

# Australia

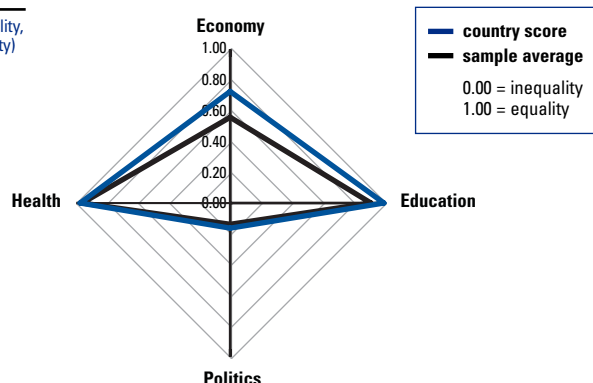
## Gender Gap Index 2006

Rank **15** Score **0.716**

(out of 115 countries) (0.00 = inequality, 1.00 = equality)

### Key Indicators

Total population (millions), 2005 .....	20.20
GDP (US\$ billions), 2005.....	707.99
GDP (PPP) per capita .....	30,897
Population growth (%) .....	0.87
Mean age of marriage for women (years) .....	29
Overall population sex ratio (male/female).....	0.99
Year women received right to vote .....	1902, 1962
Fertility rate (births per woman) .....	1.80



## Gender Gap Subindexes

	Rank	Score	Sample average	Female	Male	Female-to-male ratio	
<b>Economic Participation and Opportunity</b>							
Labour force participation .....	30	0.80	0.69	56%	71%	0.80	
Wage equality for similar work (survey) .....	45	0.65	0.64	—	—	0.65	
Income (PPP US\$) .....	8	0.72	0.52	24,827	34,446	0.72	
Legislators, senior officials, and managers.....	14	0.56	0.37	36%	64%	0.56	
Professional and technical workers .....	1	1.00	0.79	55%	45%	1.22	
<b>Educational Attainment</b>							
Literacy rate .....	1	1.00	0.91	99%	99%	1.00	
Enrolment in primary education.....	1	1.00	0.97	96%	96%	1.00	
Enrolment in secondary education .....	1	1.00	0.94	86%	85%	1.01	
Enrolment in tertiary education .....	1	1.00	0.86	80%	65%	1.23	
<b>Health and Survival</b>							
Sex ratio at birth (female/male) .....	1	0.94	0.94	49%	51%	0.95	
Healthy life expectancy (years).....	69	1.05	1.04	74.3	70.9	1.05	
<b>Political Empowerment</b>							
Women in parliament.....	22	0.33	0.22	25%	75%	0.33	
Women in ministerial positions.....	30	0.25	0.21	20%	80%	0.25	
Years with female head of state (last 50).....	41	0.00	0.04	0	50	0.00	

## Additional Data

### Maternity and Childbearing

Births attended by skilled health staff (%) .....	100
Accessibility of government-provided childcare* .....	3.85
Contraceptive prevalence, married women (%).....	76
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births).....	3
Length of paid maternity leave .....	52 weeks
Maternity leave benefits (% wages paid).....	0
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births).....	8

### Education and Training

Female teachers, primary education (%) .....	—
Female teachers, secondary education (%).....	—
Female teachers, tertiary education (%).....	—

### Employment and Earnings

Female adult unemployment rate (%).....	6
Women in non-agricultural paid labour (%).....	49
Enterprise-level policies to combat and prevent sexual harassment* .....	4.43
Ability of women to rise to enterprise leadership* .....	4.83

### Basic Rights and Social Institutions\*\*

Paternal versus maternal authority .....	0.00
Female genital mutilation.....	0.00
Polygamy .....	0.00
Legislation punishing acts of violence against women .....	0.50

\*survey data, responses on a 1-to-7 scale (1 = worst score, 7 = best score)

\*\*data on a 0-to-1 scale (1 = worst score, 0 = best score)