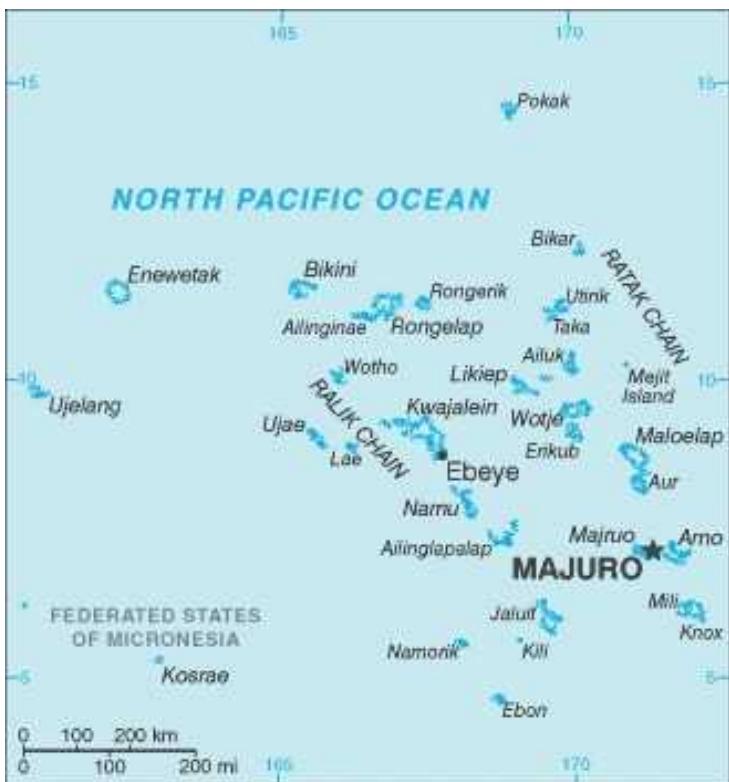




Marshall Islands



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)
head of government: President Hilda C. HEINE (since 3 January 2023)

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.)

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

Population Pyramid

