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Chapter 1

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1.1 179.guide

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Norfolk Island

1.2 179.guide/Norfolk Island

Norfolk Island

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Header (Norfolk Island)
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Affiliation:
 (territory of Australia)

1.4 179.guide/Geography (Norfolk Island)

Geography (Norfolk Island)
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Location:
 Oceania, 1,575 km east of Australia in the South Pacific Ocean
Map references:
 Oceania
Area:
 total area:
 34.6 km²
 land area:
 34.6 km²
 comparative area:
 about 0.2 times the size of Washington, DC
Land boundaries:
 0 km
Coastline:
 32 km
Maritime claims:
 exclusive fishing zone:
 200 nm
 territorial sea:
 3 nm
International disputes:
 none
Climate:
 subtropical, mild, little seasonal temperature variation
Terrain:

volcanic formation with mostly rolling plains
 Natural resources:
 fish
 Land use:
 arable land: 0%
 permanent crops:
 0%
 meadows and pastures:
 25%
 forest and woodland:
 0%
 other:
 75%
 Irrigated land:
 NA km2
 Environment:
 subject to typhoons (especially May to July)

1.5 179.guide/People (Norfolk Island)

People (Norfolk Island)

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Population:
 2,665 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 1.69% (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:
 Norfolk Islander(s)
 adjective:
 Norfolk Islander(s)
 Ethnic divisions:
 descendants of the Bounty mutineers, Australian, New Zealander
 Religions:
 Anglican 39%, Roman Catholic 11.7%, Uniting Church in Australia 16.4%,

Seventh-Day Adventist 4.4%, none 9.2%, unknown 16.9%, other 2.4% (1986)
 Languages:
 English (official), Norfolk a mixture of 18th century English and ancient
 Tahitian
 Literacy:
 total population:
 NA%
 male: NA%
 female:
 NA%
 Labor force:
 NA

1.6 179.guide/Government (Norfolk Island)

Government (Norfolk Island)

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Names:
 conventional long form:
 Territory of Norfolk Island
 conventional short form:
 Norfolk Island
 Digraph:
 NF
 Type:
 territory of Australia
 Capital:
 Kingston (administrative center); Burnt Pine (commercial center)
 Administrative divisions:
 none (territory of Australia)
 Independence:
 none (territory of Australia)
 Constitution:
 Norfolk Island Act of 1957
 Legal system:
 wide legislative and executive responsibility under the Norfolk Island Act
 of 1979; Supreme Court
 National holiday:
 Pitcairners Arrival Day Anniversary, 8 June (1856)
 Political parties and leaders:
 NA
 Suffrage:
 18 years of age; universal
 Elections:
 Legislative Assembly:
 last held 1989 (held every three years); results - percent of vote by party
 NA; seats - (9 total) percent of seats by party NA
 Executive branch:
 British monarch, governor general of Australia, administrator, Executive
 Council (cabinet)
 Legislative branch:
 unicameral Legislative Assembly

Judicial branch:
 Supreme Court
 Leaders:
 Chief of State:
 Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952), represented by Administrator A. G. KERR (since NA 1990), who is appointed by the Governor General of Australia
 Head of Government:
 Assembly President and Chief Minister John Terence BROWN (since NA)
 Member of:
 none
 Diplomatic representation in US:
 none (territory of Australia)
 US diplomatic representation:
 none (territory of Australia)
 Flag:
 three vertical bands of green (hoist side), white, and green with a large green Norfolk Island pine tree centered in the slightly wider white band

1.7 179.guide/Economy (Norfolk Island)

Economy (Norfolk Island)

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Overview:

The primary economic activity is tourism, which has brought a level of prosperity unusual among inhabitants of the Pacific Islands. The number of visitors has increased steadily over the years and reached 29,000 in FY89. Revenues from tourism have given the island a favorable balance of trade ↔ and helped the agricultural sector to become self-sufficient in the production of beef, poultry, and eggs.

National product:

GDP \$NA

National product real growth rate:

NA%

National product per capita:

\$NA

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

NA%

Unemployment rate:

NA%

Budget:

revenues \$NA; expenditures \$4.2 million, including capital expenditures of \$400,000 (FY89)

Exports:

\$1.7 million (f.o.b., FY86)

commodities:

postage stamps, seeds of the Norfolk Island pine and Kentia Palm, small quantities of avocados

partners:

Australia, Pacific Islands, NZ, Asia, Europe

Imports:

\$15.6 million (c.i.f., FY86)
 commodities:
 NA
 partners:
 Australia, Pacific Islands, NZ, Asia, Europe
 External debt:
 \$NA
 Industrial production:
 growth rate NA%
 Electricity:
 7,000 kW capacity; 8 million kWh produced, 3,160 kWh per capita (1990)
 Industries:
 tourism
 Agriculture:
 Norfolk Island pine seed, Kentia palm seed, cereals, vegetables, fruit,
 cattle, poultry
 Economic aid:
 none
 Currency:
 1 Australian dollar (\$A) = 100 cents
 Exchange rates:
 Australian dollars (\$A) per US\$1 - 1.4837 (January 1993), 1.3600 (1992),
 1.2835 (1991), 1.2799 (1990), 1.2618 (1989), 1.2752 (1988)
 Fiscal year:
 1 July - 30 June

1.8 179.guide/Communications (Norfolk Island)

Communications (Norfolk Island)

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Highways:
 80 km of roads, including 53 km paved; remainder are earth formed or coral
 surfaced
 Ports:
 none; loading jetties at Kingston and Cascade
 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:
 1,500 radio receivers (1982); radio link service with Sydney; 987 ↔
 telephones
 (1983); broadcast stations - 1 AM, no FM, no TV

1.9 179.guide/Defense Forces (Norfolk Island)

Defense Forces (Norfolk Island)

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Note:

defense is the responsibility of Australia