

Chapter 12

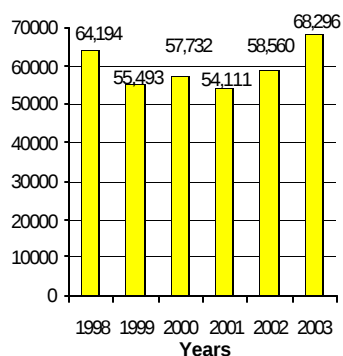
Tourism Statistics

Summary of Tourism Statistics

This chapter presents tourism statistics. Information here includes data on visitor arrivals by month, purpose of entry and country of residence.

The total number of visitors coming to Palau declined in 1999 but increased slightly in 2000; it dropped again in 2001 but improved in 2002 and 2003. The largest group of visitors coming to Palau between 1995 and 2003 were Japanese. The number of visitors from Japan dropped from 23,748 in 2002 to 21,691 in 2003, while visitors from Taiwan increased from 15,819 in 2002 to 28,088 in 2003.

Figure 12.1 Visitors Arrival by Years: 1998 to 2003



Visitors Arrivals by Country: 1998 to 2003

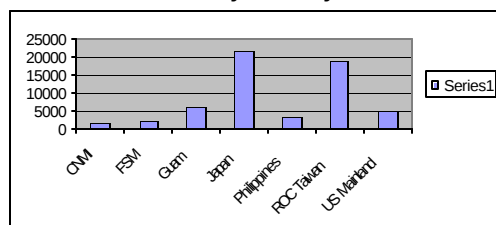


Table 12.1 Visitors Arrival by Month: CY 1998 to CY 2003

Month	Year					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total	64,194	55,493	57,732	54,111	58,560	68,296
January	5,851	4,196	4,235	5,398	4,441	5,723
February	6,757	5,592	4,423	5,089	5,850	6,327
March	6,004	5,621	5,689	5,917	5,453	5,948
April	5,669	4,544	5,054	4,389	4,370	4,852
May	5,132	4,531	4,490	4,545	4,002	3,378
June	4,962	4,420	4,659	4,146	4,571	2,045
July	6,243	5,231	6,247	4,432	4,481	6,321
August	6,325	5,081	5,442	5,297	5,462	7,961
September	4,745	4,744	4,729	3,500	4,279	7,144
October	3,863	3,502	3,994	3,116	4,116	5,594
November	4,246	4,380	4,313	3,628	4,383	6,014
December	4,397	3,651	4,457	4,654	7,152	6,989

Source: Palau Visitors Authority

Table 12.2 Visitors Entries by Country of Residence: CY 1998 to 2003

Country of Residence	Calendar Year					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total	64,194	55,493	57,732	54,111	58,560	68,296
Australia	579	402	347	430	403	527
CNMI	1,432	913	1,036	912	1,335	1,010
France	111	86	65	68	77	47
FSM	1,999	1,284	1,179	934	1,067	1,097
Germany	623	796	372	296	256	414
Guam	5,801	5,594	4,331	2,965	3,729	3,688
Hong Kong	107	344	355	663	536	443
Italy	151	101	76	106	97	123
Japan	21,571	22,087	21,708	22,395	23,748	21,691
Korea	545	539	586	350	497	453
Philippines	3,033	2,952	3,981	4,128	3,410	3,625
PRC China	907	868	889	867	873	724
ROC Taiwan	18,503	10,936	14,122	12,476	15,819	28,088
Singapore	77	129	96	71	87	54
Switzerland	120	135	150	172	154	117
UK	450	300	311	288	238	117
US Mainland	5,254	5,587	6,704	5,375	4,774	4,511
Others	2931	2440	1424	1615	1,460	1,567

Source: Palau Visitors Authority

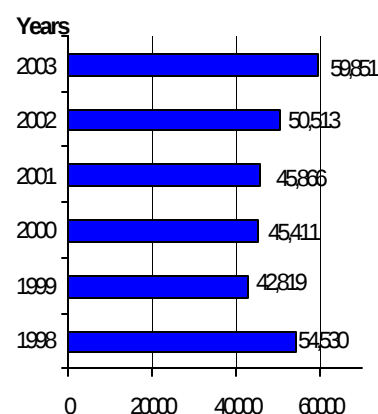
Table 12.3 Visitors by Country of Residence and Purpose of Entry: 1998

Country of Residence	Visitors					Percentage
	Total	Tourist	Business	Employ	Other *	
Total	64,194	54,530	4,478	3,856	1,330	100.0
Australia	579	380	120	51	28	0.9
France	111	77	32	-	2	0.2
Germany	623	402	10	10	201	1.0
Hong Kong	107	99	8	-	-	0.2
Italy	151	148	-	-	3	0.2
Japan	21,571	20,878	313	205	175	33.6
Korea	545	415	83	39	8	0.8
Philippines	3,033	458	172	2,324	79	4.7
PRC China	907	322	78	477	30	1.4
ROC Taiwan	18,503	18,369	27	92	15	28.8
Singapore	77	65	8	2	2	0.1
Switzerland	120	112	2	2	4	0.2
UK	450	406	39	5	-	0.7
US Mainland	12,487	8,582	3,034	455	416	19.5
Others	4,930	3,817	552	194	367	7.7

Source: Palau Visitors Authority, Min. of Commerce & Trade, ROP

Note: All visitors data exclude returning residents starting in 1998

Other includes students & dependents.

Figure 12.2 Tourist Arrivals by Years: 1998 to 2003**Table 12.3a Visitors by Country of Residence and Purpose of Entry: 1999**

Country of Residence	Visitors					Percentage
	Total	Tourist	Business	Employ	Other	
Total	55,493	42,819	3,449	3,888	5,337	100.0
Australia	542	296	149	47	50	1.0
France	99	66	19	3	11	0.2
Germany	821	385	11	13	412	1.5
Hong Kong	84	71	10	1	2	0.2
Italy	111	105	-	-	6	0.2
Japan	22,556	20,912	326	204	1,114	40.6
Korea	653	471	101	54	27	1.2
Philippines	2,883	507	126	1,900	350	5.2
PRC China	1,039	385	74	555	25	1.9
ROC Taiwan	10,703	9,993	72	425	213	19.3
Singapore	63	39	19	3	2	0.1
Switzerland	133	124	2	-	7	0.2
UK	390	345	19	12	14	0.7
US Mainland	12,048	7,184	1,918	449	2,497	21.7
Others	3,368	1,936	603	222	607	6.1

Source: Palau Visitors Authority, Min. of Commerce & Trade, ROP

Note: All visitors data exclude returning residents starting in 1998

* Other includes students & dependents.

Table 12.3b Visitors by Country of Residence and Purpose of Entry: 2000

Country of Residence	Visitors					
	Total	Tourist	Business	Employ	Other	Percentage
Total	57,732	45,411	3,258	5,443	3,620	100.0
Australia	343	260	48	20	15	0.6
France	65	59	3	3	-	0.1
Germany	372	361	7	4	-	0.6
Hong Kong	354	339	14	1	-	0.6
Italy	76	74	2	-	-	0.1
Japan	21,682	21,128	298	256	-	37.6
Korea	586	409	61	116	-	1.0
Philippines	3,981	580	155	3,067	179	6.9
PRC China	982	339	76	565	2	1.7
ROC Taiwan	14,149	13,411	170	518	50	24.5
Singapore	96	84	7	5	-	0.2
Switzerland	150	149	1	-	-	0.3
UK	271	260	5	6	-	0.5
US Mainland	6,441	4,555	1,057	304	525	11.2
Others	8,184	3,403	1,354	578	2,849	14.2

Source: Palau Visitors Authority, Min. of Commerce & Trade, ROP

Note: All visitors data exclude returning residents starting in 1998

Other includes students & dependents.

Table 12.3c Visitors by Country of Residence and Purpose of Entry: 2001

Country of Residence	Visitors				
	Total	Tourist	Business	Employ	Percentage
Total	54,111	45,866	2,930	5,315	100.0
Australia	419	240	153	26	0.8
CNMI	912	771	126	15	1.7
France	68	60	8	-	0.1
FSM	934	697	210	27	1.7
Germany	296	268	24	4	0.5
Guam	2,965	2,045	814	106	5.5
Hong Kong	663	631	30	2	1.2
Italy	106	103	1	2	0.2
Japan	22,395	21,777	320	298	41.4
Korea	350	207	34	109	0.6
Philippines	4,128	747	149	3,232	7.6
PRC China	863	302	57	504	1.6
ROC Taiwan	12,476	12,141	121	214	23.1
Singapore	71	60	8	3	0.1
Switzerland	172	170	1	1	0.3
UK	306	285	8	13	0.6
US Mainland	5,367	4,460	668	239	9.9
Others	1,620	902	198	520	3.0

Source: Palau Visitors Authority, Min. of Commerce & Trade, ROP

Note: All visitors data exclude returning residents starting in 1998

*Other includes students & dependents.

Table 12.3d Visitors by Country of Residence and Purpose of Entry: 2002

Country of Residence	Visitors					
	Total	Tourist	Business	Employ	Other	Percentage
Total	58,560	50,513	3,431	4,458	158	100.0
Australia	403	276	89	38	-	0.7
CNMI	1,335	1,088	238	6	3	2.3
France	77	66	6	5	-	0.1
FSM	1,067	588	318	28	133	1.8
Germany	256	244	9	3	-	0.4
Guam	3,729	2,686	980	60	3	6.4
Hong Kong	536	513	15	8	-	0.9
Italy	97	96	1	-	-	0.2
Japan	23,748	23,028	426	294	-	40.6
Korea	497	308	73	114	2	0.8
Philippines	3,410	684	118	2,607	1	5.8
PRC China	873	278	44	551	-	1.5
ROC Taiwan	15,819	15,476	132	211	-	27.0
Singapore	87	63	24	-	-	0.1
Switzerland	154	152	-	2	-	0.3
UK	238	224	7	7	-	0.4
US Mainland	4,774	3,898	723	151	2	8.2
Others	1,460	845	228	373	14	2.5

Source: Palau Visitors Authority, Min. of Commerce & Trade, ROP

Note: All visitors data exclude returning residents starting in 1998

*Other includes students & dependents.

Of the 68,296 visitors, 59,851 were tourists (88 percent). The largest numbers came from Taiwan (28,088 or 41 percent) and Japan (32 percent). These two countries made up almost 3 of every 4 visitors to Palau.

After decreasing by almost 10,000 visitors between 1998 and 1999, the visitor industry slowly regained its previous momentum, with more than 68,000 visitors arriving in 2003. While the Japanese numbers remained fairly consistent throughout the period, Taiwan's numbers increased by about 1/3rd

Figure 12.4 Employ Arrivals by Years: 1998 to 2003

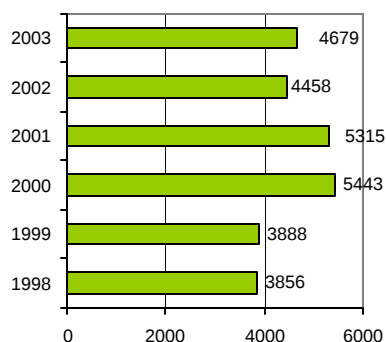


Table 12.3e Visitors by Country of Residence and Purpose of Entry: 2003

Country of Residence	Visitors					Percentage
	Total	Tourist	Business	Employ	Other	
Total	68,296	59,851	3,472	4,679	294	100.0
Australia	527	351	134	39	3	0.8
CNMI	1,010	825	173	6	6	1.5
France	47	45	2	-	-	0.1
FSM	1,097	717	267	15	98	1.6
Germany	414	398	13	3	-	0.6
Guam	3,688	2,736	903	37	12	5.4
Hong Kong	443	407	28	7	1	0.6
Italy	123	117	3	3	-	0.2
Japan	21,691	20,952	449	273	17	31.8
Korea	453	264	48	128	13	0.7
Philippines	3,625	580	160	2,831	54	5.3
PRC China	724	194	56	461	13	1.1
ROC Taiwan	28,088	27,710	147	221	10	41.1
Singapore	54	39	14	1	-	0.1
Switzerland	117	115	2	-	-	0.2
UK	117	97	8	12	-	0.2
US Mainland	4,511	3,495	796	189	31	6.6
Others	1,567	809	269	453	36	2.3

Source: Palau Visitors Authority, Min. of Commerce & Trade, ROP

Note: All visitors data exclude returning residents starting in 1998

*Other includes students & dependents.

Table 12.4 Visitors Entries by Countries: 1998 to 2003

Country of Residence	Calendar Year					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total	64,194	55,493	57,732	54,111	58,560	68,296
Australia	579	402	347	430	403	527
Micronesia	9,232	7,791	6,546	4,811	6,131	5,795
Europe	1,455	1,418	974	930	822	818
Other Asia	4,669	4,832	5,907	6,079	5,403	5,299
Japan	21,571	22,087	21,708	22,395	23,748	21,691
ROC Taiwan	18,503	10,936	14,122	12,476	15,819	28,088
US Mainland	5,254	5,587	6,704	5,375	4,774	4,511
Others	2,931	2,440	1,424	1,615	1,460	1,567

Source: Palau Visitors Authority

Figure 12.5 Visitors by Residence: 2003

