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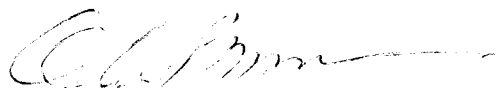
This is the third issue of the Statistical Abstract published by the Office of Planning and Statistics. It is updated to include statistics on most of the subject matter areas, upto 1987. It also include some useful information on the Marshall Islands in a summarized form. To give the user the benefit of using most up-to-date data on population the priliminary results of the Census of Population and Housing 1988, is given as an appendix. More detailed information on the census will be release shortly.

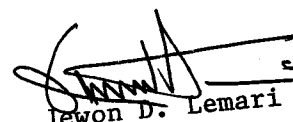
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Action is being taken to improve the Abstract further. Certain subject areas like National Accounts is yet to be improved. We would welcome any comments or suggestions to improve the future Statistical Abstracts. We also welcome any additional information from organizations, which would be useful to other data users.

We need reliable and up-to-date information to plan the future of our country. As such any assistance in this regard would be a valuable contribution to improve the living standards of the people of Marshall Islands.

  
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### CONVERSION FACTORS

1. Mile	=	1.60934 kilometres
1 Feet	=	0.3048 meters
1 Yard	=	0.91440 meters
1 Square mile	=	2.58999 square kilometer
1 Square mile	=	640 acres
1 Acre	=	0.40469 hectares
1 Hectare	=	2.47105 acres
1 Gallon (US)	=	3.7854 litres
1 Quart	=	1.13652 litres
1 Pint	=	0.56826 litres
1 Barrel	=	158.99 litres
1 Barrel	=	42 gallon (US)
1 lbs	=	0.4536 kilogram
1 short ton	=	0.9072 metric tons
1 short ton	=	2000 lbs = 907.2 kilograms
1 long ton	=	2240 lbs = 1016.06 kilograms
1 metric ton	=	2204.58 lbs = 1000 kilograms
1 horsepower	=	0.7457 kilowatts
1 megawatt	=	1000 kilowatts

Temperature Conversion degree Farenheit =  $32+1.8c$

A SUMMARY OF FEW USEFUL FACTS AND FIGURES ON  
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

1. Location: Between 4 degree and 14 degree North Latitude and between 160 degree and 173 degree East Longitude.
2. Land Area: 69.84 square miles of dry land
3. Total Lagoon Area: 4037 square miles
4. Number of Atolls and Islands:

	Atolls	Islands	Total
Inhabited	19	4	23
Uninhabited	10	1	11
Total	29	5	34

5. Total number of islets: 1225 (approximately)
6. Sea Area: 750,000 square miles (approximately)
7. Average Rainfall: 12 to 15 inches per month
8. Average Temperature: 81 F
9. Wettest months: October and November
10. Driest months: December to April
11. Capital: Majuro

12. Estimated Population (Based on 1980 Census)

Year	Both Sexes	Males	Females	Pop. Under 15 years
1987	39,449	20,163	19,286	19,307
1988	40,919	20,902	20,017	19,948

13. Estimated Population in Majuro (Based on 1980 Census)

Year	Both Sexes	Males	Females	Pop. Under 15 years
1987	15,416	7,864	7,552	7,325
1988	16,018	8,167	7,851	7,647

14.	Number of Registered Births (in 1986)	: Both sexes	1,454
		Males	740
		Females	714
15.	Birth Rate (in 1986) (No. of births per 1000 pop.)	: Both sexes	38.22
		Males	38.03
		Females	38.40
16.	Number of Registered Deaths (in 1986)	: Both sexes	187
		Males	128
		Females	59
17.	Death Rate (in 1986) (No. of Deaths per 1000 pop.)	: Both sexes	4.88
		Males	6.58
		Females	3.17
18.	Number of Registered Infant Deaths (in 1986)	: Both sexes	38
		Males	22
		Females	16
19.	Infant Mortality Rate (in 1986) (No. of deaths of babies under 1 year per 1000 live births)	: Both sexes	26.13
		Males	29.73
		Females	22.41
20.	Total Fertility Rate (in 1986) (Based on registered births)	: per woman	5.29
21.	Life Expectancy at Birth (in 1987) (Based on estimated figures)	: Males (yrs)	62.7
		Female(yrs)	66.2
22.	Average no: of persons served by a doctor(in 1987)	:	2076.3
23.	Number of Nurses per 1000 population (in 1986)	:	2.30
24.	Number of hospital beds per 1000 pop.: (in 1987)	:	2.64
25.	Number of Health Assistants(in 1987)	:	59
26.	Expenditure on Health care(in 1987)	:	US\$ 7.25
27.	Literacy rate (Census 1980)	: Both sexes	90.8
		Males	90.7
		Females	90.9

28.	Number of Schools :	1987	1988
	Public Primary Schools	: 70	74
	Private Primary Schools	: 20	20
	Public Secondary Schools	: 2	2
	Private Secondary Schools	: 6	6
29.	Number of Classrooms(1988) :	Total	Primary Secondary
	Private Schools	: 105	68 37
	Public Schools	: 278	225 53
	Total	: 383	293 90
29.	Number of students :	1986/87	1988/89
	Head Start	:	1,020
	Public Primary Schools	: 7,708	9,015
	Private Primary Schools	: 2,317	2,566
	Public Secondary Schools	: 825	891
	Private Secondary Schools	: 918	1,019
30.	Number of teachers :	1986/87	1988/89
	Public Primary Schools	: 309	372
	Private Schools	: 135	140
	Public Secondary Schools	:	61
	Private secondary Schools	:	52
31.	Expenditure on Education(in 1987)	:US\$ 6.09 million	
32.	Number of Employees (includes those employed for short periods - in 1987)	:	
	Public sector	: 2,424	
	Private sector	: 4,715	
33.	Total production of copra (in 1987)	: 5,401 tons	
34.	Total Land area under coconut (in 1987)	: 22,000 acres	
35.	Estimated area currently in production	: 16,000 acres	
	approximately (in 1987)		
36.	Number of Airfields(in 1987)	: 29	
37.	Number of Docks(in 1987)	: 12	
38.	Number of Dispensaries(in 1987)	: 59	

SOURCE: Office of Planning and Statistics  
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