

Fact File

- **Official name:** Commonwealth of Australia
- **Size:** 2,967,909 square miles (7,686,850 square kilometers); slightly smaller than the continental United States
- **Population:** 21,262,641 as of July 2009
- **Capital:** Canberra
- **Official Languages:** English
- **Climate:** Tropical in the north; temperate in the south; dry and hot in the deserts
- **Currency:** Australian dollar
- **Products:** Wheat, barley; cattle, sheep, poultry; wool; coal, iron ore, gold