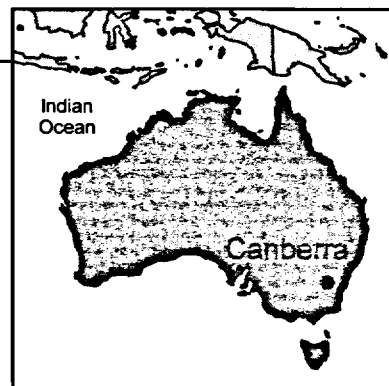


# AUSTRALIA

Capital: Canberra

## GEODATA

<b>Area</b> 7,686,850 km <sup>2</sup>	<b>Population</b> 19.1 million (2000)
<b>Major language</b> English	<b>Population growth rate</b> 1.02% (2000 est.)
<b>Major religious groups</b> Anglican (26%), Roman Catholic (26%), Protestant (25%)	
<b>Surrounding countries</b> Indonesia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea	



## POLITICAL DATA

<b>Type of government</b> Constitutional monarchy	<b>Minister for Foreign Affairs</b> Alexander Downer
<b>National legislature</b> Upper chamber: Senate Lower chamber: House of Representatives; multiparty	<b>Minister for Trade</b> Mark Vaile
<b>Leaders</b> Governor General Peter Hollingworth Prime Minister John Howard	<b>UN Human Development Index (2001)</b> Australia ranks 2nd among 162 countries

## ECONOMIC DATA

<b>GDP</b> \$395.9 billion US (2000)	<b>Inflation rate</b> 2.1% (2000)
<b>GDP growth rate</b> 3.4% (2000)	<b>Unemployment rate</b> 6.6% (2000)
<b>GDP per capita</b> \$16,240 US (2000)	
<b>Main exports</b> Wheat, barley, beef, lamb, dairy products, wool, coal, iron ore, machinery, transport equipment	
<b>Main imports</b> Fabricated materials, machinery and transport equipment, computers and office equipment, consumer goods, petroleum products	
<b>Main exports to Canada</b> \$1.55 billion (2000), including minerals (mainly alumina and uranium), beef, crude oil, wine	
<b>Main imports from Canada</b> \$1.18 million (2000), including aircraft and parts, telephone equipment, machinery, wood, paper, fertilizer	

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