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1.1 178.guide

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Header (Niue)
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Affiliation:
 (free association with New Zealand)

1.4 178.guide/Geography (Niue)

Geography (Niue)
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Location:
 Oceania, 460 km east of Tonga in the South Pacific Ocean
Map references:
 Oceania
Area:
 total area:
 260 km2
 land area:
 260 km2
 comparative area:
 slightly less than 1.5 times the size of Washington, DC
Land boundaries:
 0 km
Coastline:
 64 km
Maritime claims:
 exclusive economic zone: 200 nm
 territorial sea:
 12 nm
International disputes:
 none
Climate:
 tropical; modified by southeast trade winds
Terrain:
 steep limestone cliffs along coast, central plateau

Natural resources:
 fish, arable land
 Land use:
 arable land:
 61%
 permanent crops:
 4%
 meadows and pastures:
 4%
 forest and woodland:
 19%
 other:
 12%
 Irrigated land:
 NA km2
 Environment:
 subject to typhoons
 Note:
 one of world's largest coral islands

1.5 178.guide/People (Niue)

People (Niue)

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Population:
 1,977 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 -3.66% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate:
 NA births/1,000 population
 Death rate:
 NA deaths/1,000 population
 Net migration rate:
 NA migrant(s)/1,000 population
 Infant mortality rate:
 NA deaths/1,000 live births
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 NA years
 male:
 NA years
 female:
 NA years
 Total fertility rate:
 NA children born/woman
 Nationality:
 noun: Niuean(s)
 adjective:
 Niuean
 Ethnic divisions:
 Polynesian (with some 200 Europeans, Samoans, and Tongans)
 Religions:

Ekalesia Nieuve (Niuean Church) 75% - a Protestant church closely related to the London Missionary Society, Mormon 10%, other 15% (mostly Roman Catholic, Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh-Day Adventist)

Languages:
Polynesian closely related to Tongan and Samoan, English

Literacy:
total population:
NA%
male:
NA%
female:
NA%

Labor force:
1,000 (1981 est.)
by occupation:
most work on family plantations; paid work exists only in government service, small industry, and the Niue Development Board

1.6 178.guide/Government (Niue)

Government (Niue)

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Names:
conventional long form:
none
conventional short form:
Niue

Digraph:
NE

Type:
self-governing territory in free association with New Zealand; Niue fully responsible for internal affairs; New Zealand retains responsibility for external affairs

Capital:
Alofi

Administrative divisions:
none

Independence:
19 October 1974 (became a self-governing territory in free association with New Zealand on 19 October 1974)

Constitution:
19 October 1974 (Niue Constitution Act)

Legal system:
English common law

National holiday:
Waitangi Day, 6 February (1840) (Treaty of Waitangi established British sovereignty)

Political parties and leaders:
Niue Island Party (NIP), Young VIVIAN

Suffrage: 18 years of age; universal

Elections:
Legislative Assembly:

last held on 8 April 1990 (next to be held March 1993); results - percent ←
of
vote NA; seats - (20 total, 6 elected) NIP 1, independents 5
Executive branch:
British monarch, premier, Cabinet
Legislative branch:
unicameral Legislative Assembly
Judicial branch:
Appeal Court of New Zealand, High Court
Leaders:
Chief of State:
Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952), represented by New Zealand
Representative John SPRINGFORD (since NA 1974)
Head of Government:
Acting Premier Young VIVIAN (since the death of Sir Robert R. REX on 12
December 1992)
Member of:
ESCAP (associate), SPARTECA, SPC, SPF
Diplomatic representation in US:
none (self-governing territory in free association with New Zealand)
US diplomatic representation:
none (self-governing territory in free association with New Zealand)
Flag:
yellow with the flag of the UK in the upper hoist-side quadrant; the flag ←
of
the UK bears five yellow five-pointed stars - a large one on a blue disk in
the center and a smaller one on each arm of the bold red cross

1.7 178.guide/Economy (Niue)

Economy (Niue)

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Overview:

The economy is heavily dependent on aid from New Zealand. Government expenditures regularly exceed revenues, with the shortfall made up by ←
grants

from New Zealand - the grants are used to pay wages to public employees. ←
The

agricultural sector consists mainly of subsistence gardening, although some cash crops are grown for export. Industry consists primarily of small factories to process passion fruit, lime oil, honey, and coconut cream. The sale of postage stamps to foreign collectors is an important source of revenue. The island in recent years has suffered a serious loss of population because of migration of Niueans to New Zealand.

National product:

GNP - exchange rate conversion - \$2.1 million (1989 est.)

National product real growth rate:

NA%

National product per capita:

\$1,000 (1989 est.)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

9.6% (1984)

Unemployment rate:

NA%

Budget:

revenues \$5.5 million; expenditures \$6.3 million, including capital expenditures of \$NA (FY85 est.)

Exports:

\$175,274 (f.o.b., 1985)

commodities:

canned coconut cream, copra, honey, passion fruit products, pawpaw, root crops, limes, footballs, stamps, handicrafts

partners:

NZ 89%, Fiji, Cook Islands, Australia

Imports:

\$3.8 million (c.i.f., 1985)

commodities:

food, live animals, manufactured goods, machinery, fuels, lubricants, chemicals, drugs

partners:

NZ 59%, Fiji 20%, Japan 13%, Western Samoa, Australia, US

External debt:

\$NA

Industrial production:

growth rate NA%

Electricity:

1,500 kW capacity; 3 million kWh produced, 1,490 kWh per capita (1990)

Industries:

tourist, handicrafts, coconut products

Agriculture:

coconuts, passion fruit, honey, limes; subsistence crops - taro, yams, cassava (tapioca), sweet potatoes; pigs, poultry, beef cattle

Economic aid:

Western (non-US) countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89), ←
\$62
million

Currency:

1 New Zealand dollar (NZ\$) = 100 cents

Exchange rates:

New Zealand dollars (NZ\$) per US\$1 - 1.9486 (January 1993), 1.8584 (1992), 1.7265 (1991), 1.6750 (1990), 1.6711 (1989), 1.5244 (1988)

Fiscal year:

1 April - 31 March

1.8 178.guide/Communications (Niue)

Communications (Niue)

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Highways:

123 km all-weather roads, 106 km access and plantation roads

Ports:

none; offshore anchorage only

Airports:

total:

1
useable:
1
with permanent-surface runways:
1
with runways over 3,659 m:
0
with runways 2,440-3,659 m:
0
with runways 1,220-2,439 m: 1
Telecommunications:
single-line telephone system connects all villages on island; 383
telephones; 1,000 radio receivers (1987 est.); broadcast stations - 1 AM, 1
FM, no TV

1.9 178.guide/Defense Forces (Niue)

Defense Forces (Niue)
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Branches:
Police Force
Note:
defense is the responsibility of New Zealand