

**Palau**

**Country Infrastructure Profile**

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| Country Facts | Key Statistics  |
| Official name of country | Republic of Palau | **Land area** (km2) | 4441 |
| Capital  | Ngerulmud | **Exclusive economic zone** (km2) | 603 9781 |
| Government and legal status | Presidential republic in free association with the United States | **Population** (2019 estimate) | 20 000\* |
| Head of state | President Surangel Whipps Jr | **Population density** (persons/km)(2019) | 39\* |
| Head of government | President Surangle Whipps Jr | **Population growth** (% annual change) (2014-2019) | 2%\* |
| Official languages | English and Palauan | **Urban population** (% of total population) (2019) | 80.47%# |
| Official currency | United States Dollar | **GDP** (USD million) (2019) | 500\* |
| Memberships | 1983 – Pacific Community (SPC)1994 – United Nations1994 – Independence1995 – Pacific Forum Secretariat (PIF)1995 – International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)2011 – International Maritime Organisation (IMO)2013 – PRIF | **GNI per capita** (USD) (2018) | 17 280\* |
| **Proportion of population living below the national poverty line** (2018) | -- |
| **Overseas development assistance for infrastructure** (USD million) (2018) | 1.1\* |

***Source:*** 1 SPC members details <https://www.spc.int/our-members/palau/details> (accessed 17 July 2020); \*Asian Development Bank, Basic 2020 Statistics, <https://www.adb.org/mobile/basic-statistics-2020/> (accessed 17 July 2020); # World Bank, data, <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.URB.TOTL.IN.ZS?locations=PW&view=chart> (accessed 17 July 2020)

**Map of Palau**



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**Access and Infrastructure Indicators**

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| **Telecommunication** |
| Proportion of population covered by mobile network (2G) (2018) | 98.0%**\*** |
| Proportion of population covered by mobile network (3G) (2018) | 88.0%**\*** |
| Proportion of population covered by mobile network (LTE/WiMAX) (2018) | -- |

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| **Water & Sanitation**  |
| Proportion of population using safely managed drinking water services (2017) | 99.0%**\*** |
| Proportion of population using safely managed sanitation services, including a hand-washing facility with soap and water (2017) | 99.6%**\*** |
| Percentage of population using at least basic sanitation services (2017) | 100%# |
| Percentage of population using at least basic drinking services (2017) | 100%# |

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| **Energy** |
| Proportion of population with access to electricity (2017) | 100%**\*** |
| Renewable energy share in the total final energy consumption (2017)  | 0.1%**\*** |
| Average annual mean of particulate matter of 2.5 microns in diameter or smaller levels in urban areas (ug/m3) | 12.4**\*** |
| CO2 emission (metric tons/per capita) (2014) | 14.77# |

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|   **Transport^** |
| International airport: 1 – Roman Tmetuchl International Airport (Palau International Airport) |
| Number of international airports | 1 |
| Total road network (km) | 121 |
| Paved road network as % of total network | -- |
| Number of international ports | 1 |

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| **Climate Resilience- related** **Risk Indexes**+ |
| INFORM natural hazard index | 3.2 |
| Physical exposure to earthquake | 0.1 |
| Physical exposure to flood | 0.1 |
| Physical exposure to tsunami | 7.7 |
| Physical exposure to tropical cyclones | 4.9 |

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| # World Bank, data, <https://data.worldbank.org/country/palau?view=chart> (accessed 17 July 2020); ^ All transport indicators from the Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility, Pacific Infrastructure Performance Indicators (PIPI), 2016, [www.dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/2.3+Palau+Road+Network](http://www.dlca.logcluster.org/display/public/DLCA/2.3%2BPalau%2BRoad%2BNetwork), +European Union, INFORM Index for Risk Management, 2020. The risk score ranges from 0-10, where 10 is the highest risk. -- data not available for 2012-2019Key Development Policies |

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| - | Pathway to 2030 – progressing with Our Past Toward a Resilient, Sustainable and Equitable Future – 1st Voluntary National Review on the SDGs | 2019 |
| - | Palau Climate Change Profile | 2019 |
| - | The Republic of Palau Revised National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2015-2025 | 2016 |
| - | Palau Responsible Tourism Policy Framework 2017-2021 | 2016 |
| - | National Disaster Risk Management Framework 2010 (amended 2016) | 2016 |
| - | Palau Intended Nationally Determined Contribution  | 2015 |
| - | Palau Climate Change Policy – for Climate and Disaster Resilient Low Emissions Development 2015 | 2015 |
| - | Republic of Palau National Energy Policy  | 2010 |