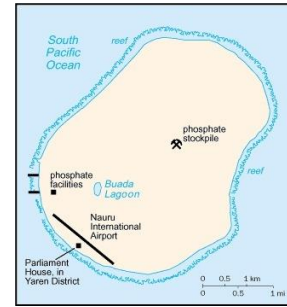




# NAURU



## INTRODUCTION

Nauru was inhabited by Micronesian and Polynesian settlers by around 1000 B.C. In 1798, the British spotted the island. Germany annexed Nauru in 1888. Australia captured Nauru from Germany during World War I, and in 1919, it became a joint Australian-British-New Zealand mandate with Australian administration. Nauru opted for independence in 1968.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Russ KUN

### Head of Government

President Russ KUN

### Government Type

parliamentary republic

### Capital

no official capital; government offices in the Yaren District

### Legislature

unicameral Parliament (19 seats)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Margo DEIYE

### US Ambassador

the US does not have an embassy in Nauru; the US Ambassador to Fiji Marie DAMOUR is accredited to Nauru

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 21 sq km

Land: 21 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

### Climate

tropical with a monsoonal pattern; rainy season (November to February)

### Natural Resources

phosphates, fish

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

upper-middle-income Pacific island country; phosphate resource exhaustion made island interior uninhabitable; licenses fishing rights; houses Australia's Regional Processing Centre; former known tax haven; largely dependent on foreign subsidies

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$149.5 million (2021)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$11,900 (2021)

**Industries** - phosphate mining, offshore banking, coconut products.

**Agricultural products** - coconuts, tropical fruit, vegetables, pork, eggs, pig offals, pig fat, poultry, papayas, cabbages

**Exports** \$187 million (2021 est.)

skipjack, calcium phosphates, tuna, cars, delivery trucks, low-voltage protection equipment (2021)

**partners:** Thailand 49%, Saudi Arabia 14%, Philippines 11%, South Korea 8%, India 7% (2021)

**Imports** \$94.2 million (2021 est.)

refined petroleum, tugboats, cigarettes, cars, construction vehicles (2021)

**partners:** Australia 36%, Taiwan 16%, China 12%, Japan 12%, Nigeria 7% (2021)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

9,850 (2023 est.)

### Population Growth

0.42% (2023 est.)

### Ethnicity

Nauruan 94.6%, I-Kiribati 2.2%, Fijian 1.3%, other 1.9% (2021 est.)

### Language

Nauruan 93% (official), English 2% (widely understood, spoken, and used for most government and commercial purposes), other 5% (includes Gilbertese 2% and Chinese 2%)

### Religion

Protestant 60.4%, Roman Catholic 33.9%, other 4.2%, none 1.3%, no answer 0.3% (2021 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 100% of total population (2023)

rate of urbanization: 0.18% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)