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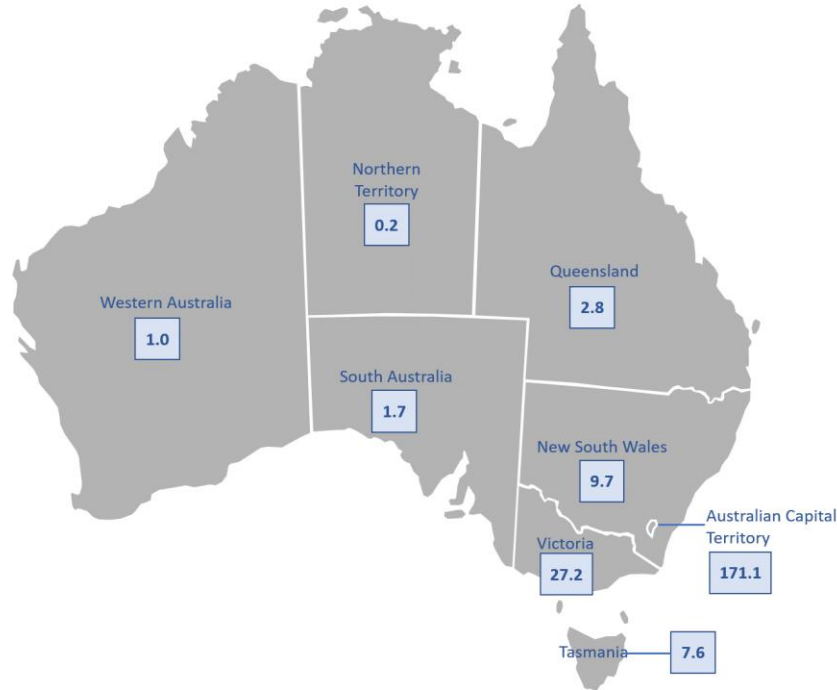
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This comparative profile was compiled to support an article on the The Comparative Performance of the Canadian and Australian Health Systems for the journal *Healthcare Management Forum* written by Donald J. Philippon, Gregory P. Marchildon, Jeffrey Braithwaite, Kristiana Ludlow and Claire Boyling. As federations with similar political cultures, Canada and Australia and their respective provinces and states provide useful comparisons in terms of health systems and policies.

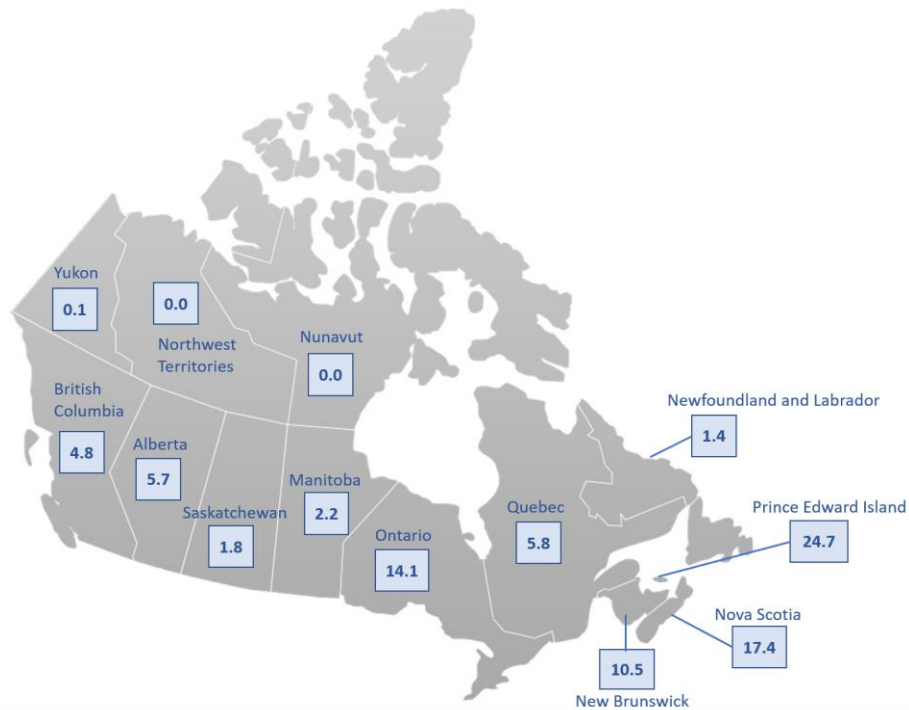
1. POPULATION DENSITY

Australia: Population density by state/territory (persons/km²);

Canada: Population density by province/territory (person/km²)



Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2017²⁴



Statistics Canada, 2016²⁵

2. Demographic Comparison

Country data	Australia	Canada
Population	24,127,159	36,286,425
Land area (km ²)	7,682,300	9,093,510
Population density (people per square km of land area)	3	4
Rural population	2,520,323 (10%)	6,529,379 (18%)
Number of individuals identifying as Indigenous	649,171 (2.8%)	1,673,785 (4.9%)
Life expectancy at birth (both sexes)	82.8 years	82.2 years
GDP per capita, PPP	\$46,789.9	\$44,025.2
Expenditure on health as proportion of GDP	9.4%	10.5%
Gini coefficient (index of inequity)	34.9%	33.7%

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (2017);²⁶ Statistics Canada (2017);²⁷ World Bank (n.d.)²⁸
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