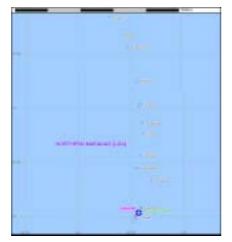
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Northern Mariana Islands (USA)







1. General Information

| Population *1 | 74,612 (July 2001 est.) |
|---|---|
| Population density *1 [/km ²] | 156 |
| Languages *1 | English, Chamorro, Carolinian |
| Ethnic Groups*1 | Chamorro, Carolinians and other Micronesians, |
| | Caucasian, Japanese, Chinese, Korean |
| Climate*1 | tropical marine; moderated by northeast trade |
| | winds, little seasonal temperature variation; dry |
| | season December to June. |
| Land Area *1 [km ²] | 477 |

Comments for General information *1

Under US administration as part of the UN Trust Territory, people of the Northern Mariana Islands decided in the 1970s not to be independent but instead to forge closer link with the US. Negotiations for territorial status began in 1972. A covenant to establish a commonwealth in political union with the US was approved in 1975. A new government and constitution went into effect in 1978.

2. Economy

| GDP *1 [US\$] | 900 million (2000 est.) | | |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| GDP-per capita *1 [US\$] | 12,500 (2000 est.) | | |
| Imports *1 [US\$] | NA | | |
| | food, construction equipment a products | and materials, petroleum | |
| Exports *1 [US\$] | NA | | |
| | garments | | |
| Composition of Industry*1 | Agriculture & Fishery [%] | NA | |
| (Ratio to GDP) | Industry [%] | NA | |
| | Service [%] | NA | |

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Comments for Economy *1

The economy benefits substantially from financial assistance from the US. The rate of funding has declined as locally generated government revenues have grown. The key tourist industry employs about 50% of the work force and accounts for roughly one-fourth of GDP. Japanese tourists predominate. Annual tourist entries have exceeded one-half million in recent years, but financial difficulties in Japan have caused a temporary slowdown. The agricultural sector is made up of cattle ranches and small farms producing coconuts, breadfruit, tomatoes, and melons. Garment production is by far the most important industry with employment of 12,000 mostly Chinese workers and sizable shipments to the US under duty and quota exemptions.

3. Energy

| Electrici ty | Electricity production [kWh] | | NA |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------|----|
| sctr. | Electricity consumption [kWh] | | NA |
| Eğe ty | Electricity- production by source | | NA |
| | Production | Oil | NA |
| | | Coal | NA |
| S | | Gas | NA |
| Energy Resource | Consumption | Oil | NA |
| | | Coal | NA |
| Ene Res | | Gas | NA |

Comments for Energy

4. Water

| Precipitation | | NA | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----|
| Internal renewable Water Resources | | NA | |
| Population with Access | to Improved Water | NA | |
| Supply | | | |
| Total Water Withdraw | NA | Industry [%] | NA |
| | | Domestic [%] | NA |
| | | Agriculture [%] | NA |

Comments for Water

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5. Environment and Population

| CO ₂ Emission | Total metric tons | NA |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----|
| | Metric tons per capita | NA |

Comments for Environment

References

^{*1} http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook