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**NSW Competitiveness Report**

Each year the Department of State and Regional Development publishes a report from the latest research and industry data to benchmark NSW against selected international business locations and other Australian States.

The NSW Competitiveness Report shows the State's competitive advantages and provides a valuable tool for business people considering investing in Australia or the Asia Pacific.

You can download a copy of the full printed report in PDF format at the bottom of this page. However, this online report is updated more frequently and contains the latest available information.

The NSW Competitiveness Report covers:

- [Economic and Business Climate](#)
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Sydney and New South Wales – a great place to live and a great place to invest.

The NSW economy is the largest and most diverse economy in Australia, contributing about one third of the nation's Gross Domestic Product. The NSW economy is larger than many national economies in the Asia Pacific including Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines, and 83% of the State's industry income is derived from services.

Home to 6.8 million people, NSW has 33% of Australia's population, making it Australia's biggest market. Its workforce of 3.3 million is the largest of any Australian State.

The capital of NSW, Sydney, is the business hub of Australia and a leading financial centre in the Asia Pacific. It accounts for almost one quarter of Australia's total annual output of goods and services.

The Australian economy has consistently been recognised as the most resilient in the world, with a strong record of economic growth and stability.

See below to download the latest version of a summary of NSW facts and figures.

**Sydney Subregional Labour Force Profiles**

The Sydney Subregional Labour Force Profiles provide information on various labour force indicators across 11 subregions in metropolitan Sydney and the Central Coast. The profiles look at the size of the labour force, skills, labour availability and capacity in the subregions.


The subregions are consistent with the subregions in the *City of Cities Metropolitan Strategy*, which combines local government areas with similar issues and challenges (see *City of Cities – A plan for Sydney's Future*, NSW Department of Planning). The profiles are available below in PDF format.

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