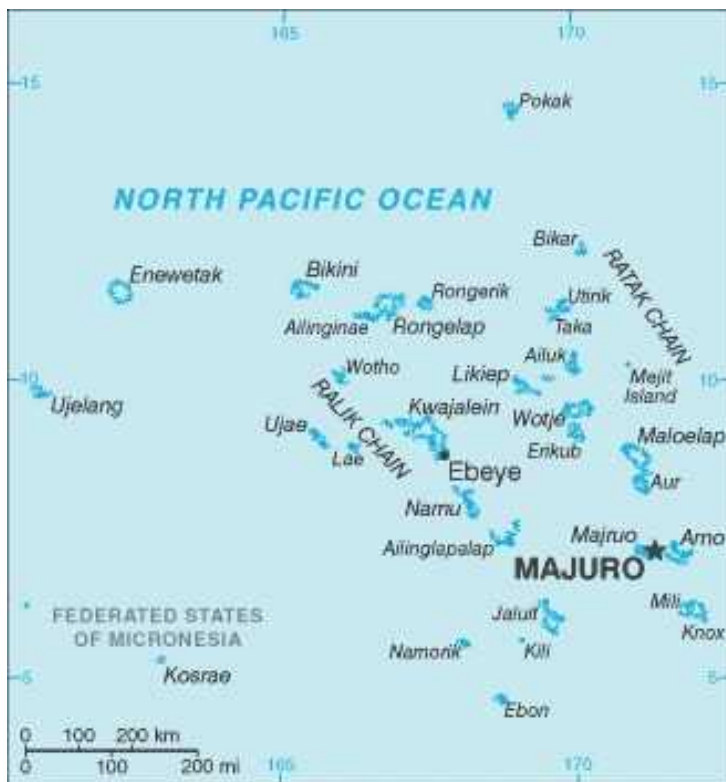




# Marshall Islands



**Background** After almost four decades under US administration as the easternmost part of the UN Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Marshall Islands attained independence in 1986 under a Compact of Free Association. Kwajalein hosts one of four dedicated ground antennas that assist in the operation of the Global Positioning System (GPS) navigation system.

**Capital** name: Majuro

**Government type** mixed presidential-parliamentary system in free association with the US

**Area** total : 181 sq km  
land: 181 sq km  
water: 0 sq km

**Climate** tropical; hot and humid; wet season May to November; islands border typhoon belt

**Natural resources** coconut products, marine products, deep seabed minerals

**Population** total: 82,011 (2024 est.)

**Population growth rate** 1.26% (2024 est.)

**Ethnic groups** Marshallese 95.6%, Filipino 1.1%, other 3.3% (2021 est.)

**Religions** Protestant 79.3% (United Church of Christ 47.9%, Assembly of God 14.1%, Full Gospel 5%, Bukot Nan Jesus 3%, Salvation Army 2.3%, Reformed Congressional Church 2.2%, Seventh Day Adventist 1.7%, New Beginning Church 1.4%, other Protestant 1.6%), Roman Catholic 9.3%, Church of Jesus Christ 5.7%, Jehovah's Witness 1.3%, other 3.3%, none 1.1% (2021 est.)

**Languages** Marshallese (official) 98.2%, other languages 1.8% (1999)

**Executive branch** chief of state: President Hilda C. HEINE (since 3 January 2023)  
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**Diplomatic representation in the US** chief of mission: Ambassador Charles Rudolph PAUL (since 27 February 2024)

**Diplomatic representation from the US** chief of mission: Ambassador Laura M. STONE (since 12 July 2024)

**Economic overview** upper middle-income Pacific island economy; US aid reliance; large public sector; coconut oil production as diesel fuel substitute; growing offshore banking locale; fishing rights seller; import-dependent

**Real GDP (purchasing power parity)** \$270.809 million (2024 est.)  
\$263.507 million (2023 est.)  
\$274.3 million (2022 est.)

<b>Real GDP per capita</b>	\$7,200 (2024 est.) \$6,800 (2023 est.) \$6,800 (2022 est.)
<b>Exports</b>	\$130.016 million (2021 est.) \$88.042 million (2020 est.) \$91.394 million (2019 est.)
<b>Exports - partners</b>	UK 16%, Germany 13%, Denmark 10%, Ghana 9%, Cyprus 9% (2023)
<b>Exports - commodities</b>	ships, refined petroleum, fish, natural gas, stone processing machines (2023)
<b>Imports</b>	\$206.025 million (2021 est.) \$132.845 million (2020 est.) \$129.682 million (2019 est.)
<b>Imports - partners</b>	China 47%, Japan 15%, Germany 5%, Brazil 4%, Cyprus 4% (2023)
<b>Imports - commodities</b>	ships, refined petroleum, additive manufacturing machines, iron structures, crude petroleum (2023)

Population Pyramid

