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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 193.guide

Texified version of data for Pitcairn Islands.

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### 1.2 193.guide/Pitcairn Islands

Pitcairn Islands

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Header (Pitcairn Islands)  
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### 1.3 193.guide/Header (Pitcairn Islands)

Header (Pitcairn Islands)  
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Affiliation:  
    (dependent territory of the UK)

### 1.4 193.guide/Geography (Pitcairn Islands)

Geography (Pitcairn Islands)  
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Location:  
    in the South Pacific Ocean, about halfway between Peru and New Zealand  
Map references:  
    Oceania  
Area:  
    total area:  
        47 km2  
    land area:  
        47 km2  
    comparative area:  
        about 0.3 times the size of Washington, DC  
Land boundaries:  
    0 km  
Coastline:  
    51 km  
Maritime claims:  
    exclusive fishing zone:  
        200 nm  
    territorial sea:  
        3 nm  
International disputes:  
    none  
Climate:  
    tropical, hot, humid, modified by southeast trade winds; rainy season  
        (November to March)

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Terrain:  
 rugged volcanic formation; rocky coastline with cliffs

Natural resources:  
 miro trees (used for handicrafts), fish

Land use:  
 arable land:  
 NA%  
 permanent crops:  
 NA%  
 meadows and pastures:  
 NA%  
 forest and woodland:  
 NA%  
 other:  
 NA%

Irrigated land:  
 NA km2

Environment:  
 subject to typhoons (especially November to March)

## 1.5 193.guide/People (Pitcairn Islands)

People (Pitcairn Islands)

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Population:  
 52 (July 1993 est.)

Population growth rate:  
 0% (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:  
 Pitcairn Islander(s)  
 adjective:  
 Pitcairn Islander

Ethnic divisions:  
 descendants of the Bounty mutineers

Religions:  
 Seventh-Day Adventist 100%

Languages:  
 English (official), Tahitian/English dialect

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

Labor force:  
 NA

by occupation:  
 no business community in the usual sense; some public works; subsistence farming and fishing

## 1.6 193.guide/Government (Pitcairn Islands)

Government (Pitcairn Islands)

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Names:  
 conventional long form:  
 Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie, and Oeno Islands  
 conventional short form:  
 Pitcairn Islands

Digraph:  
 PC

Type:  
 dependent territory of the UK

Capital:  
 Adamstown

Administrative divisions:  
 none (dependent territory of the UK)

Independence:  
 none (dependent territory of the UK)

Constitution:  
 Local Government Ordinance of 1964

Legal system:  
 local island by-laws

National holiday:  
 Celebration of the Birthday of the Queen, 10 June (1989) (second Saturday ↵  
 in  
 June)

Political parties and leaders:  
 NA

Other political or pressure groups:  
 NA

Suffrage:  
 18 years of age; universal with three years residency

Elections:  
 Island Council:

last held NA (next to be held NA); results - percent of vote by party NA;  
 seats - (11 total, 5 elected) number of seats by party NA

Executive branch:  
 British monarch, governor, island magistrate

Legislative branch:  
 unicameral Island Council

Judicial branch:  
 Island Court

Leaders: Chief of State:  
 Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952), represented by the Governor and  
 UK High Commissioner to New Zealand David Joseph MOSS (since NA 1990)

Head of Government:  
 Island Magistrate and Chairman of the Island Council Jay WARREN (since NA)

Member of:  
 SPC

Diplomatic representation in US:  
 none (dependent territory of the UK)

US diplomatic representation:  
 none (dependent territory of the UK)

Flag:  
 blue with the flag of the UK in the upper hoist-side quadrant and the  
 Pitcairn Islander coat of arms centered on the outer half of the flag; the  
 coat of arms is yellow, green, and light blue with a shield featuring a  
 yellow anchor

## 1.7 193.guide/Economy (Pitcairn Islands)

### Economy (Pitcairn Islands)

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#### Overview:

The inhabitants exist on fishing and subsistence farming. The fertile soil of the valleys produces a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, including citrus, sugarcane, watermelons, bananas, yams, and beans. Bartering is an important part of the economy. The major sources of revenue are the sale of postage stamps to collectors and the sale of handicrafts to passing ships.

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 \$430,440; expenditures \$429,983, including capital expenditures of \$NA (FY87 est.)

Exports:  
 \$NA

commodities:  
 fruits, vegetables, curios



partners:  
     NA  
 Imports:  
     \$NA  
 commodities:  
     fuel oil, machinery, building materials, flour, sugar, other foodstuffs  
 partners:  
     NA  
 External debt:  
     \$NA  
 Industrial production:  
     growth rate NA%  
 Electricity:  
     110 kW capacity; 0.30 million kWh produced, 5,360 kWh per capita (1990)  
 Industries:  
     postage stamp sales, handicrafts  
 Agriculture:  
     based on subsistence fishing and farming; wide variety of fruits and  
     vegetables grown; must import grain products  
 Economic aid:  
     none  
 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

## 1.8 193.guide/Communications (Pitcairn Islands)

Communications (Pitcairn Islands)

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Railroads:  
     none  
 Highways:  
     6.4 km dirt roads  
 Ports:  
     Bounty Bay  
 Airports:  
     none  
 Telecommunications:  
     24 telephones; party line telephone service on the island; broadcast  
     stations - 1 AM, no FM, no TV; diesel generator provides electricity

## 1.9 193.guide/Defense Forces (Pitcairn Islands)

Defense Forces (Pitcairn Islands)

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Note:

defense is the responsibility of the UK

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