

Arizona Trades with Australia

Arizona exported goods worth over \$180.5 million to Australia in 2007. Arizona's major exports to Australia include telecommunications equipment, aircraft parts, computer parts and pharmaceuticals.

Product	Value (\$)	Percent
Computers & Electronic Products	85,446,746	47.3
Transportation Equipment	34,714,982	19.2
Machinery Manufactures	17,227,842	9.5
Chemical Manufactures	7,661,214	4.2
Fabricated Metal Products	6,843,004	3.8
Miscellaneous Manufactures	6,622,683	3.7
All Others	21,991,045	12.2
TOTAL	180,507,516	100%

Source: US Department of Commerce 2007 CY

Australia Invests in Arizona

- **Actus Lend Lease**, sister to Australia's Bovis Lend Lease, has contracted with the US Air Force to oversee the long-term development and management of military housing at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson.
- **QANTAS**, which operates more than 50 flights a week between Australia and the United States, has its US flight reservations facility in Tucson.
- **Redflex Traffic Systems**, a subsidiary of Australia's Redflex Holdings, is a leading provider of digital red light and speed enforcement services across the United States and has its US head office in Scottsdale.
- **Seeley International** manufactures and markets a range of climate control solutions, and has its US branch office in Phoenix.
- **Zork**, which produces wine bottle closures, has entered an agreement with Portola Packaging to make and market the product in North America, out of a manufacturing plant in Tolleson.

Did you know?

- **Australia Outback Plantation** operates a nursery for Australian native plants in Tonopah and from this location, provides supplies for property developers across the US as well as koala feed for many zoos around the country.
- **Flagstaff** has a Sister City relationship with the **Blue Mountains** region, a World Heritage National Park area to the west of Sydney. Additionally, **Scottsdale** has a Sister City relationship with **Cairns**, located near the Great Barrier Reef in north Queensland.
- The majority of the world's opals come from Australia, and Australian opals have proven to be very popular at the annual **Tucson Gem, Mineral and Fossil Showcase**, one of the premier such shows in the world.

Australia: Strong economy, important trading partner

- Total trade between Australia and the United States was \$44 billion in 2007, with US exports to Australia amounting to \$29 billion. Australia ranks in the top 10 export markets for 14 states and the top 25 markets for 48 states.
- Australia is among the most highly developed and economically successful countries in the world with a gross domestic product (GDP) of \$1 trillion for the 2007/08 financial year.
- Australia has one of the world's most open and innovative economies. The OECD's 2008 annual review of economic reform assesses that Australia's economy is the least regulated among OECD member countries and imposes the least impact on economic behaviour.

AUSFTA

The **Australia-US Free Trade Agreement (FTA)** came into force on 1 January 2005. The FTA gives US businesses price advantages and preferential access over international competitors in the Australian market. The FTA eliminates 99% of Australia's manufacturing tariffs, giving US firms a 5% average cost advantage over their international competitors in the Australian market. Additionally the FTA:

- Grants enhanced preferential access for American service exporters to Australia.
- Grants tariff-free access to Australia's agricultural market for US exporters.
- Removes foreign investment screening for a range of foreign investment activities, including establishment of all new businesses in Australia.