:** exercise equipment, aircraft parts, tableware, auto parts

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE LINKS

- **Sister Cities:** none
- **Representation:** Australia's relationship with Vermont is managed by the Australian Consulate-General in New York
- **Consul-General:** the Hon Nick Greiner AC

POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

In 1890 the Vermont legislature adopted the 'Australian ballot', a term still used today. It is

printed in advance of an election and voters cast it in secret.

- **Governor:** Phil Scott (R), next election in 2022
- **2020 Presidential Outcome:** Biden 66.1%
- **Senators:** [Patrick Leahy \(D\)](#), [Bernie Sanders \(I\)](#)
- **House:** 1 Democrat

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS

- **Luzenac**, part of the Rio Tinto resources group, owns and operates the Argonaut talc mine in Ludlow.

GLOBAL BUSINESS

- **Keurig Green Mountain:** publicly traded American beverage and beverage-maker conglomerate. Company location in Waterbury.
- **Mack Group:** A privately held corporation providing contract manufacturing. There is a company manufacturer in Arlington.

UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

- **University of Vermont** has exchange partnerships with Edith Cowan University, University of Adelaide and University of Western Australia.
- **Nationally Ranked Universities**
Middlebury College, (9)
Bennington College (76)
University of Vermont (118)

MAJOR EVENTS

- **Vermont Quilt Festival**, (June, Essex Junction)
- **Quechee Hot Air Balloon Craft & Music Festival** (June, White River Junction)
- **Vintage Market Days** (April, Rutland)
- **Vermont Cheesemakers Festival** (August, Shelburne)