NORFOLK ISLAND

INTRODUCTION
Polynesians lived on Norfolk Island between A.D. 1200 and 1500. The island was uninhabited when rediscovered in 1774. Australia granted it limited self-government in 1979. Most services are provided by a mix of the Australian National Territory and the states of New South Wales and Queensland.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
Queen ELIZABETH II; represented by Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia General David HURLEY
Head of Government
Administrator Eric HUTCHINSON
Government Type
non-self-governing territory of Australia
Capital
Kingston
Legislature
unicameral Norfolk Island Regional Council (5 seats)

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
high-income Australian territorial economy; key tourism and re-exportation industries; small labor force and declining participation creating more part-time jobs; former tax haven; increasing medical cannabis exporter; little transportation infrastructure
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) NA
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) NA
Industries – tourism, light industry, ready mixed concrete
Agricultural products – Norfolk Island pine seed, Kentia palm seed, cereals, vegetables, fruit; cattle, poultry
Exports NA
soybean meal, Norfolk Island pine seeds, Kentia palm seeds, activated carbon, centrifuges, pesticides, postage stamps (2019)
partners: Philippines 29%, Singapore 21%, India 14%, Belgium 7%, Australia 5%, Canada 5% (2019)
Imports NA
clothing and apparel, chemical analysis instruments, refined petroleum, cars, kitchen machinery (2019)
partners: New Zealand 23%, Australia 19%, Philippines 19%, Singapore 14%, Fiji 11% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
1,750 (2016 est.)
Population Growth
-0.03% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Australian 22.8%, English 22.4%, Pitcairn Islander 20%, Scottish 6%, Irish 5.2% (2011 est.)
Language
English (official) 44.9%, Norfolk (which is a mixture of 18th century English and ancient Tahitian) 40.3%, Fijian 1.8%, other 6.8%, unspecified 6.2% (2016 est.)
Religion
Protestant 46.8% (Anglican 29.2%, Uniting Church in Australia 9.8%, Presbyterian 2.9%, Seventh Day Adventist 2.7%, other 2.2%), Roman Catholic 12.6%, other Christian 2.9%, other 1.4%, none 26.7%, unspecified 9.5% (2016 est.)
as of April 2022