

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Joseph R. BIDEN, Jr.

Head of Government

Governor Ralph TORRES

Government Type

republican form of government with separate executive, legislative, and judicial branches; a commonwealth in political union with and under the sovereignty of the US

Capital

Saipan

Legislature

bicameral Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature consists of the Senate (9 seats) and the House of Representatives (20 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; US Federal District Court

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 464 sq km
Land: 464 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate

tropical marine; moderated by northeast trade winds, little seasonal temperature variation; dry season December to June, rainy season July to October

Natural Resources

arable land, fish

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

economy has been on the rebound in the last few years, mainly on the strength of its tourism industry; making a concerted effort to broaden its tourism by extending casino gambling from the small Islands of Tinian and Rota to the main Island of Saipan, its political and commercial center

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1.242 billion (2016 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$24,500 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$914 million (2016 est.)

Imports

\$893 million (2016 est.)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

51,660 (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

-0.36% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Asian 50% (includes Filipino 35.3%, Chinese 6.8%, Korean 4.2%, and other Asian 3.7%), Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander 34.9% (includes Chamorro 23.9%, Carolinian 4.6%, and other Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 6.4%), other 2.5%, two or more ethnicities or races 12.7% (2010 est.)

Language

Philippine languages 32.8%, Chamorro (official) 24.1%, English (official) 17%, other Pacific island languages 10.1%, Chinese 6.8%, other Asian languages 7.3%, other 1.9% (2010 est.)

Religion

Christian (Roman Catholic majority, although traditional beliefs and taboos may still be found)

Urbanization

urban population: 91.8% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 0.29% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

