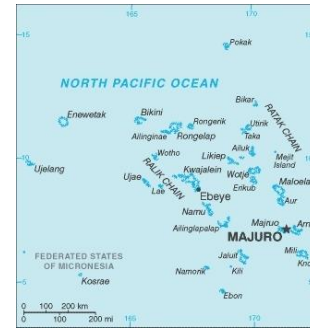


# MARSHALL ISLANDS



## INTRODUCTION

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.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President David KABUA

### Head of Government

President David KABUA

### Government Type

mixed presidential-parliamentary system in free association with the US

### Capital

Majuro

### Legislature

unicameral National Parliament consists of: Nitijela (33 seats)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Gerald M. ZACKIOS

### US Ambassador

Charge d'Affaires Lance POSEY

## GEOGRAPHY

### 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

## ECONOMY

### 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

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$250.7 million (2021)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$6,000 (2021)

**Industries** - copra, tuna processing, tourism, craft items (from seashells, wood, and pearls)

**Agricultural products** – coconuts

**Exports** \$1.37 billion (2021 est.)

ships, recreational boats, skipjack, tuna, refined petroleum, broadcasting equipment (2021)

**partners:** Denmark 33%, South Korea 20%, Germany 15%, Poland 9%, Cyprus 4% (2021)

**Imports** \$10.7 billion (2021 est.)

ships, refined petroleum, centrifuges, recreational boats, boat propellers (2021)

**partners:** South Korea 33%, China 30%, Japan 11%, Greece 3%, Cyprus 3% (2021)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

80,970 (2023 est.)

### Population Growth

1.3% (2023 est.)

### Ethnicity

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

### Language

Marshallese (official) 98.2%, other languages 1.8% (1999 est.)

### Religion

Protestant 79.3%, Roman Catholic 9.3%, Church of Jesus Christ 5.7%, Jehovah's Witness 1.3%, other 3.3%, none 1.1% (2021 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 78.9% of total population (2023)

rate of urbanization: 0.61% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)