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The East-West Center promotes better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, research, and dialogue. Established by the US Congress in 1960, the Center serves as a resource for information and analysis on critical issues of common concern, bringing people together to exchange views, build expertise, and develop policy options.

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Friends and Allies

Australia and the United States share much in common, from their similar cultures, histories and values to fighting side by side in every major war beginning with World War I. Both countries enjoy among the world's highest standards of living and share long democratic traditions; in fact, Australia's constitution was patterned, in part, on the US constitution. The heads of each government have conducted at least fifteen formal bilateral state visits over the last two decades. As a result of these myriad connections and similarities, Australia-US relations are among the closest in the world.

“Conceived in the Pacific War and born in the Cold War, adapted to the space age and invoked in the face of terror, our indispensable alliance is a friendship for the future.”

Prime Minister Julia Gillard, 2011



Australia and US in Perspective

AUSTRALIA	US	
22.7	313	Total population, <i>millions</i> , 2011
\$1.4	\$15.2	GDP, <i>US\$ trillions</i> , 2011
\$40,816	\$48,666	GDP (PPP), <i>per capita US\$, 2011</i>
41%	25%	Trade, <i>% of GDP</i>
21%	11%	Exports of goods and services, <i>% of GDP</i>
\$31	\$135	Foreign Direct Investment <i>net inflows, US\$ billions</i>
3 million	3.5 million	Land area, <i>square miles</i>
1.9%	4.7%	Military expenditure <i>% of GDP</i>
4.5%	5.5%	Education expenditure <i>% of GDP</i>
2 days	6 days	Time required to start a business
80%	76%	Internet penetration rate

“We have no stronger ally than Australia...Not only do we share a language, a commitment to democracy, a set of shared values, but I think there's also a shared sense of open spaces and a pioneer spirit...It's what makes us 'great mates.'”

President Barack Obama, 2010

introduction



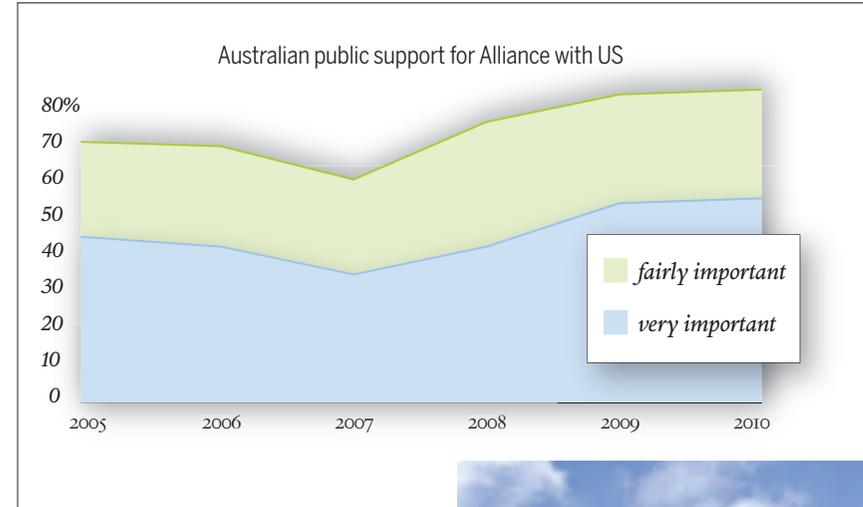
Sixty Years of Alliance Partnership

Australia and the US are treaty allies through the ANZUS Treaty, which was signed in 1951 and remains Australia's preeminent formal security treaty alliance. Australia is the only country to have served alongside the United States in every major US military conflict over the last century, including operations in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, East Timor, Afghanistan, and Iraq. The two countries conduct joint military exercises and have standardized much of their equipment and operational doctrine. The two share military intelligence at the highest level.

DEPLOYED FORCES in Afghanistan and Iraq

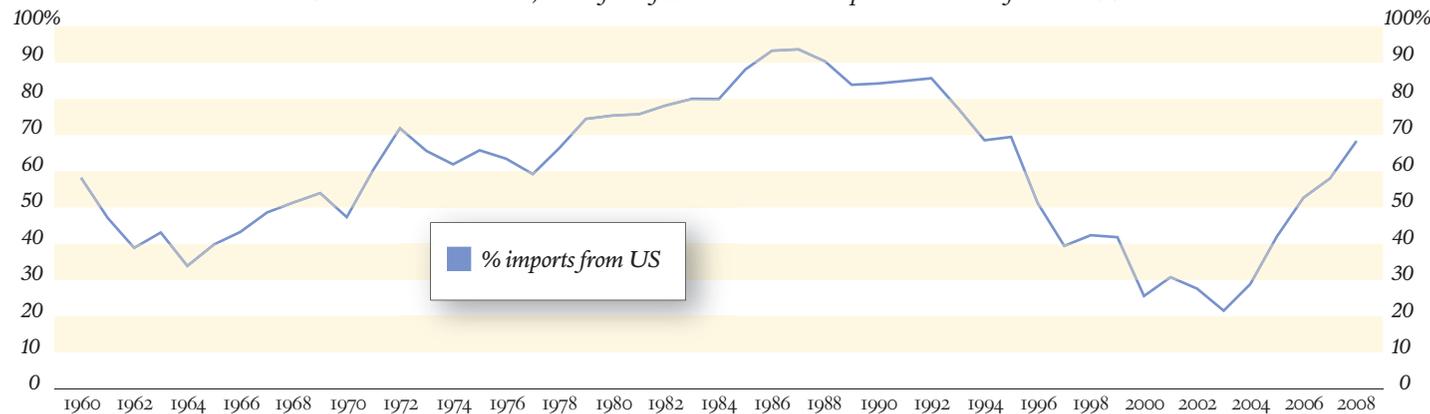
	personnel per million population	percentage of military forces deployed
United States	716	14.4%
Australia	133	5.2%
average for all other other coalition partners	105	2.4%

Source: Derived from data by Mark Thomson, Australian Strategic Policy Institute. Data as of March 2010.



Source: Lowy Institute

Australian Arms Imports Over the last six decades, 54% of all of Australia's arms imports have come from the US



Source: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

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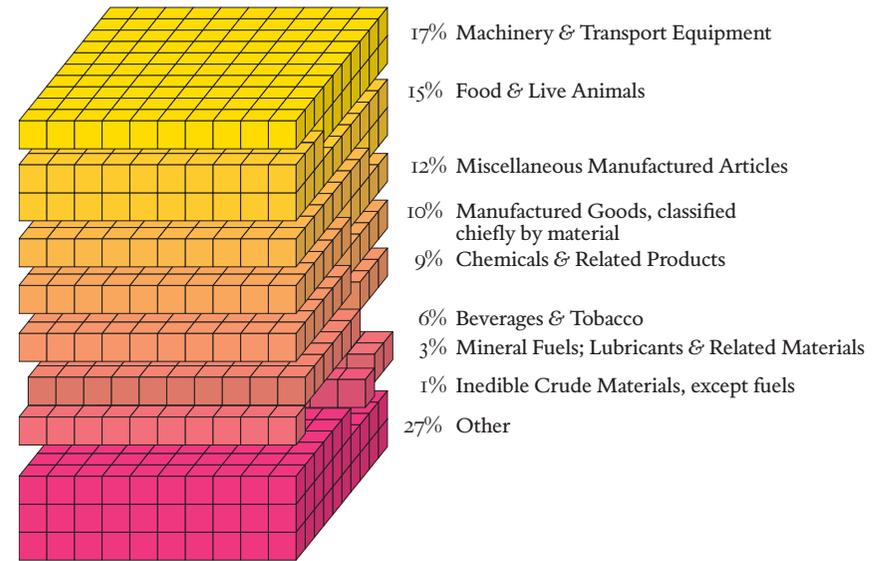
An M1 Abrams Tank and a Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter at Exercise Hamel, a 2010 military training activity in North Queensland involving over 6,000 Australian personnel and contingents from the US Marines and the New Zealand Army.

Australia-US Total Trade Reached US\$46 Billion in 2010

Total trade between the two countries has increased 68% from 2000 to 2010. Trade in goods totals US\$32 billion and trade in services totals US\$14 billion. Australia is America's 14th largest export destination and exports to Australia have increased by 84% since 2000. The country is America's 32nd largest source of imports.

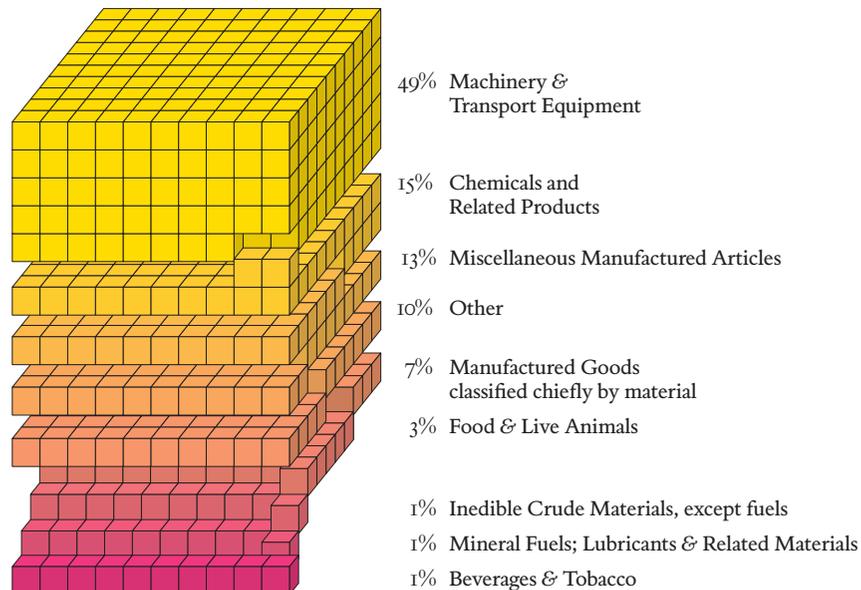
On January 1, 2005, Australia and the US entered into a Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA), which eliminated 99% of duties on US manufactured goods exports to Australia. This was Australia's first trade agreement with a major economy and America's first with a developed economy since the US-Canada FTA in 1988.

Composition of Australia's Merchandise Exports to US, 2010



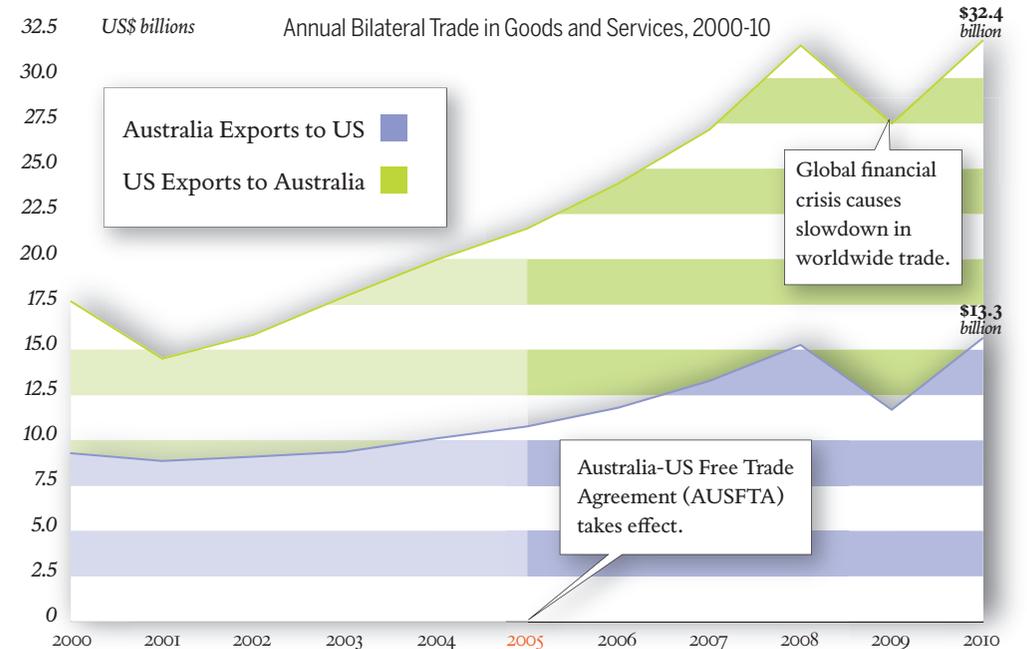
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Composition of US Merchandise Exports to Australia, 2010



Source: US Department of Commerce.

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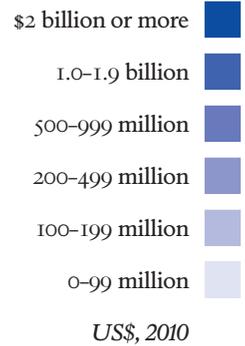


Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Australia is a Top Ten Export Destination for 17 US States

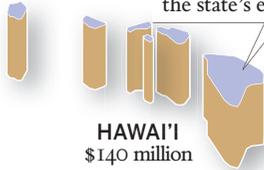


MERCHANDISE EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA



Source: US Department of Commerce and Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Twenty percent of Hawai'i's total exports are sent to Australia, by far the highest share in the country. The US average is two percent. Transportation equipment and electronics and computers make up 90% (US\$126 million) of the state's exports to Australia.

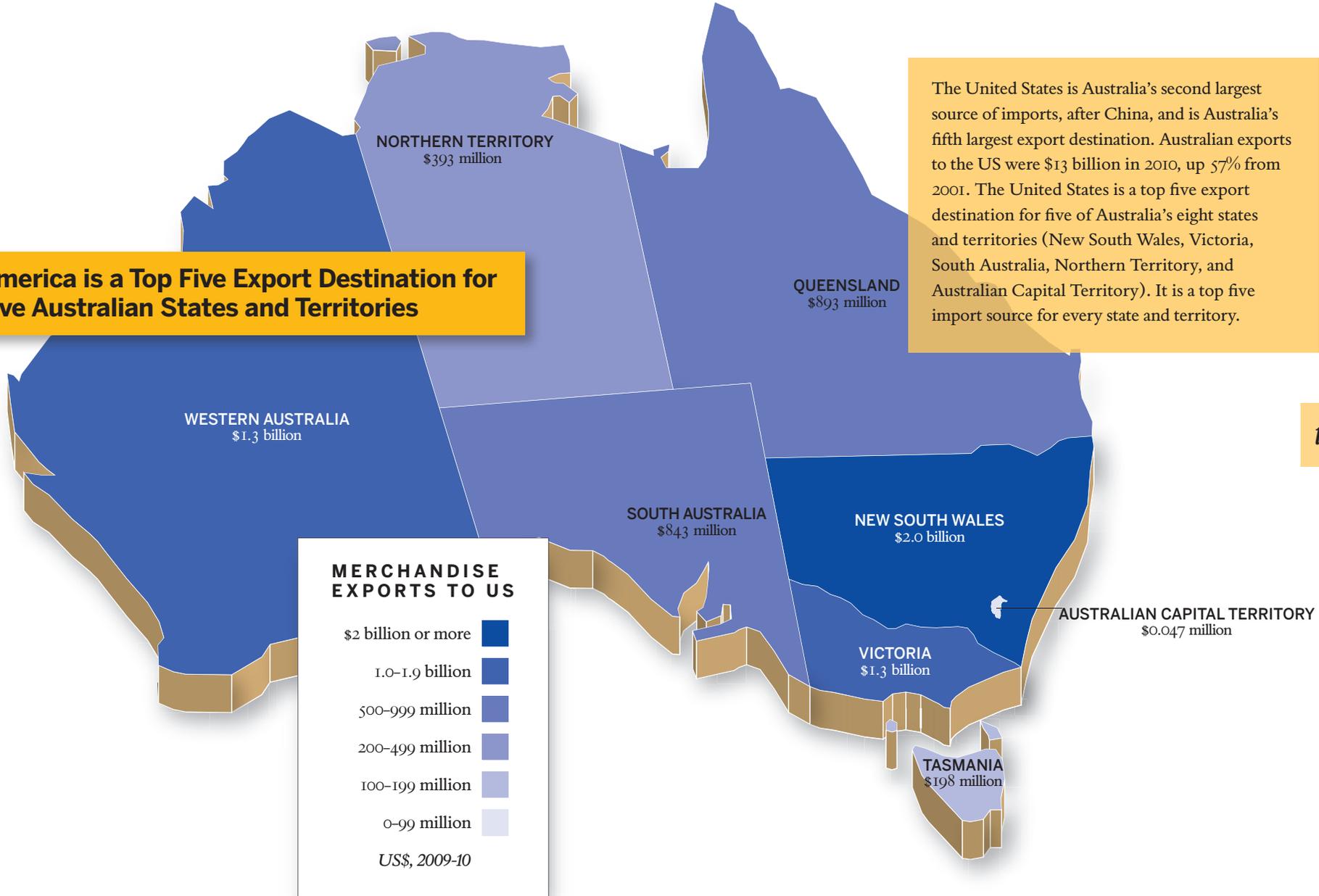


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US exports of goods and services to Australia were valued at about \$32 billion in 2010. Despite Australia's small size, the country is a top ten export destination for 17 US states and a top twenty destination for 42 states. Services exports make up 38% of US exports to Australia, higher than the US average of 30% to the world. Nearly 56,000 US jobs were supported by exports to Australia in 2009.

America is a Top Five Export Destination for Five Australian States and Territories

The United States is Australia's second largest source of imports, after China, and is Australia's fifth largest export destination. Australian exports to the US were \$13 billion in 2010, up 57% from 2001. The United States is a top five export destination for five of Australia's eight states and territories (New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Northern Territory, and Australian Capital Territory). It is a top five import source for every state and territory.



trade

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS TO US

- \$2 billion or more
- 1.0-1.9 billion
- 500-999 million
- 200-499 million
- 100-199 million
- 0-99 million

US\$, 2009-10

Source: Australian Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade.

Australia-US Total Investment Has Increased Nearly 300% Over the Past Decade

Investment between the two countries has soared dramatically—in both directions—since 2001. Australian total investment in the US reached US\$377 billion in 2010, up 196% from \$114 billion in 2001. Similarly, US total investment in Australia reached US\$506 billion in 2010, up 326% from US\$119 billion in 2001. Multinationals in both countries contribute to this investment trend, as shown here.

The Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline at Main Line Valve #7 near Dampier.



Source: Glen Dillon (Licensed under Creative Commons 3.0).

Oil & Gas Production in Australia

US energy corporation Chevron joined with Ampol to form West Australian Petroleum in 1952. Chevron began piping gas to Perth via the Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline in 1984 and five years later exported its first liquefied natural gas (LNG) shipment from Australia to Japan. The ongoing Gorgon and Wheatstone projects are Chevron's biggest ever and the largest foreign direct investments ever in Australia. Upon completion, the two projects will add almost 24 million tons of LNG natural gas per year to service the burgeoning Asia Pacific market.

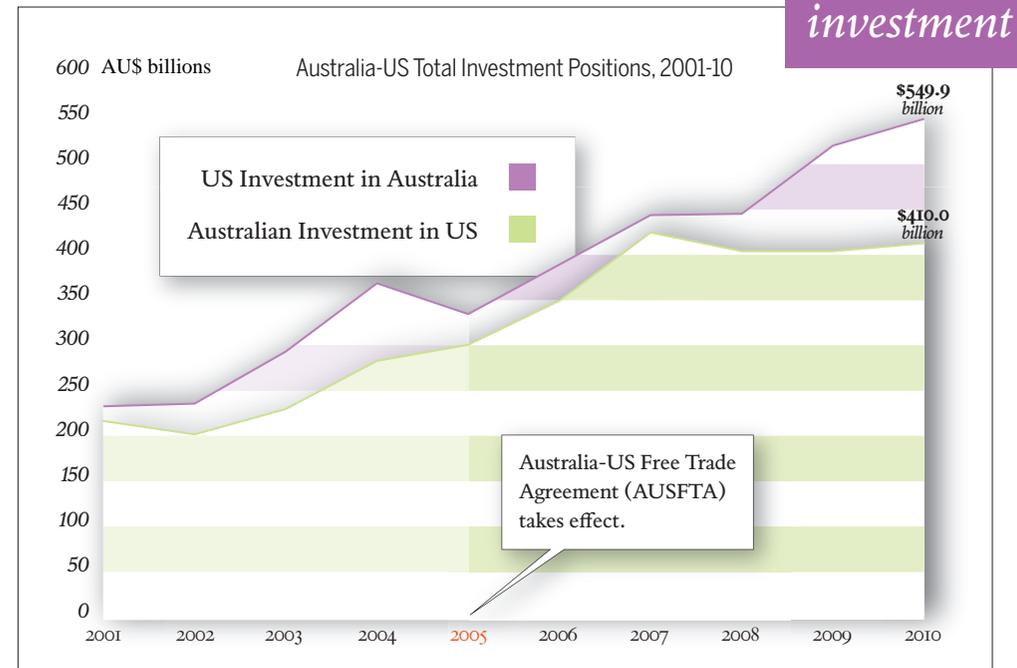
Retail Malls in America

The Westfield Group, co-founded by Frank Lowy in Sydney in 1960, is the largest shopping center operator in the world and the third largest in the US. Westfield acquired its first US-based retail center in Connecticut in 1977 and has more shopping malls in the United States (55) than in any other country, including Australia. In 1996, Westfield America Trust was launched to allow Australians to invest directly in the US retail property market. Six weeks prior to 9/11 in 2001, Westfield acquired The Mall at the World Trade Center. Since then, Westfield has consolidated its position as one of the largest retail property groups in the US.

Westfield Southcenter Mall in Seattle, Washington

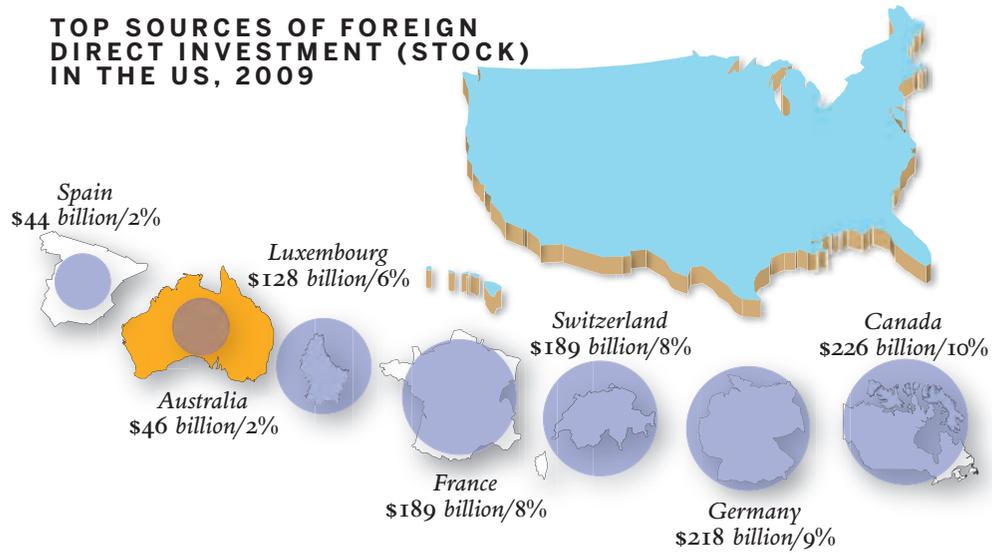


Photo source: Westfield Group.

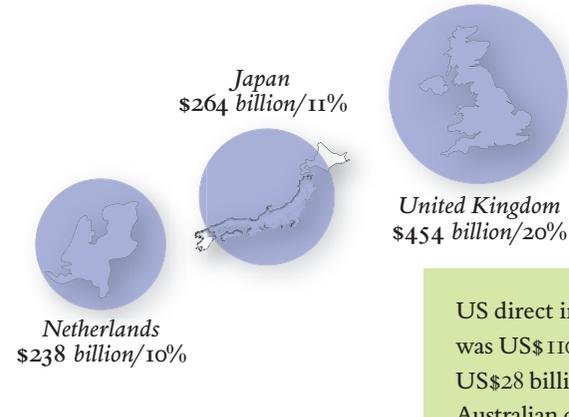


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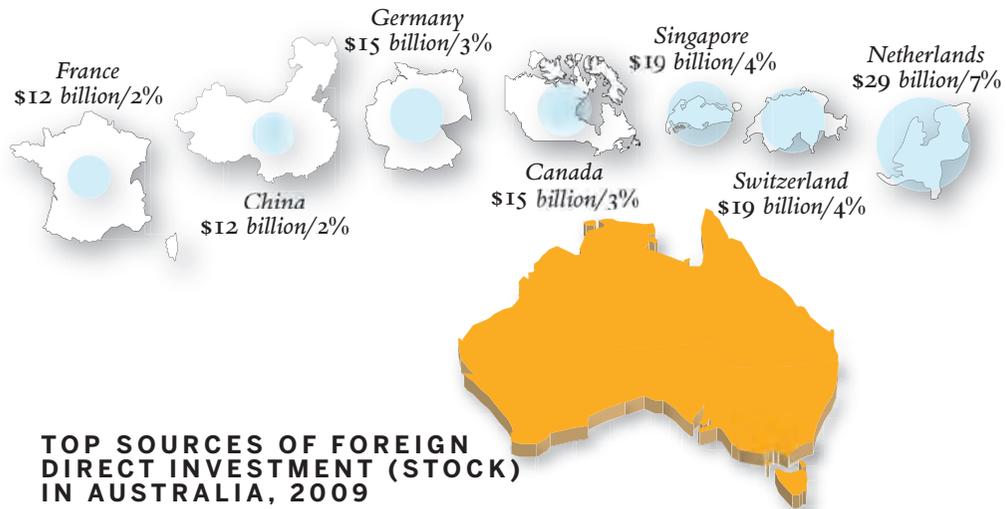
TOP SOURCES OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (STOCK) IN THE US, 2009



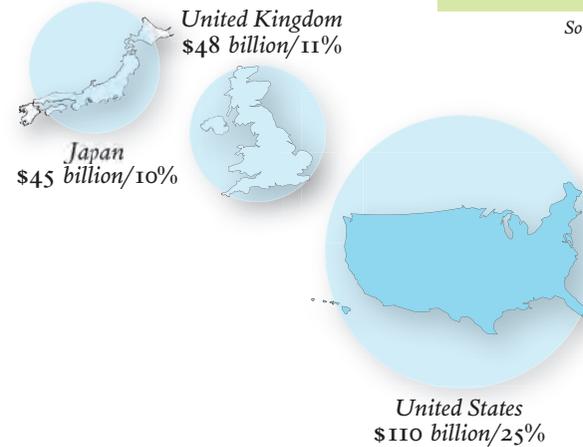
Australia is the Ninth Largest Source of Foreign Direct Investment in US



US is the Largest Source of Foreign Direct Investment in Australia



TOP SOURCES OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (STOCK) IN AUSTRALIA, 2009



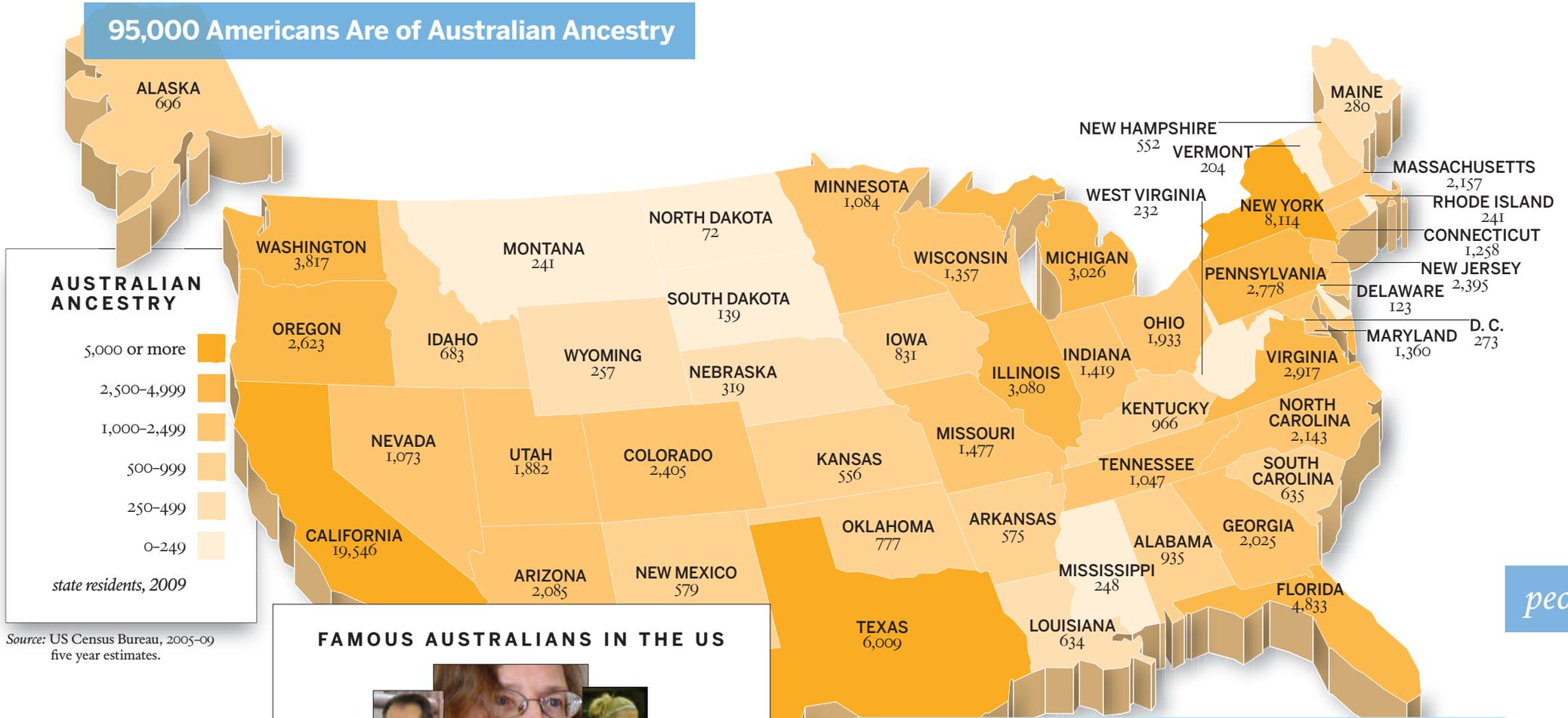
US direct investment in Australia was US\$ 110 billion in 2009, up from US\$28 billion in 2001. Likewise, Australian direct investment in the US has also increased, at US\$46 billion in 2009, up from US\$19 billion in 2001.

Australia's top investment industries in the US were in finance, manufacturing, and real estate. Top industries for US investment in Australia include finance, mining and energy, information, and manufacturing.

investment

Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis

95,000 Americans Are of Australian Ancestry



AUSTRALIAN ANCESTRY

- 5,000 or more
- 2,500-4,999
- 1,000-2,499
- 500-999
- 250-499
- 0-249

state residents, 2009

Source: US Census Bureau, 2005-09 five year estimates.

FAMOUS AUSTRALIANS IN THE US



Clockwise from top left: Andrew Liveris, CEO of Dow Chemical; Elizabeth Blackburn, Nobel Laureate in Physiology; Lauren Jackson, WNBA star; Rupert Murdoch, Chairman of NewsCorp; James Gorman, Morgan Stanley CEO; Peter Weir, film director; Nicole Kidman, Academy Award winning actress

people

Over 72,000 American residents were originally born in Australia and over 95,000 claim Australia as their ancestral home. In 2009, about 4,000 Australians obtained permanent residency status or became naturalized US citizens. Over 81,100 Australian residents were originally born in the US.

In 2005, Australia was selected as one of only a few countries to be eligible for the US immigration E-3 visa, which allows up to about 10,500 Australians and their families to live and work in the US. Australia has a similar type of business visa that provides reciprocal benefits to Americans.

Australia-US Tourism at 1.4 Million People per Year

More than 900,000 Australians visited the US and nearly 500,000 Americans visited Australia in 2010. Americans make up the third largest source of foreign visitors to Australia, after New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Australians are the ninth largest source of visitors to the United States. Australian visitor spending on travel and tourism in the US, which totaled US\$4.0 billion in 2010, accounts for 30% of all US services exports to Australia.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Visitors to Australia, 2010

RANK			SHARE
1	New Zealand	1,161,700	20%
2	United Kingdom	646,700	11%
3	United States	472,100	8%
4	China, PRC	453,700	8%
5	Japan	398,200	7%
6	Singapore	308,000	5%
7	Malaysia	237,000	4%
8	Korea	214,100	4%
9	Hong Kong, SAR	163,900	3%
10	Germany	160,400	3%
Total Arrivals		5,885,100	

Visitors to US, 2010

RANK			SHARE
1	Canada	19,959,000	33%
2	Mexico	13,423,000	22%
3	United Kingdom	3,850,864	6%
4	Japan	3,386,076	6%
5	Germany	1,726,193	3%
6	France	1,342,207	2%
7	Brazil	1,197,866	2%
8	South Korea	1,107,518	2%
9	Australia	904,247	2%
10	Italy	838,225	1%
Total Arrivals		59,744,616	

Source: Office of Travel and Tourism Industries, US Department of Commerce.
note: United Kingdom includes Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

US-Australia Nonstop Flights

- Los Angeles-Sydney: 7,490 miles/12,100 kilometers
- Los Angeles-Brisbane: 7,160 miles/11,500 kilometers
- Los Angeles-Melbourne: 7,920 miles/12,700 kilometers
- Dallas/Fort Worth-Sydney: 8,530 miles/13,800 kilometers
- Dallas/Fort Worth-Brisbane: 8,300 miles/13,400 kilometers
- San Francisco-Sydney: 7,420 miles/11,900 kilometers
- Honolulu-Sydney: 5,070 miles/8,160 kilometers

travel

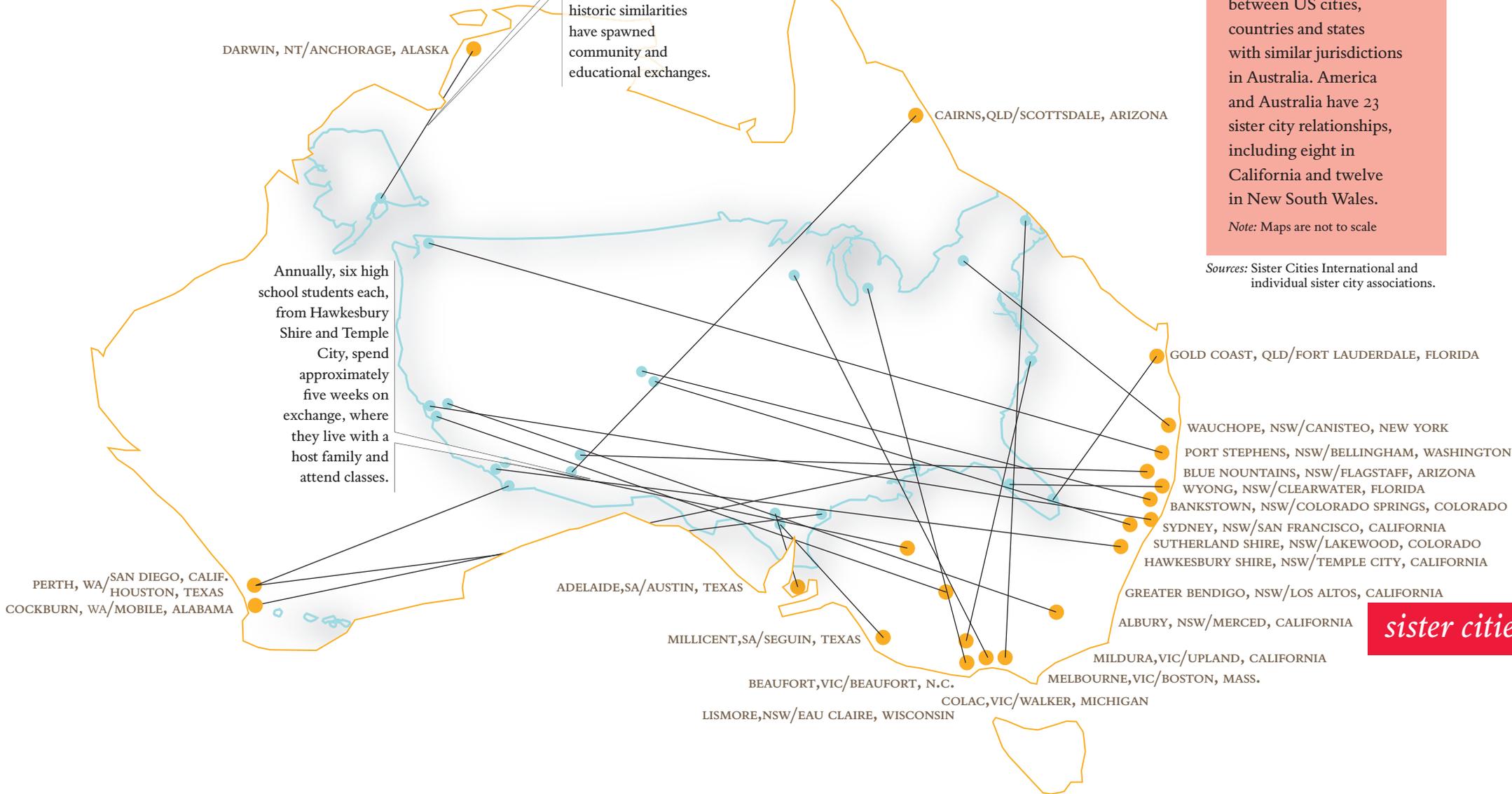
US and Australia Share 23 Sister Cities

The Darwin and Anchorage sister city relationship connects two rugged and isolated communities. Their geographical and historic similarities have spawned community and educational exchanges.

Sister cities are local level municipal partnerships between US cities, countries and states with similar jurisdictions in Australia. America and Australia have 23 sister city relationships, including eight in California and twelve in New South Wales.

Note: Maps are not to scale

Sources: Sister Cities International and individual sister city associations.



sister cities

COMBINED FOREIGN AID

countries where Australia and the US each contribute at least US\$30 million in aid, 2009

Shared Values and Global Interests

Australia and the US share common interests and similar views on most major global issues. The two work together on global environmental issues, to control weapons of mass destruction, and in international organizations such as the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. In the 2000s, only the United Kingdom voted more often than Australia the same way as the United States in the United Nations General Assembly.

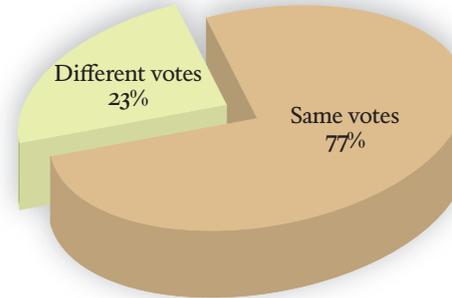
The two countries have close cooperation in a wide variety of fields. The NASA space program maintains in Australia its largest program outside of the US. One Australian tracking station was vital for receiving signals from the Apollo 11 moon landing for international TV broadcast. A formal agreement strengthens emergency management cooperation during severe natural disasters in both countries.

Source: Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development



UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTING:

US-Australia Agreement, 2009



Source: US State Department

international cooperation

The Asia Matters for America Initiative

The brochures and AsiaMattersforAmerica.org website of the Asia Matters for America initiative provide a hub for a global audience to explore the importance of Asia to the United States and the United States to Asia at the national, state, and local levels. The graphical project, including an interactive website, reveals surprising findings through the use of maps, charts, graphs, and raw data, allowing comparison across countries and states.



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4 July 1918 US and Australian forces fight alongside each other for the first time at the battle of Hamel in Northern France during World War I.

Over 100 Years of Cooperation and Partnership between Australia and the United States

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1 September 1951 The ANZUS Treaty is signed in San Francisco, establishing a formal trilateral alliance between the US, Australia and New Zealand.

1950-1953 Australia is the first to follow the US in contributing forces to the UN operation in Korea, later known as the Korean War.

1956 Australia and New Zealand become a formal part of the UK-US agreement on signals intelligence cooperation.

1 January 1959 United Artists *On The Beach* is filmed on location in Melbourne, starring Gregory Peck, Ava Gardner, Fred Astaire, and Anthony Perkins.

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5 October 1974 Olivia Newton John's hit song "I Honestly Love You" hits number 1 in US.

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1990 Australia contributes forces to the United Nations operation in Kuwait and later in the Persian Gulf.



1996 Australian Geoffrey Rush wins an Academy Award in Best Actor category for his role in *Shine*.

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16 March 2011 Prime Minister Julia Gillard visits the US and addresses Congress to mark the 60th anniversary celebrations of the ANZUS alliance.



16 November 2011 US President Barack Obama visits Australia and addresses Parliament to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Australia-US alliance.

1900

20 August 1908 President Theodore Roosevelt's Great White Fleet stops in three Australian cities at the invitation of Prime Minister Deakin.



26 December 1908 American Jack Johnson wins the title of world heavyweight boxing champion in Sydney after having been denied the chance earlier due to segregation laws in America. He became the first person of color to win the title.



8 January 1940 The US and Australia establish formal diplomatic relations.

December 1941 Australia joins America in the Pacific War. Later, US General Douglas MacArthur places the Allied Pacific headquarters in Australia.

1942-45 Almost one million US troops visit Australia as part of Pacific War.

Main sources: US Department of State, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Academy of Motion Picture Arts, US Defense Department. Thanks to John "Drew" Petruschka for research assistance.

10 February 1960 NASA's deep space tracking facility opens near Woomera, SA.

1962-1975 60,000 Australian troops serve for more than a decade in the Vietnam War, Australia's longest-lasting commitment to any war.

17 May 1962 Prime Minister Robert Menzies announces the US Naval Communication Station at North West Cape, WA.



October 1966 US President Lyndon Baines Johnson visits Australia, the first US president to visit while in office.

9 December 1966 Australia-US announce a joint facility for intelligence and surveillance to be located at Pine Gap, NT.

1980 Air Supply's album "Lost in Love" achieves three US Top Five singles.

15 July 1985 The Australia-United States Ministerial Consultations commence and become the principal annual forum for bilateral consultations between the two countries.



1986 Paul Hogan's *Crocodile Dundee* becomes the second highest box-office earner for the year with US\$175 million.

14 September 2001 Prime Minister John Howard invokes the ANZUS Treaty for the first time to support *Operation Enduring Freedom* in Afghanistan.

20 March 2003 Australia joins the US-led coalition *Operation Iraqi Freedom*.

18 May 2004 The US-Australia Free Trade Agreement is signed.

January 2009 US President George W. Bush awards former Australian Prime Minister John Howard the US Presidential Medal of Freedom.

22 February 2009 Australian Heath Ledger receives a posthumous Academy Award in Best Supporting Actor category for his role in *The Dark Knight*.