

	<b>Quick Facts</b>	
	<b>Immigration detainees (2019)</b>	Not Available
	<b>Detained minors (2017)</b>	0
	<b>International migrants (2019)</b>	5,066
	<b>New asylum applications (2014)</b>	2

## NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/asia-pacific/palau>
- "Observation Dates" indicate the timeframe statistical data correspond to or other data were last validated. More than one statistical entry for a year indicates contrasting reports.

## STATISTICS

### Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Total number of immigration detainees by year	Not Available	2019	Criminal prison population	72	2015
				51	2013
Percentage of foreign prisoners	6.5	2005	Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	343	2014
				243	2013

### Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	21,685	2020	International migrants	5,066	2019
	21,000	2015		5,700	2015
International migrants as a percentage of the population	26.6	2015	Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	0.05	2014
Total number of new asylum applications	2	2014	Refugee recognition rate	100	2014

## DOMESTIC LAW

### LEGAL TRADITION

Legal tradition	Name	Observation Date
	Common law	2017

### COVID-19 UPDATES

	Update Status	Observation Date
Latest Update	<p>Palau, a Pacific archipelago nation made up of more than 300 islands, has not been a significant destination for asylum seekers or refugees. However, its location--shared maritime borders with Indonesia, the Philippines, and Micronesia--is adjacent to important migration routes in Asia.</p> <p>Nevertheless, the country does not have national asylum legislation and the country is not a signatory to the Refugee Convention. In April 2015, UNHCR provided assistance to a small number of refugees (fewer than five) in Palau in finding a durable solution. A very small number of asylum seekers sought international protection in Palau in 2014, however, they departed the country following counselling by UNHCR. There is little available information about the treatment of migrants or asylum seekers in immigration enforcement procedures in Palau. As of September 2020, Palau was one of only a small handful of countries that had yet to report any Covid-19 cases. Foreign nationals, primarily working in the domestic labour, agriculture, hospitality, or construction industries, make up around one third of the country's population. According to the 2020 US Trafficking in Persons Report, this population is vulnerable to trafficking. In 2020, Palau "remained without standard operating procedures for victim identification and referral to services. Protection services were insufficient; the government did not provide basic services such as medical and psychological care, and the government did not investigate indicators of trafficking in labor recruitment and contract violations experienced by many foreign workers."</p>	2020

## INTERNATIONAL LAW

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
International treaties	Name		Ratification Year
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child		1995
	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities		2013
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	2/19		
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Individual complaints procedure	Name		Acceptance Year
	CRPD, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities		2013
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number	Observation Date	
	1/2	2017	
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms			
Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recomendation Issued	Year Issued	Observation Date
	No	2011	2017
	No	2016	2017

## INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

More information about immigration detention in Palau is available at the website of the Global Detention Project ([www.globaldetentionproject.org](http://www.globaldetentionproject.org))