

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Capital: Canberra

GEODATA

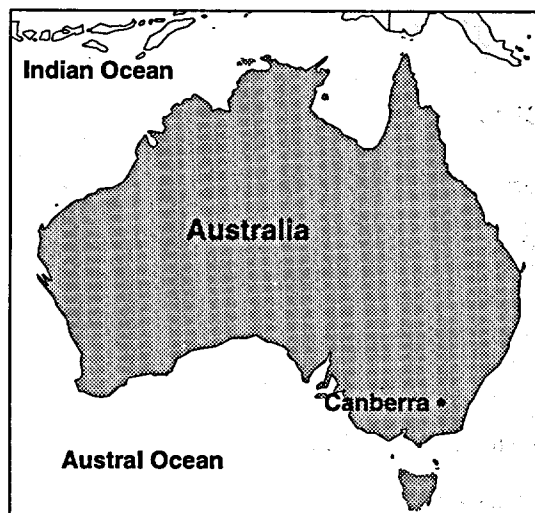
Area
7,682,300 km²

Population
17.92 million (1994)

Population growth
2.5% (1994)

Major language
English

Major religions
Anglican (26%), Roman Catholic (25%), other
Protestant (25%), others (24%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of Government
Federal parliamentary monarchy (E II)

Leader
Prime Minister Paul Keating

Minister for Foreign Affairs
Gareth Evans

Democratic Institutions
Bicameral legislature: House of Representatives,
Senate (elected)

UN Human Development Index
Australia ranks 11th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP
\$339.7 billion US (1994 est.)

GDP growth rate
6% (1994 est.)

GDP per capita
\$18,400 US (1994 est.)

Main Exports
Wheat, barley, beef, lamb, dairy products, wool, coal, iron
ore, machinery, and transport equipment

Main Imports
Fabricated materials, machinery and transport equipment,
computers and office equipment, consumer goods, and
petroleum products

Main Exports to Canada
\$1.12 billion (1994), including raw sugar, alumina, metal
ores and concentrates, frozen and boneless beef, medicines,
wine and semi-fabricated steel

Main Imports from Canada
\$951.82 million (1994), including lumber, locomotives,
parts for data processing machines, potash and urea
fertilizers, wood pulp and aircraft engines