



## New South Wales (NSW)

Capital city **SYDNEY**

**GADIGAL COUNTRY**

Australia's most populous city.

Aboriginal peoples have lived in the New South Wales (NSW) region for over 40,000 years. NSW is the oldest of Australia's states, founded in 1788. A diverse multicultural state, around 30% of people in NSW speak a language other than English at home.

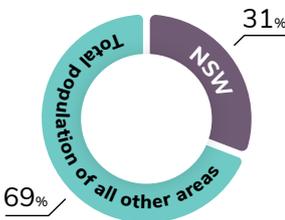
The capital city Sydney is known for the iconic Opera House and Harbour Bridge.

### Population

**8.58 million people**

**31%** of Australia's population live in NSW.

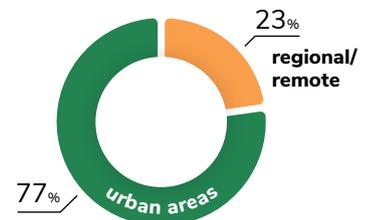
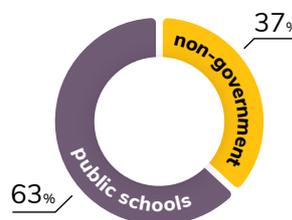
In 2025, **26,560** more people left the state than moved in, so the total population decreased.



### Education

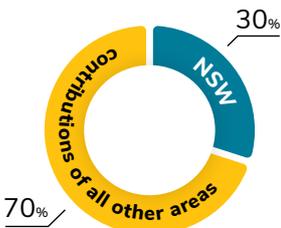
NSW has **786,434** students enrolled in public schools and **462,695** students enrolled in non-government schools.

Most students attend school in urban areas with **23%** in regional or remote areas.



NSW is Australia's **most populous** state, with more people than SA, NT, ACT, TAS and WA combined.

### Wealth



NSW contributes **30%** to Australia's total wealth with the key industries of finance, manufacturing, education, agribusiness and tourism.

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## Victoria (Vic)

Capital city **MELBOURNE**

**WURUNDJERI AND BOON WURRUNG COUNTRY**

Australia's second most populous city.

Aboriginal peoples have lived in the Victoria (Vic) region for at over 34,000 years.

Vic was established as a colony in 1851 and after federation in 1901, the first Australian Parliament convened in Melbourne. The gold rush in the 1850s saw an increase in population and wealth to the colony.

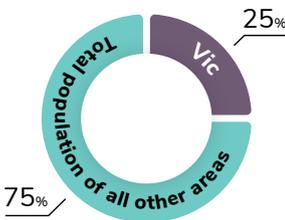
The capital Melbourne is a major cultural centre known for arts and sporting events.

### Population

**7.05 million people.**

**25%** percent of Australia's population live in Vic.

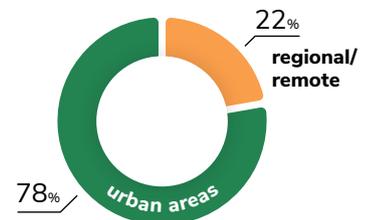
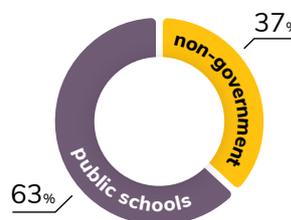
In 2025, **2,318** more people left the state than moved in, so the total population decreased.



### Education

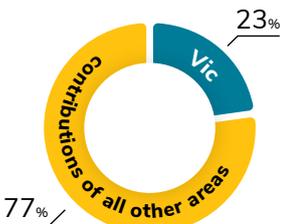
Vic has **657,252** students enrolled in public and **378,730** students in non-government schools.

Most students attend school in urban areas, with **22%** in regional and remote areas.



Vic is Australia's **2<sup>nd</sup> most populous state** with more people than SA, NT, ACT, TAS and WA combined.

### Wealth



Vic contributes **23%** of Australia's wealth with the key industries of finance, manufacturing, education, agribusiness and tourism.



Vic is 227,444 km<sup>2</sup> and is the **6<sup>th</sup> largest state/territory in land area order.**

Vic is known for the Great Ocean Road, Murray River, Grampians and high country.

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## Queensland (Qld)

Capital city **BRISBANE**

**YUGGERA/JAGERA AND TURBAL COUNTRY**

Australia's third most populous city.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have lived in the Queensland (Qld) region for over 40,000 years. The first inhabitants of the Torres Strait are believed to have migrated from the Indonesian archipelago 70,000 years ago.

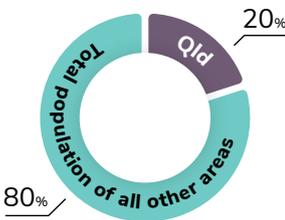
Originally part of NSW, Qld became a separate colony in 1859. The capital city Brisbane will host the Olympics in 2032.

### Population

**5.65 million people.**

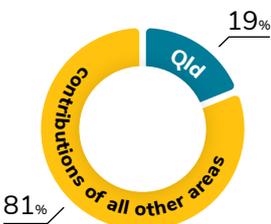
**20%** of Australia's population live in Qld.

In 2025, **24,015** more people moved into the state than left, so the total population increased.



Qld is one of only 2 states with a **growing population**.

### Wealth



Qld contributes **19%** of Australian's wealth with the key industries of finance, mining, energy, agriculture and tourism.

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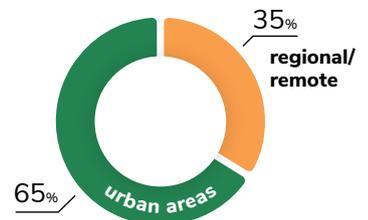
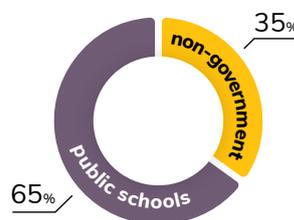
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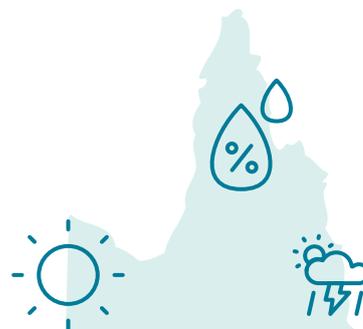
### Education

Qld has **570,259** students enrolled in public schools and **307,399** students enrolled in non-government schools.

**35%** of students in Qld attend schools in regional and remote areas.



Qld has the third highest proportion of regional and remote students after the NT and Tas.



Qld is 1,729,742 km<sup>2</sup> and is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest state/territory in land area order.

Qld is known for the Great Barrier Reef, Daintree rainforest, the Whitsundays and vast outback areas.

## South Australia (SA)

Capital city **ADELAIDE**

**KAURNA COUNTRY**

Australia's fourth most populous city.

Aboriginal peoples have lived in the South Australia (SA) region for over 45,000 years.

SA was established as a colony in 1836 and shares its borders with all other mainland states.

The capital Adelaide is known as the 'city of churches' as it was settled by diverse groups of various faiths.

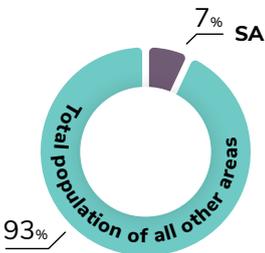


### Population

**1.9 million people**

**7%** of Australia's population live in SA.

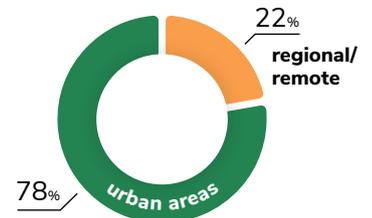
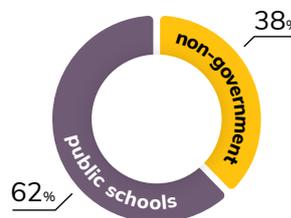
In 2025, **1,470** more people left the state than moved in, so the total population decreased.



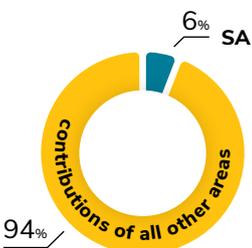
### Education

SA has **172,137** students enrolled in public schools and **104,911** students enrolled in non-government schools.

Most students attend schools in urban areas with **22%** in regional and remote areas.



### Wealth



SA contributes **6%** of Australia's wealth with the key industries of mining, manufacturing, agriculture and tourism.

SA is 984,321 km<sup>2</sup> and is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest state/territory in land area order.

SA is known for the Flinders Ranges, Murray River, desert outback areas and wine growing regions.

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## Tasmania (Tas)

Capital city **HOBART**

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Australia's southernmost capital city.

Aboriginal peoples have lived in Tasmania (Tas) for at least 42,000 years.

Tas was the second penal colony to be established by the British in 1803.

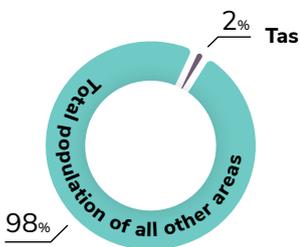
Tas is the only state or territory not on the Australian mainland. The capital city Hobart is closer to Antarctica than to Darwin.

### Population

**576,000 people.**

**2%** of Australia's population live in Tas.

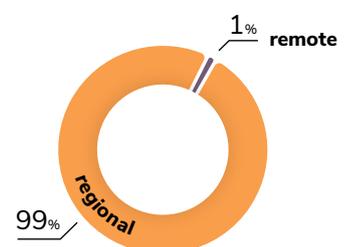
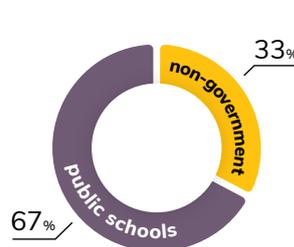
In 2025, **2,217** more people left the state than moved in, so the total population decreased.



### Education

Tas has **54,329** students enrolled in public schools and **26,728** students enrolled in non-government schools.

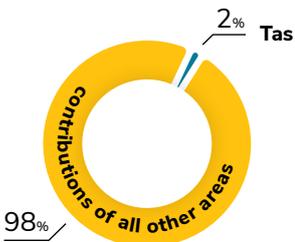
**99%** of students in Tas attend schools in regional areas.



Tas was the **slowest growing** state in 2025.

Hobart is classified as a regional area as it has less access to services compared to mainland capital cities.

### Wealth



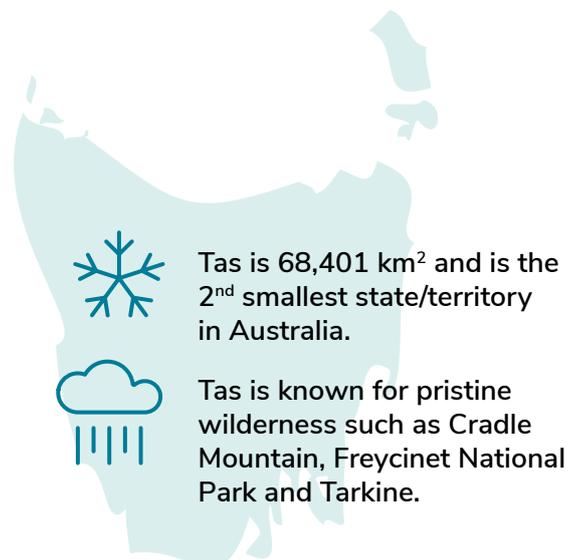
Tas contributes **2%** of Australia's wealth with the key industries of tourism, agriculture, aquaculture and renewable energy.

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## Western Australia (WA)

Capital city **PERTH**

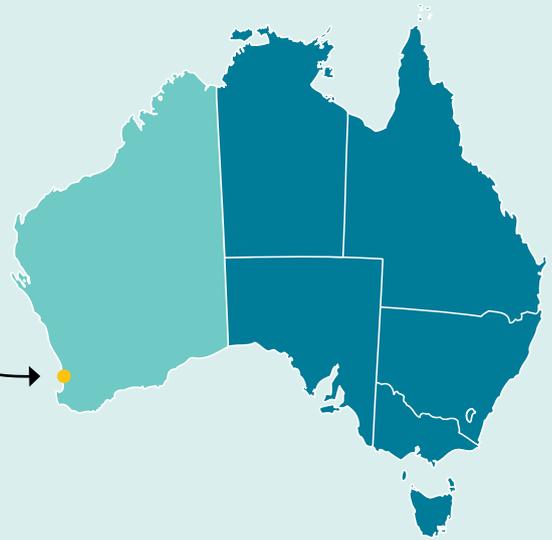
**WHADJUK NOONGAR COUNTRY**

Australia's most isolated capital city.

Aboriginal peoples have lived in the Western Australia (WA) region for over 50,000 years.

WA was established as a British colony in 1829. The discovery of gold in the 1890s started a resource boom for the state that continues today.

Perth is known as the most isolated major city in the world.

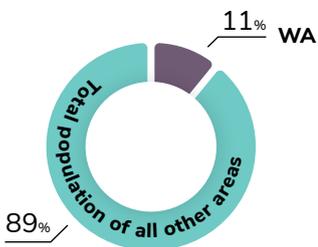


### Population

**3 million people**

Close to **11%** of Australia's population live in WA.

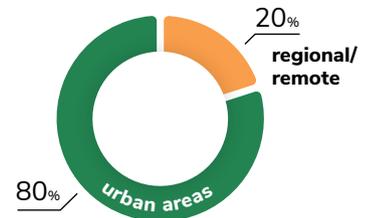
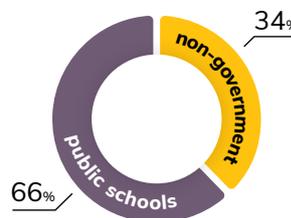
In 2025, **11,675** more people moved into the state than left so the total population increased.



### Education

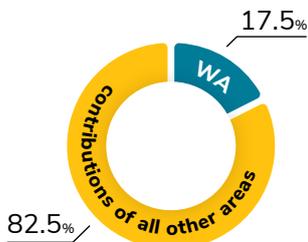
WA has **298,308** students are enrolled in public schools and **151,255** students enrolled in non-government schools.

Most students attend schools in urban areas with **20%** in regional and remote areas.



WA was the **fastest growing** state in 2025, and one of only 2 states with a growing population.

### Wealth

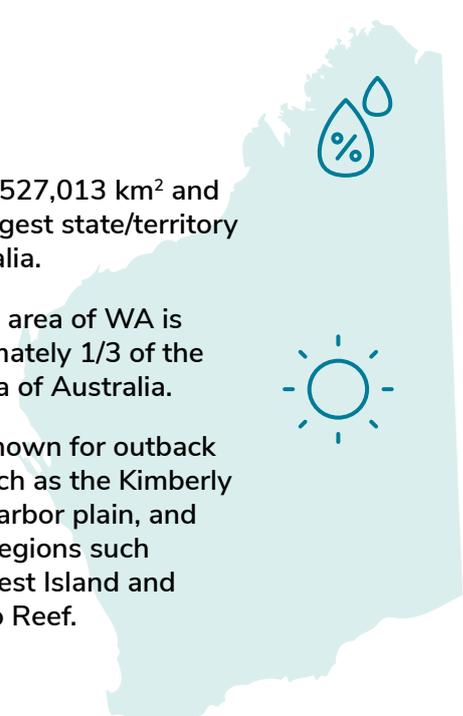


WA contributes **17.5%** to Australia's wealth with the key industries of mining, agriculture and energy.

WA is 2,527,013 km<sup>2</sup> and is the largest state/territory in Australia.

The land area of WA is approximately 1/3 of the total area of Australia.

WA is known for outback areas such as the Kimberly and Nullarbor plain, and coastal regions such as Rottnest Island and Ningaloo Reef.



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## Northern Territory (NT)

Capital city **DARWIN**

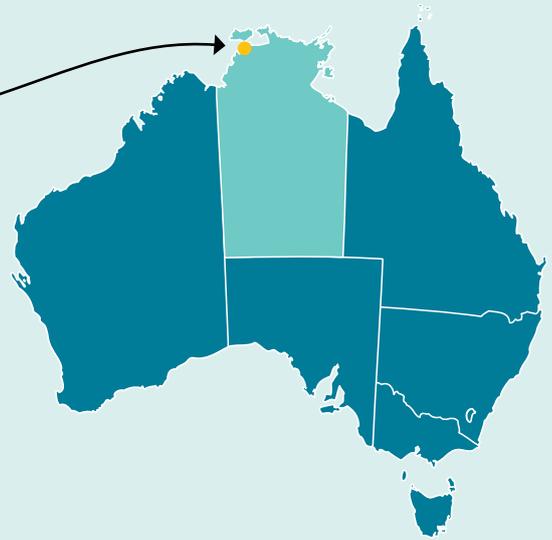
**LARRAKIA COUNTRY**

Australia's least populous capital city.

Aboriginal peoples have lived in the Northern Territory (NT) region for over 65,000 years.

The NT was originally part of SA when established in 1863 and became a self-governing territory in 1978.

The city of Darwin has been rebuilt as a modern city after the city was damaged twice – Darwin was bombed during World War II and over 70% of its buildings were destroyed by Cyclone Tracy in 1974.

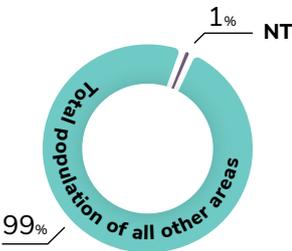


### Population

**263,000 people**

**1%** of Australia's population live in NT.

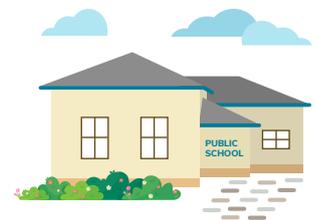
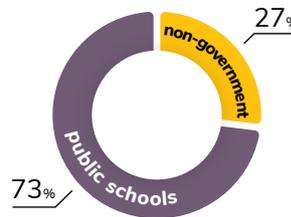
In 2025, **1,875** more people left the territory than moved in, so the total population decreased.



### Education

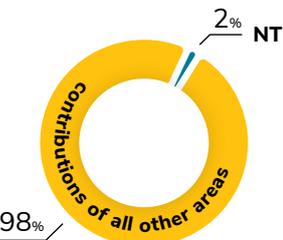
NT has **29,198** students enrolled in public schools and **10,710** enrolled in non-government schools.

NT has the highest percentage of students attending schools in remote areas in the country.



NT is Australia's **least populated** state or territory.

### Wealth



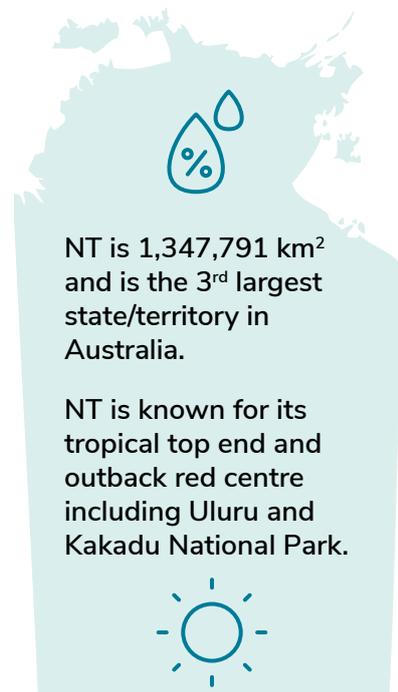
NT contributes close to **2%** of Australia's wealth with key industries of mining, public administration and tourism.

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## Australian Capital Territory (ACT)



Capital city **CANBERRA**

**NGUNNAWAL AND NGAMBRI COUNTRY**

Australia's only inland capital city.

Aboriginal peoples have lived in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) region for over 25,000 years.

Section 125 of the Australian Constitution stated the new national capital city had to be located within New South Wales, at least 100 miles away from Sydney. The site was chosen in 1908 and named Canberra in 1913. Canberra became self-governing in 1988.

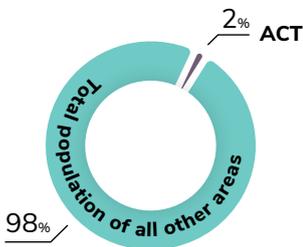
It houses many national cultural institutions such as the Australian War Memorial and High Court.

### Population

**483,800 people**

**2%** of Australia's population live in ACT.

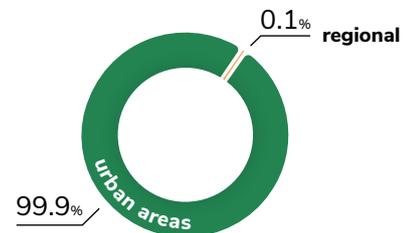
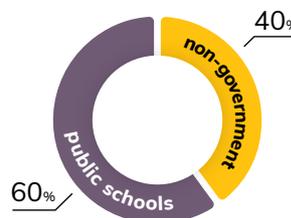
In 2025, **1,250** more people left the ACT than moved in, so the total population decreased.



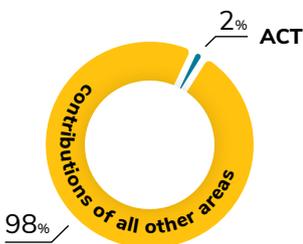
### Education

ACT has **46,177** students enrolled in public schools and **30,476** students are enrolled in non-government schools.

**99.9%** of students attend school in urban areas as there are very few regional areas within the ACT.



### Wealth



ACT contributes **2%** of wealth to Australia with the key industries of the public service, science and professional services.

ACT is 2,358 km<sup>2</sup> and is the smallest state/territory in Australia.

More than 50% of the ACT is national park and nature reserves, lending Canberra its nickname 'the Bush capital'.

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## Australia

Capital city **CANBERRA**

**NGUNNAWAL AND NGAMBRI COUNTRY**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have lived across Australia for over 65,000 years, making it home to the world's oldest continuing cultures.

Australia was colonised by the British in 1788 as a penal colony.

It became a nation in 1901, when the 6 colonies federated to form the Commonwealth of Australia. Since then Australia has grown into a multicultural democracy with a unique national identity.

### Population

**27.5**  
MILLION  
PEOPLE

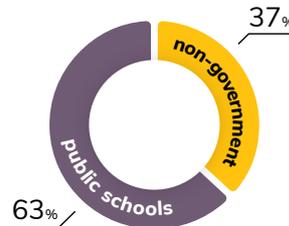


In 2024, the population grew by **423,400** people, mostly from overseas migration.

### Education

In 2024, **4,132,006** students were enrolled in Australian schools. Government schools: **2,619,513** students, non-government schools: **1,512,493** students.

Most students attend school in the urban areas, especially along the eastern and southeastern coasts where the majority of the population lives.



### Wealth

**\$2.8**  
TRILLION

Australia has a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of approximately **\$2.8 trillion**. Key industries include mining, finance, retail, and healthcare.

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Australia has a rich Indigenous heritage with deep spiritual and cultural connections to the land and its unique wildlife and natural resources.

Australia is known for its multicultural society, with over 30% of residents born overseas.

The climate varies widely, from tropical in the north to temperate in the south, with arid zones in the interior and alpine regions in the southeast.

