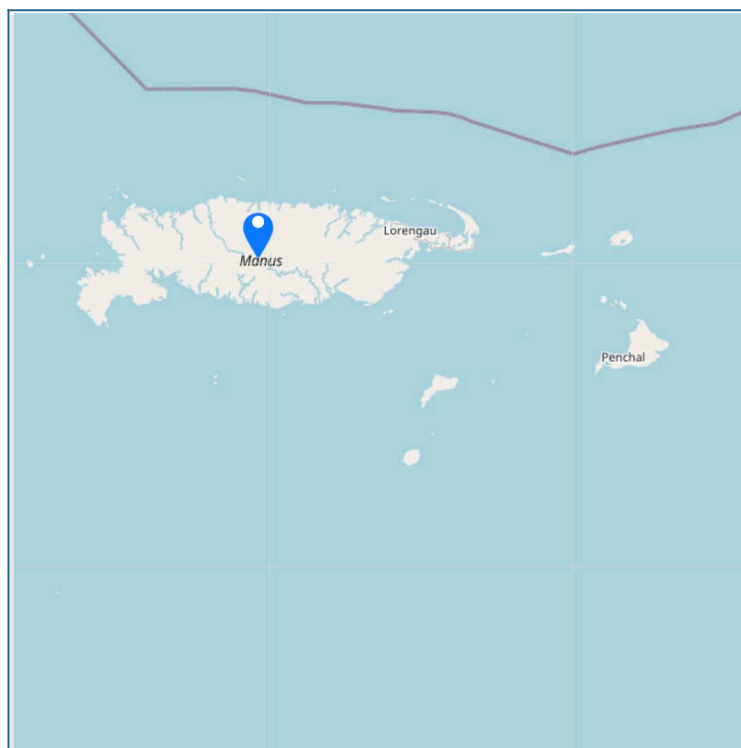


Papua New Guinea Immigration Detention Data Profile



Quick Facts	
Immigration detainees (2019)	Not Available
Detained minors (2017)	Not Available
Persons expelled (2014)	17
International migrants (2015)	25,800
New asylum applications (2016)	0

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/asia-pacific/papua-new-guinea>
- "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	Total number of detained minors	Not Available	2017
				28	2014
Number of persons removed/returned (voluntary returns and deportations)	17	2014	Criminal prison population	4,945	2016
				3,863	2013
Percentage of foreign prisoners	0.4	2009	Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	63	2016
				52	2013

Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	7,619,000	2015	International migrants	25,800	2015
International migrants as a percentage of the population	0.3	2015	Refugees	9,698	2019
				10,026	2018
				10,022	2017
				9,529	2016
				9,510	2015
				1	2015
				9,510	2014
Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	1.23	2016	Refugee recognition rate	52.6	2014

DOMESTIC LAW

LEGAL TRADITION

Legal tradition	Name	Observation Date
	Common law	

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

	Yes/No	Constitution and Articles	Year Adopted	Last Year Amended
Constitutional guarantees?	Yes	Article 42. Liberty of the person (2) A person who is arrested or detained— (a) shall be informed promptly, in a language that he understands, of the reasons for his arrest or detention and of any charge against him; and (b) shall be permitted whenever practicable to communicate without delay and in private with a member of his family or a personal friend, and with a lawyer of his choice (including the Public Solicitor if he is entitled to legal aid); and (c) shall be given adequate opportunity to give instructions to a lawyer of his choice in the place in which he is detained, and shall be informed immediately on his arrest or detention of his rights under this subsection.	1975	1975

LAWS AND REGULATIONS				
Core pieces of national legislation	Name	Year Adopted	Last Year Amended	
	Migration Act	1978		
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Regulations, standards, guidelines	Name	Year Published		
	Migration Regulation	1979		
GROUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE IMMIGRATION-RELATED DETENTION				
Immigration-status-related grounds	Name	Observation Date		
	Detention for unauthorised entry or stay	2016		
	Detention during the asylum process	2016		
	Detention to effect removal	2016		
	Detention to establish/verify identity and nationality	2016		
CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED OFFENCES				
Does the country provide specific criminal penalties for immigration-related violations?	Fines	Incarceration	Observation Date	
	Yes	Yes	2016	
CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED OFFENCES				
Grounds for criminal immigration-related detention/incarceration and maximum potential duration of incarceration	Grounds for Incarceration	Maximum Number of Days of Incarceration		Observation Date
	Unauthorized entry	0		2016
	Unauthorised stay	0		2016
PROCEDURAL STANDARDS				
Provision of basic procedural standards	Name	In Law	In Practice	Observation Date
	Information to detainees	Yes	No	2016
	Right to legal counsel	Yes	No	2016
	Access to free interpretation services	Yes		2016
VULNERABLE PERSONS				
Is the detention of vulnerable persons provided in law? Are they detained in practice?	Name	In Law	In Practice	Observation Date
	Asylum seekers	Not mentioned	Yes	2016
	Unaccompanied minors	Not mentioned	Yes	2016
	Women	Not mentioned	No	2016
MANDATORY DETENTION				
Mandatory detention	Filter	Name	Observation Date	
	No	Yes	2016	

COVID-19 UPDATES

	Update Status	Observation Date
Latest Update	On 19 March 2020, authorities announced that penal institutions have been placed in quarantine. New prisoners are tested upon their entry and visits are suspended until further notice. Prisons were then placed in isolation from 24 March 2020 onwards and detainees or staff members that have Covid-19 symptoms will be placed in isolation and suspected cases transferred to a regional hospital. Reports indicate that about 220 immigration detainees that were formerly held on Manus Island are now in Port Moresby. The Australian Refugee Council has stated that refugees and asylum seekers should be moved from Papua New Guinea and Nauru. A Sri Lankan refugee in Papua New Guinea stated that the coronavirus had “dramatically increased anxiety among the refugees” and that “many people have health problems after seven years of medical neglect. They will be particularly vulnerable to the coronavirus”.	2020

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

	Name	Ratification Year
International treaties	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2013
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	2008
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	2008
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	1995
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child	1993
	CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1986
	PCRSR, Protocol to the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1986
	ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	1982
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations	1975
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	9/19	

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

	Number	Observation Date
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	0/5	
	0/5	

Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms

Visits by special procedures of the Human Rights Council	Name	Year of Visit	Observation Date
	Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	2014	2016

Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms

Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recommendation Issued	Year Issued	Observation Date
	No	2011	2017
	Yes	2016	2017

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

Institutions responsible for immigration detention

Custodial authority	Agency	Ministry	Ministry Typology	Observation Date
	Immigration Department (Papua New Guinea)	Department of Immigration and Border Protection	Immigration or Citizenship	2015
		Department of Immigration and Border Protection	Immigration or Citizenship	2008

Institutions responsible for immigration detention

Detention Facility Management	Entity Name	Entity Type	Observation Date
	Transfield	Private For-Profit	2015
	International Organization for Migration	International or Regional Organization	2008

Outsourcing and privatisation

Types of privatisation/outsourcing	Types of Privatisation/Outsourcing	Observation Date
	Detention facility management	2015

Outsourcing and privatisation

Detention contractors and other non-state entities	Name of entity	Type of entity	Detainee transport	Food services	Health care	Social services	Laundry services	Legal counselling	Management	Owner of detention facility	Recreation	Security	Telephone service	Translation services	Observation Date
	Transfield	For profit													

Foreign sources of funding for detention operations

Does the country receive external sources of funding?	Benefitted from non-state funding sources?	Observation Date
	Yes	2015

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