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PREFACE

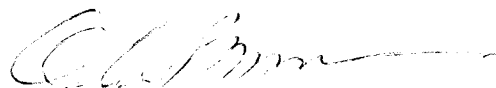
This is the third issue of the Statistical Abstract published by the Office of Planning and Statistics. It is updated to include statistics on most of the subject matter areas, upto 1987. It also include some useful information on the Marshall Islands in a summarized form. To give the user the benefit 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

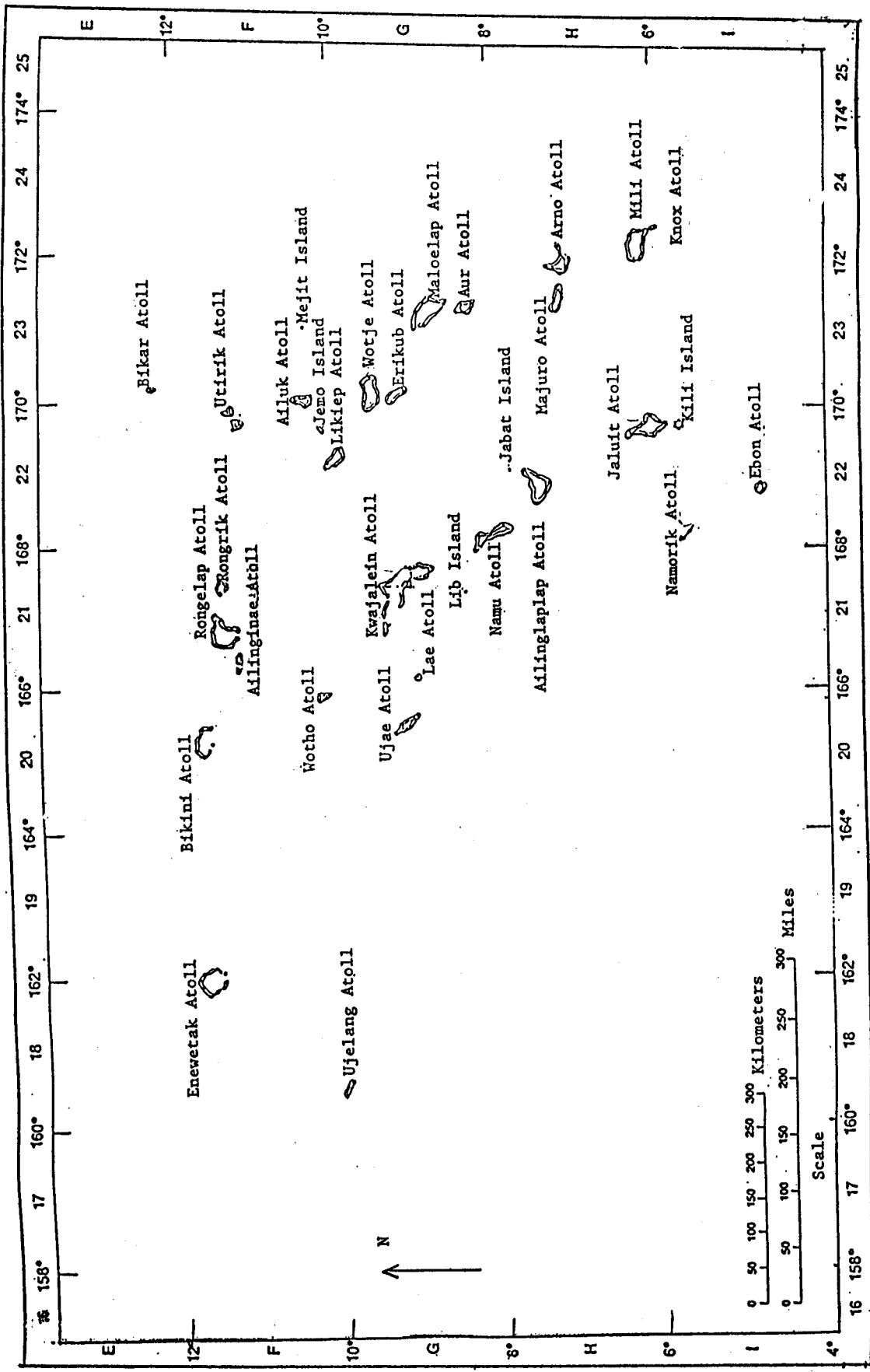
28.	Number of Schools :	1987	1988
	Public Primary Schools	: 70	74
	Private Primary Schools	: 20	20
	Public Secondary Schools	: 2	2
	Private Secondary Schools	: 6	6
29.	Number of Classrooms(1988) :	Total	Primary Secondary
	Private Schools	: 105	68 37
	Public Schools	: 278	225 53
	Total	: 383	293 90
29.	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	

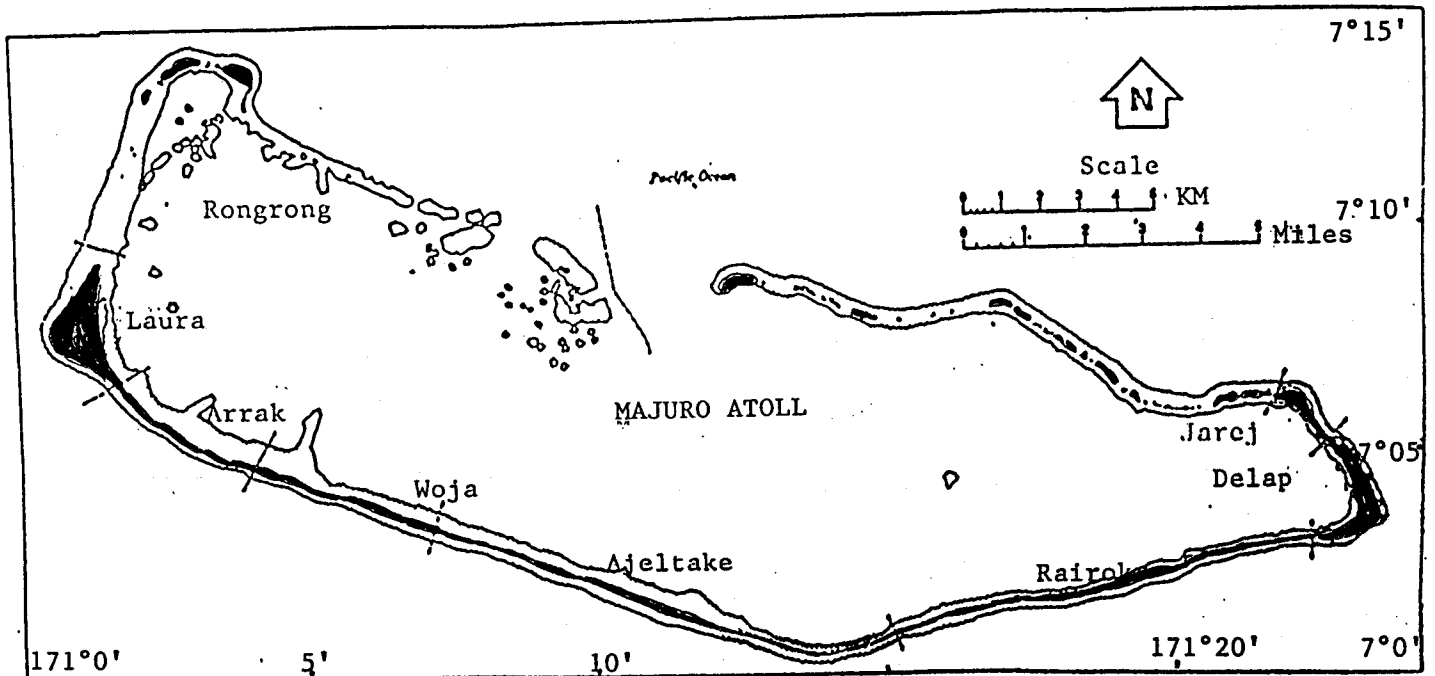
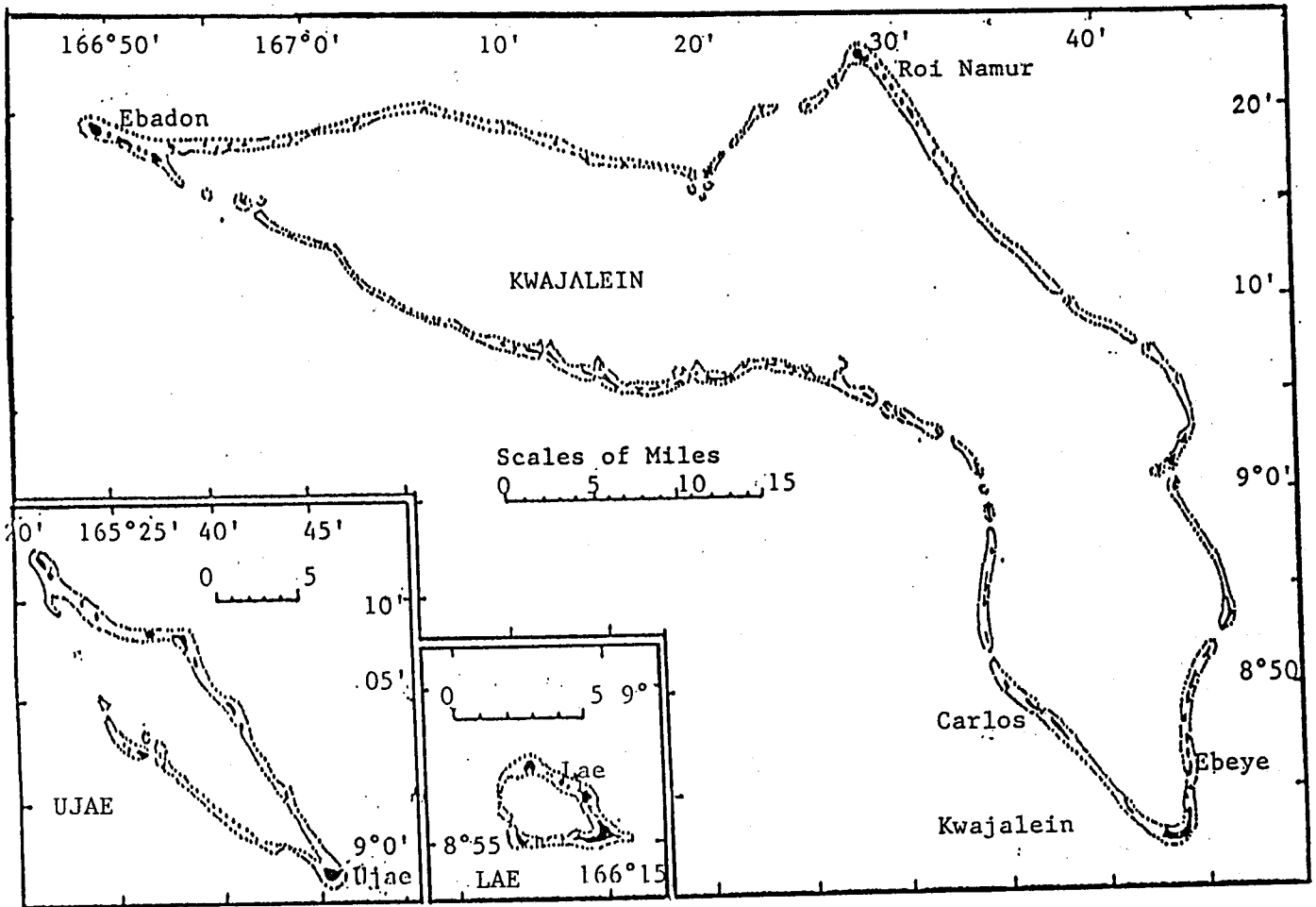
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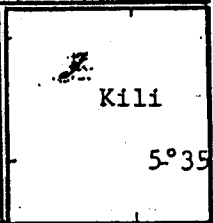
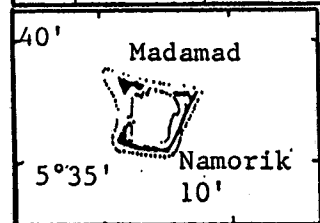
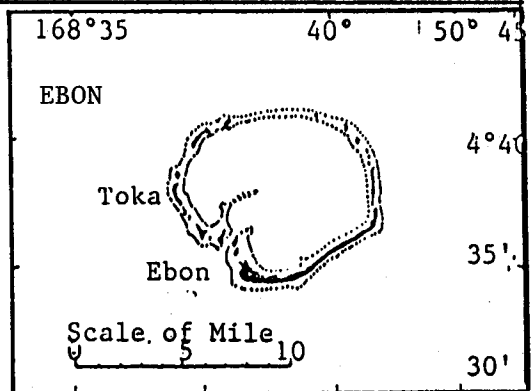
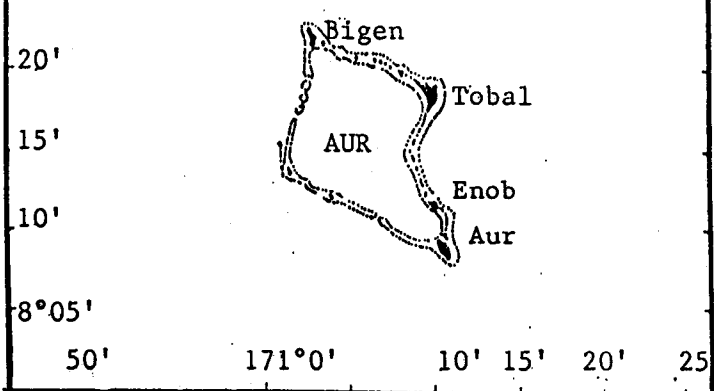
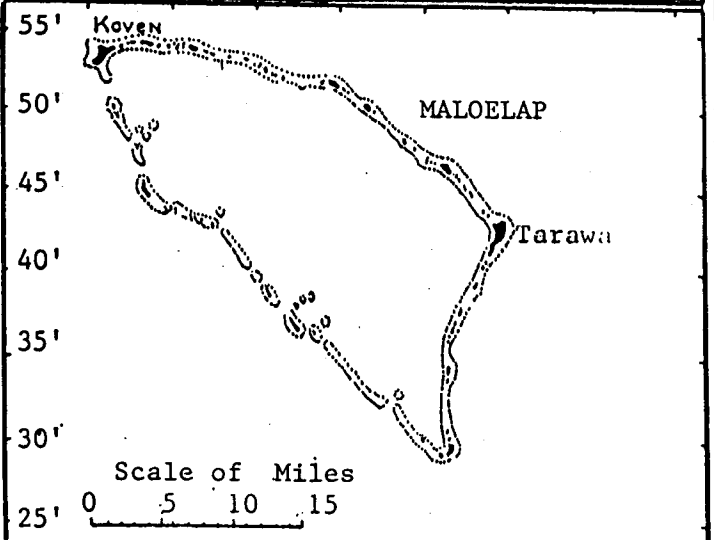
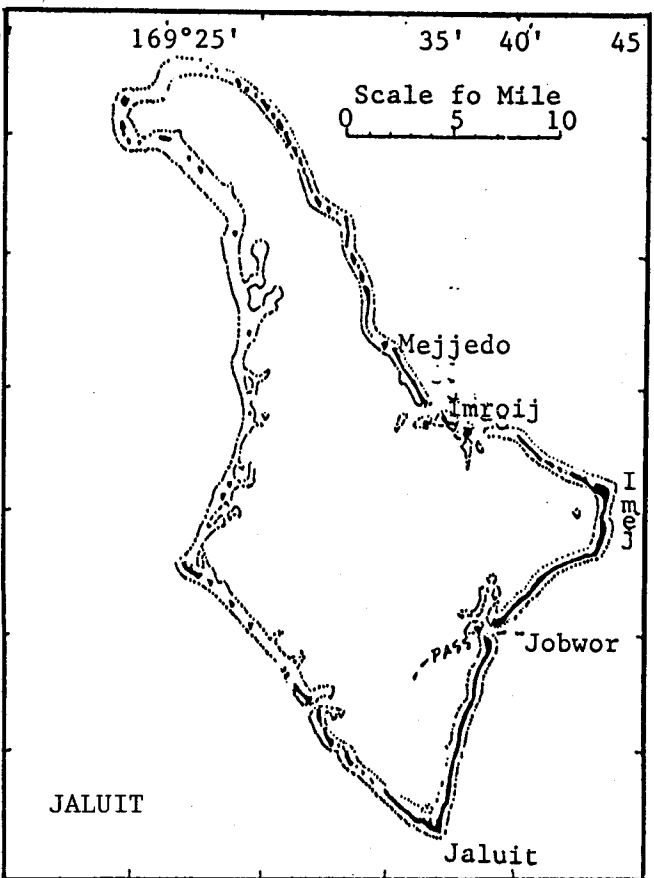
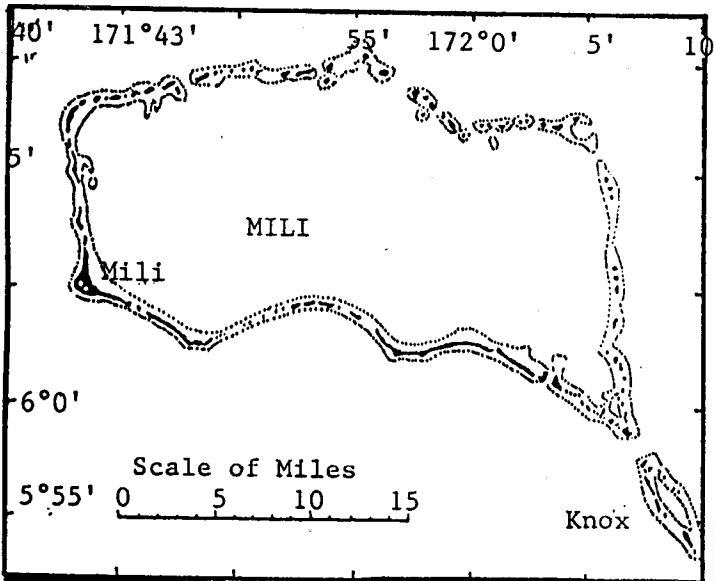
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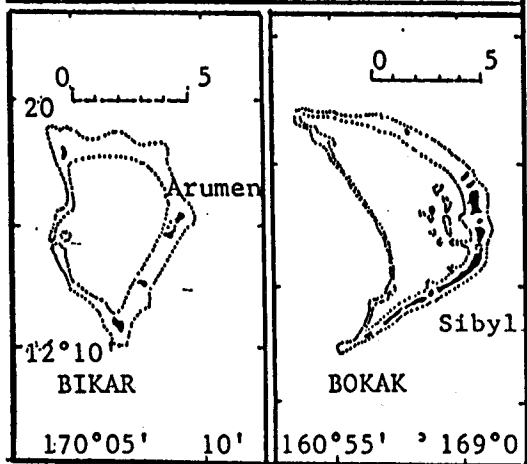
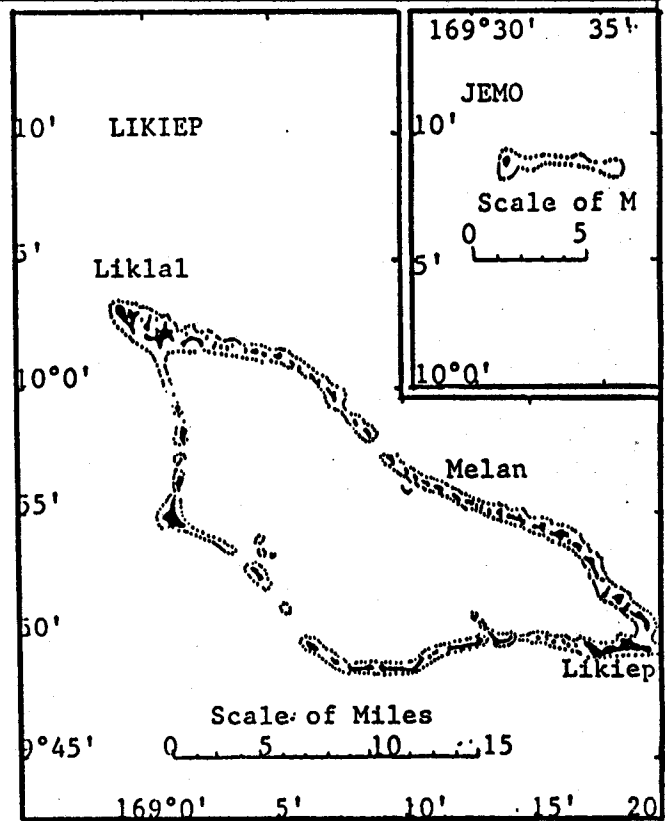
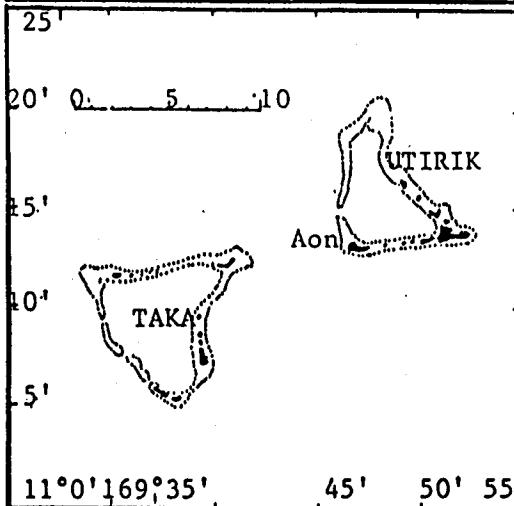
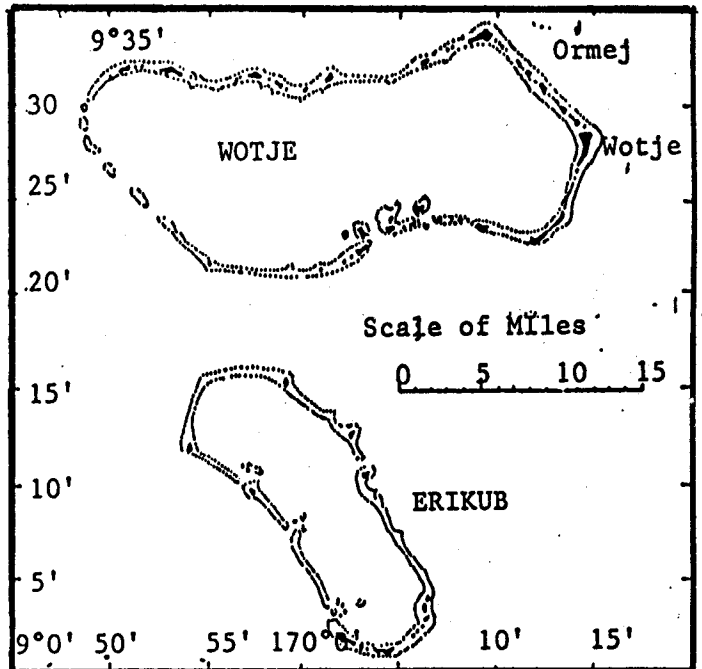
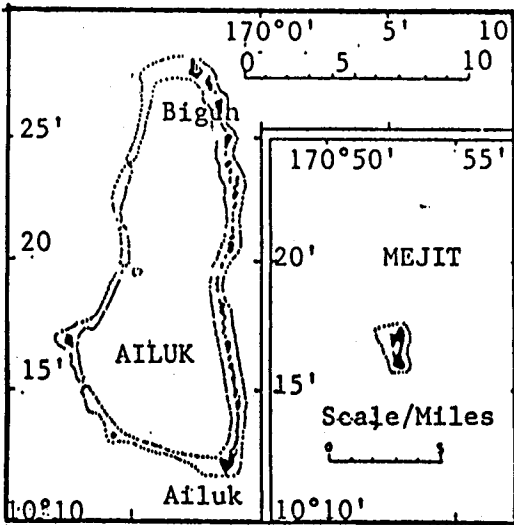
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			No. of Islets	Area (sq.mi.) Lagoon Dry Land					
Ratak Chain									
1.	Taongi	Atoll	10	30.13	1.25	14° 32'	14° 42'	168° 53'	169° 1'
2.	Bikar	Atoll	7	14.44	0.19	12° 11'	12° 18'	170° 4'	170° 9'
3.	Utirik	Atoll	10	22.29	0.94	11° 12'	11° 12'	169° 45'	169° 51'
4.	Taka	Atoll	6	35.96	0.22	11° 5'	11° 30'	169° 33'	169° 40'
5.	Mejit	Island	1	-	0.72	10° 16'	10° 18'	170° 52'	170° 53'
6.	Ailuk	Atoll	55	68.47	2.07	10° 12'	10° 27'	169° 52'	169° 59'
7.	Jemo	Island	1	-	0.06	10° 7'		169° 33'	
8.	Likiep	Atoll	65	163.71	3.96	9° 48'	10° 4'	168° 58'	169° 20'
9.	Wotje	Atoll	75	241.06	3.16	9° 21'	9° 32'	169° 48'	170° 15'
10.	Erikub	Atoll	16	88.92	0.59	9° 8'		170° 0'	
11.	Maloelap	Atoll	75	375.57	3.79	8° 29'	8° 55'	170° 50'	171° 15'
12.	Aur	Atoll	43	92.58	2.17	8° 7'	8° 22'	171° 1'	171° 12'
13.	Majuro	Atoll	64	113.92	3.75	7° 3'	7° 13'	171° 2'	171° 58'
14.	Arno	Atoll	103	130.77	5.00	6° 58'	7° 18'	171° 33'	171° 57'
15.	Mili	Atoll	92	294.70	6.15	5° 53'	6° 16'	171° 42'	172° 10'
15(a)	Knox	Atoll	18						
Ralik Chain									
16.	Eniwetak	Atoll	44	387.99	2.26	11° 20'	11° 41'	162° 17'	162° 24'
17.	Ujelang	Atoll	30	25.47	0.67	9° 46'	9° 53'	160° 47'	161° 0'
18.	Bikini	Atoll	36	229.40	2.32	11° 29'	11° 42'	165° 12'	165° 34'
19.	Rongerik	Atoll	14	55.38	0.65	11° 15'	11° 25'	167° 22'	167° 32'
20.	Rongelap	Atoll	61	387.77	3.07	11° 9'	11° 29'	166° 38'	167° 4'
21.	Ailininae	Atoll	25	40.91	1.08	11° 8'	11° 11'	166° 17'	166° 2'
22.	Wotho	Atoll	18	36.65	1.67	10° 1'	10° 11'	165° 54'	165° 46'
23.	Ujae	Atoll	15	71.79	0.72	8° 55'	9° 12'	165° 30'	166° 16'
24.	Lae	Atoll	20	6.82	0.56	8° 54'	9° 2'	166° 11'	167° 46'
25.	Kwajalein	Atoll	93	839.30	6.33	8° 48'	9° 22'	166° 49'	167° 25'
26.	Lib	Island	1	-	0.36	8° 20'	8° 22'	167° 23'	168° 18'
27.	Namu	Atoll	54	153.53	2.42	7° 45'	8° 12'	167° 58'	168° 59'
28.	Jabwot	Island	1	-	0.22	7° 44'	7° 45'	168° 58'	168° 59'
29.	Ailinglaplap	Atoll	56	289.69	5.67	7° 16'	7° 36'	168° 33'	169° 44'
30.	Jaluit	Atoll	91	266.31	4.38	5° 47'	6° 18'	169° 24'	169° 44'
31.	Kili	Atoll	1	-	0.36	5° 37'	5° 38'	169° 7'	169° 8'
32.	Namorik	Atoll	2	3.25	1.07	5° 35'	5° 38'	168° 5'	168° 9'
33.	Ebon	Atoll	22	40.09	2.22	4° 34'	4° 42'	168° 38'	168° 47'
Totals			1,225	4506.87	70.05				

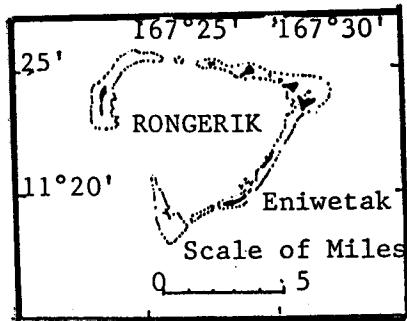
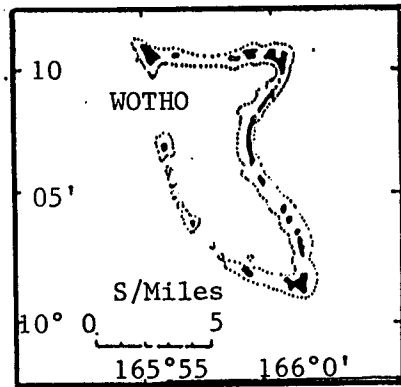
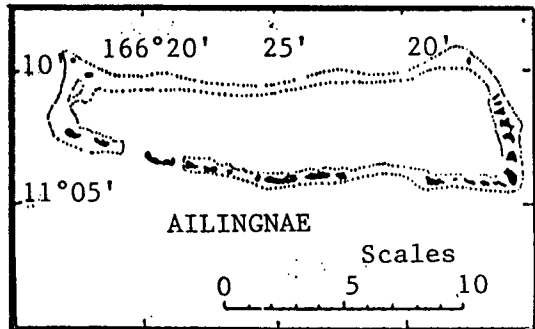
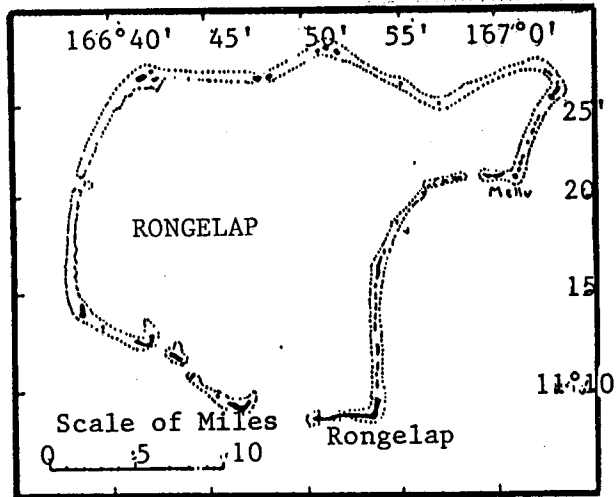
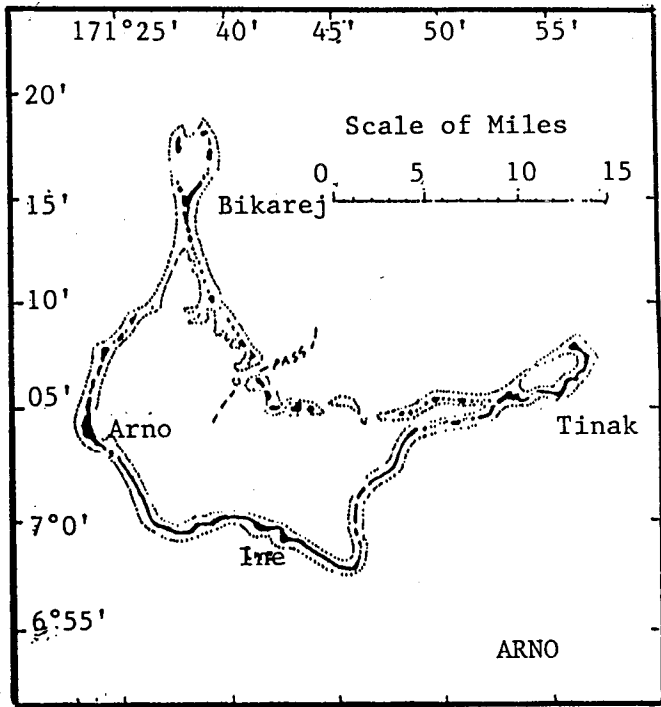
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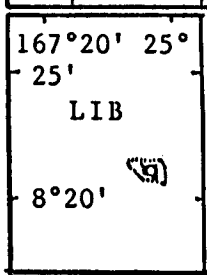
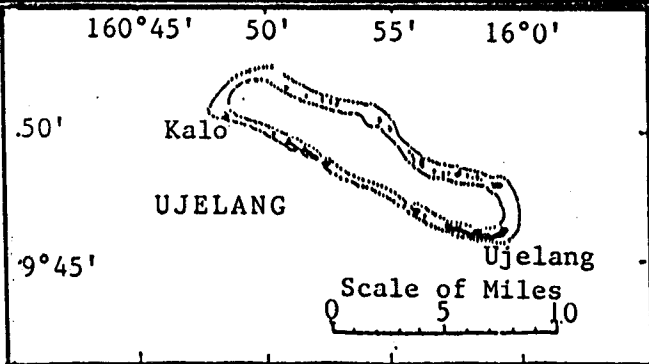
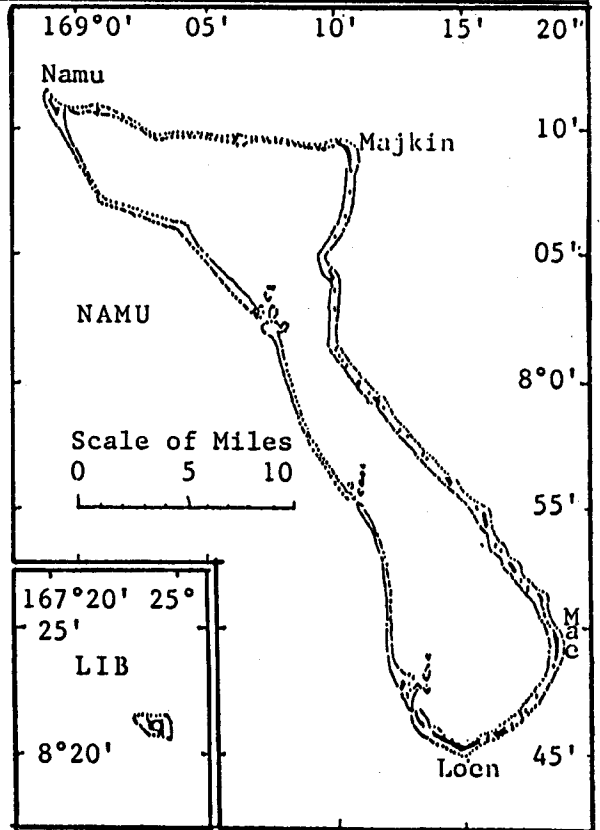
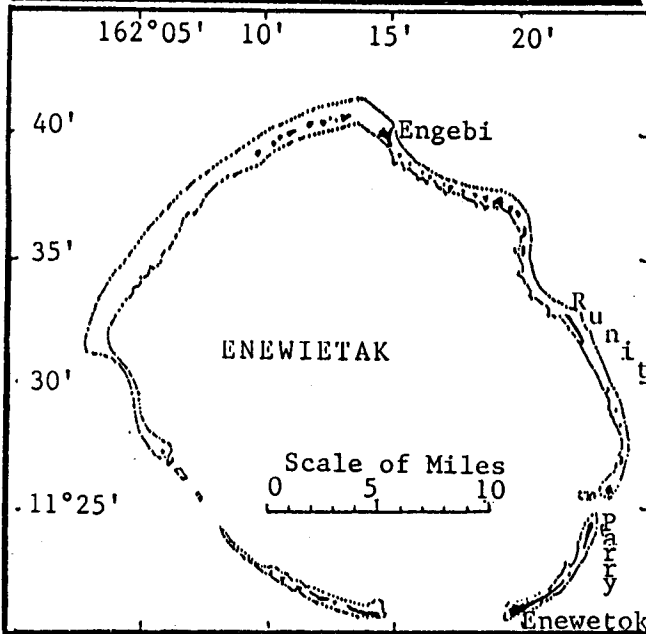
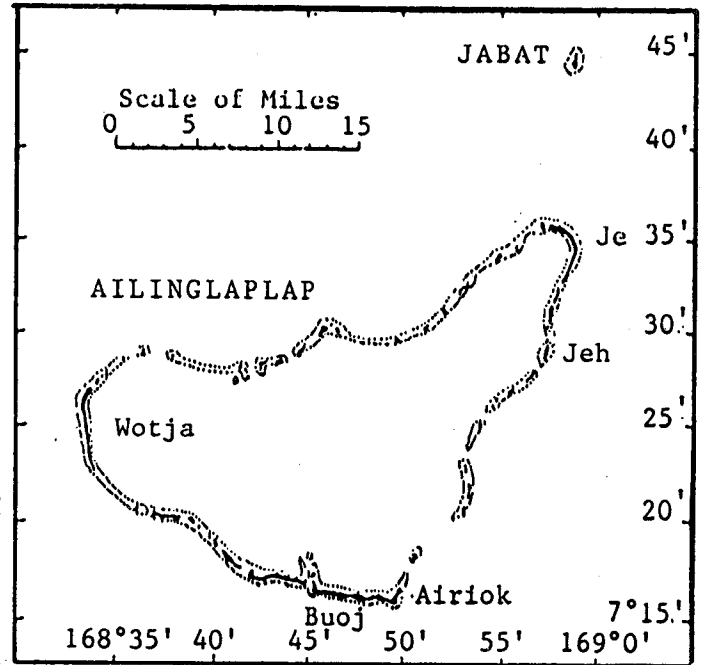
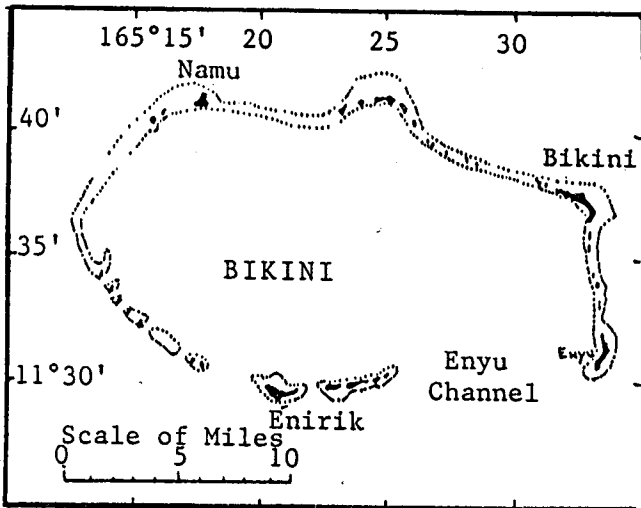


TABLE 1.1 RESIDENT POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS BY SEX, 1920, 1925, 1930, 1935, 1954-1987

Year	Male	Female	Total
1920 Census Year	5,196	4,604	9,800
1925 Census Year	5,030	4,614	9,644
1930 Census Year	5,505	4,907	10,412
1935 Census Year	5,480	4,966	10,446
1954	6,808	6,412	13,220
1958 Census Year	7,175	6,753	13,928
1960	7,607	7,300	14,907
1965	9,042	9,020	18,062
1967 Census Year	9,658	9,267	18,925
1970	11,310	10,770	22,080
1973 Census Year	12,335	11,800	24,135
1975	13,070	12,510	25,580
1977 Survey	13,830	13,270	27,100
1980 Census Year	15,851	15,022	30,873
1985	18,782	17,920	36,702
1986	19,457	18,587	38,044
1987	20,163	19,286	39,449

Source: Quarterly Bulletin of Statistics, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, 1980, Vol.III No.2; 1980 Census of Population, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Notes:

1) The figures for 1920, 1925, 1930 and 1935 relate to counts as of October 1 and were collected and tabulated by the Japanese Administration.

2) Figures for 1967, 1973 and 1980 are actual census counts: April 1, 1967 (collected by the Peace Corps); September 18, 1973 (TTPI Census) and September 15, 1980 (USBC Census). For other years prior to 1970, the numbers are estimates based on partial census counts, summaries of administrative records or a combination of these methods. For the period since 1970 the estimates are obtained from the 1973 and 1980 census data, using the (modified) component-cohort method of population projection. Estimated data relate to June 30 of the year indicated.

3) Figures do not include residents of Kwajalein Missile Range.

4) Figures for 1985 and 1987 are estimates based on 1980 Census.

5) Census 88 figures are given Appendix 1.

TABLE 1.2 POPULATION PROJECTIONS FOR MARSHALL ISLANDS
(Based on Census 1973 and Census 1980)

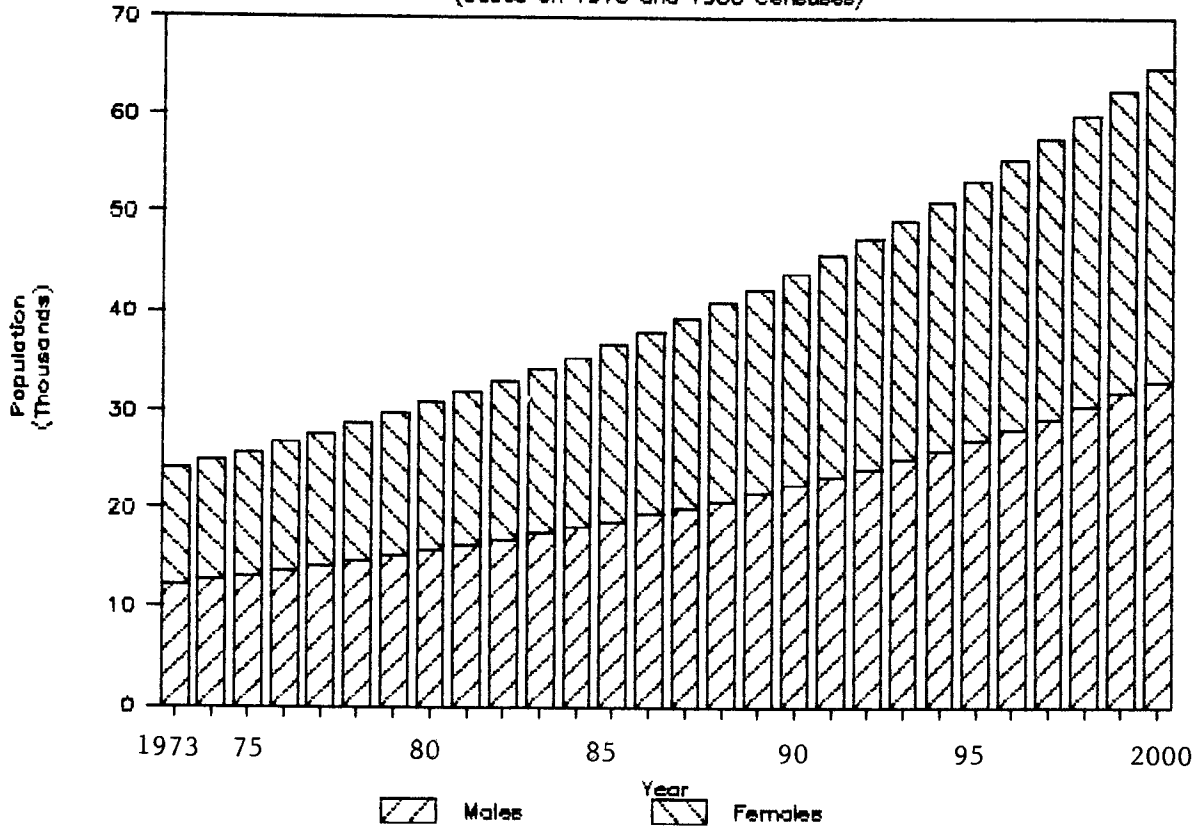
Year	Both Sexes	Population		Life Expectancy	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
1973	24,089	12,305	11,784	56.20	59.70
1974	24,943	12,733	12,210	56.85	60.39
1975	25,836	13,181	12,655	57.46	61.04
1976	26,768	13,649	13,119	58.07	61.68
1977	27,733	14,134	13,599	58.68	62.32
1978	28,732	14,636	14,096	59.29	62.96
1979	29,762	15,154	14,608	59.90	63.61
1980	30,873	15,851	15,022	60.50	64.20
1981	31,927	16,381	15,546	60.82	64.57
1982	33,036	16,938	16,098	61.14	64.90
1983	34,199	17,523	16,676	61.45	65.22
1984	35,420	18,137	17,283	61.76	65.55
1985	36,702	18,782	17,920	62.07	65.87
1986	38,044	19,457	18,587	62.39	66.20
1987	39,449	20,163	19,286	62.70	66.52
1988	40,919	20,902	20,017	63.01	66.85
1989	42,456	21,675	20,781	63.32	67.17
1990	44,062	22,482	21,580	63.64	67.50
1991	45,742	23,326	22,416	64.13	68.00
1992	47,503	24,211	23,292	64.62	68.50
1993	49,349	25,139	24,210	65.11	69.00
1994	51,287	26,113	25,174	65.60	69.50
1995	53,325	27,138	26,187	66.10	70.00
1996	55,467	28,215	27,252	66.59	70.50
1997	57,714	29,345	28,369	67.08	71.00
1998	60,061	30,526	29,535	67.57	71.50
1999	62,511	31,759	30,752	68.06	72.00
2000	65,062	33,043	32,019	68.56	72.50

NOTE: The figures from 1974 to 1979 are projections based on 1973 Census of Population and the projections from 1981 to year 2000 are based on 1980 Census of Population and Housing. The projections were done using ESCAP. The total fertility rate (TFR) used for 1973 and 1980 were 7 and 6 respectively, which were the approximate values for these two years based on the available information. The Life Expectancy at birth for males and females in 1973 were 56.20 and 59.70 respectively. The Life Expectancy at birth for males and females in 1980 were 60.50 and 64.20 respectively. The assumptions are that the fertility level would remain more or less the same until 2000 and the health facilities and other conditions will improve in the Marshall Islands and therefore the Life Expectancy at birth would increase approximately to the level of the developed countries at present. Population projections based on 1988 census will be released when Age-Sex distribution and other details are available.

FIGURE - 2

POPULATION PROJECTIONS UPTO YEAR 2000

(based on 1973 and 1980 Censuses)

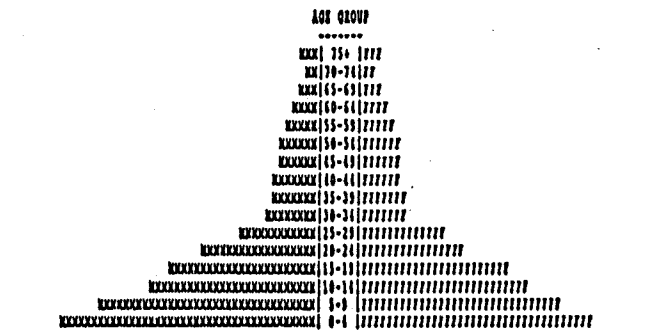


Note: Revised Population Projections based on 1988 Census will be released as soon as the age-sex distribution and other details are available from the Census.

Table 1.3(a) - Population by age groups and sex - Census 1973

AGE GROUP	BOTH SEXES		MALES			FEMALES			
	NO:	%	NO:	%	%	NO:	%	%	
0-4	4,631	19.23	2,437	19.81	10.12	2,194	18.62	9.11	
5-9	3,899	16.19	2,023	16.44	8.40	1,876	15.92	7.79	
10-14	3,087	12.82	1,549	12.59	6.43	1,538	13.05	6.38	
15-19	2,764	11.47	1,379	11.21	5.72	1,385	11.75	5.75	
20-24	2,045	8.49	1,070	8.70	4.44	975	8.27	4.05	
25-29	1,511	6.27	741	6.02	3.08	770	6.53	3.20	
30-34	935	3.88	489	3.97	2.03	446	3.78	1.85	
35-39	861	3.57	429	3.49	1.78	432	3.67	1.79	
40-44	789	3.28	427	3.47	1.77	362	3.07	1.50	
45-49	727	3.02	358	2.91	1.49	369	3.13	1.53	
50-54	716	2.97	357	2.90	1.48	359	3.05	1.49	
55-59	640	2.66	328	2.67	1.36	312	2.65	1.30	
60-64	512	2.13	263	2.14	1.09	249	2.11	1.03	
65-69	348	1.44	159	1.29	0.66	189	1.60	0.78	
70-74	252	1.05	113	0.92	0.47	139	1.18	0.58	
75+	371	1.54	182	1.48	0.76	189	1.60	0.78	
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		24,088	100.00	12,304	100.00	51.08	11,784	100.00	48.92

% as a percent of the total population

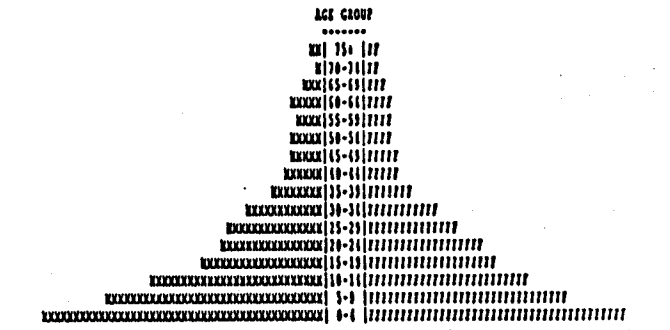


PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION BELOW 15 YEARS = 48.23
 PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION 65 YEARS & ABOVE = 4.03
 PERCENTAGE OF DEPENDENT POPULATION = 52.26

Table 1.3(b) - Population by age groups and sex - Census 1980

AGE GROUP	BOTH SEXES		MALES			FEMALES			
	NO:	%	NO:	%	%	NO:	%	%	
0-4	6,502	21.06	3,377	21.30	10.94	3,125	20.80	10.12	
5-9	5,023	16.27	2,661	16.79	8.62	2,362	15.72	7.65	
10-14	4,054	13.13	2,117	13.36	6.86	1,937	12.89	6.27	
15-19	2,956	9.57	1,434	9.05	4.64	1,522	10.13	4.93	
20-24	2,601	8.42	1,223	7.72	3.96	1,378	9.17	4.46	
25-29	2,225	7.21	1,142	7.20	3.70	1,083	7.21	3.51	
30-34	1,779	5.76	930	5.87	3.01	849	5.65	2.75	
35-39	1,136	3.68	608	3.84	1.97	528	3.51	1.71	
40-44	819	2.65	436	2.75	1.41	383	2.55	1.24	
45-49	809	2.62	409	2.58	1.32	400	2.66	1.30	
50-54	699	2.26	376	2.37	1.22	323	2.15	1.05	
55-59	664	2.15	332	2.09	1.08	332	2.21	1.08	
60-64	642	2.08	359	2.26	1.16	283	1.88	0.92	
65-69	423	1.37	212	1.34	0.69	211	1.40	0.68	
70-74	244	0.79	107	0.68	0.35	137	0.91	0.44	
75+	297	0.96	128	0.81	0.41	169	1.13	0.55	
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		30,873	100.00	15,851	100.00	51.34	15,022	100.00	48.66

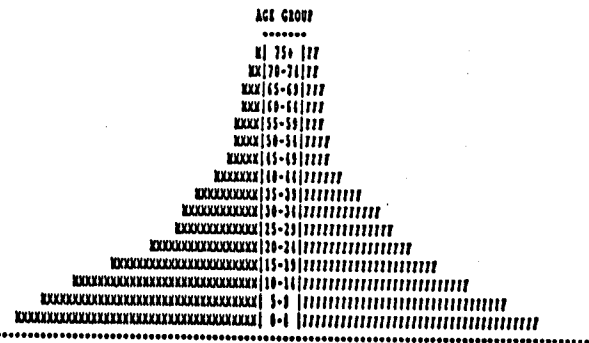
% as a percent of the total population



PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION BELOW 15 YEARS = 50.46
 PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION 65 YEARS & ABOVE = 3.12
 PERCENTAGE OF DEPENDENT POPULATION = 53.58

Table 1.3(c) - Estimated population by age groups and sex - 1987
(Based on 1980 Census)

AGE GROUP	BOTH SEXES		MALES			FEMALES		
	NO:	%	NO:	%	%	NO:	%	%
0-4	7,350	18.65	3,745	18.57	9.49	3,613	18.73	9.16
5-9	6,503	16.48	3,319	16.46	8.41	3,184	16.51	8.07
10-14	5,446	13.81	2,862	14.19	7.25	2,584	13.40	6.55
15-19	4,391	11.13	2,314	11.48	5.87	2,077	10.77	5.27
20-24	3,292	8.34	1,648	8.17	4.18	1,644	8.52	4.17
25-29	2,648	6.71	1,237	6.13	3.14	1,411	7.32	3.58
30-34	2,331	5.91	1,148	5.69	2.91	1,183	6.13	3.00
35-39	1,929	4.89	1,002	4.97	2.54	927	4.81	2.35
40-44	1,336	3.39	704	3.49	1.78	632	3.28	1.60
45-49	863	2.19	462	2.29	1.17	401	2.08	1.02
50-54	768	1.95	391	1.94	0.99	377	1.95	0.96
55-59	696	1.76	365	1.81	0.93	331	1.72	0.84
60-64	604	1.53	307	1.52	0.78	297	1.54	0.75
65-69	569	1.44	304	1.51	0.77	265	1.37	0.67
70-74	402	1.02	215	1.07	0.55	187	0.97	0.47
75+	313	0.79	141	0.70	0.36	172	0.89	0.44
39,449		100.00	20,164	100.00	51.11	19,285	100.00	48.89

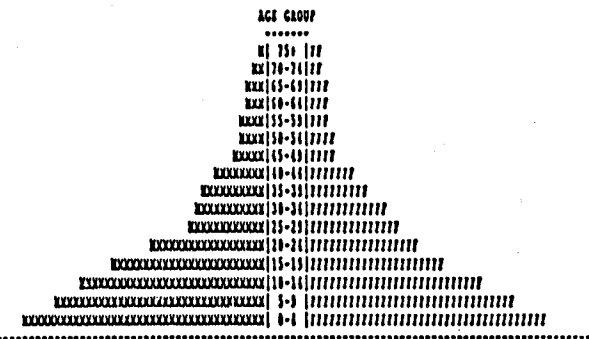


PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION BELOW 15 YEARS = 48.94
PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION 65 YEARS & ABOVE = 3.25
PERCENTAGE OF DEPENDENT POPULATION = 52.20

% as a percent of the total population

Table 1.3 (d) - Estimated population by age groups and sex - 1988
(Based on 1980 Census)

AGE GROUP	BOTH SEXES		MALES			FEMALES		
	NO:	%	NO:	%	%	NO:	%	%
0-4	7,674	18.75	3,906	18.69	9.54	3,768	18.82	9.21
5-9	6,559	16.03	3,333	15.95	8.14	3,226	16.11	7.88
10-14	5,715	13.97	2,988	14.29	7.30	2,727	13.62	6.66
15-19	4,561	11.15	2,408	11.52	5.88	2,153	10.75	5.26
20-24	3,531	8.63	1,796	8.59	4.39	1,735	8.67	4.24
25-29	2,692	6.58	1,266	6.06	3.09	1,426	7.12	3.48
30-34	2,404	5.87	1,157	5.54	2.83	1,247	6.23	3.05
35-39	2,005	4.90	1,040	4.98	2.54	965	4.82	2.36
40-44	1,467	3.58	768	3.67	1.88	699	3.49	1.71
45-49	919	2.25	492	2.35	1.20	427	2.13	1.04
50-54	757	1.85	391	1.87	0.96	366	1.83	0.89
55-59	718	1.75	369	1.77	0.90	349	1.74	0.85
60-64	603	1.47	314	1.50	0.77	289	1.44	0.71
65-69	560	1.37	289	1.38	0.71	271	1.35	0.66
70-74	430	1.05	236	1.13	0.58	194	0.97	0.47
75+	327	0.80	150	0.72	0.37	177	0.88	0.43
40,922		100.00	20,903	100.00	51.08	20,019	100.00	48.92



PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION BELOW 15 YEARS = 48.75
PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION 65 YEARS & ABOVE = 3.22
PERCENTAGE OF DEPENDENT POPULATION = 51.96

% as a percent of the total population