



Palau



Introduction to PALAU

THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU is a South Pacific archipelago to the east of Micronesia that has been independent since 1994. Governing in economic association with the United States and buoyed by tourism and international business, the Palauan people enjoy one of the strongest economies in the region.

The PALAUAN people

Total population:	20,796
Children under 15:	4,772
Average Life Expectancy:	71.22 years
Per capita annual income:	\$8,100
% children in primary school:	N/A*
Average years of education:	15 years
Literacy rate:	92%
Internet users:	N/A*
Cell phones in use:	12,000
Major/official language(s):	Palauan, Tobi, Angaur, Japanese, English

Risk issues impacting children:

UNICEF does not currently offer children at risk statistics specific to this country. Below is children at risk information regarding many nations in this region, and all statements may not be directly applicable to this nation.

- Poverty forces many children to drop out of school because their parents can't afford school fees.
- Poverty, illiteracy, sexual exploitation of children and the prevalence of unsafe sex practices are all prevalent, and create an environment ripe for contagious disease.
- High suicide rates, drug and alcohol addiction deteriorate many families.

More about PALAU

Capital city:	Melekeok
Type of government:	Constitutional Government in free association with the US
Square kilometers:	459
General terrain:	Varying from the mountainous island of Babelthup to coral islands usually fringed by barrier reefs
Major industries/jobs:	Tourism, craft items (from shell, wood, pearls), construction, garments, coconuts, fish
National motto:	N/A*
Major airport(s):	Palau International

Reaching PALAU

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

Christian	- 71.1%
Unspecified or none	- 16.4%
Modekngei (indigenous to Palau)	- 8.8%
Other	- 3.1%
Mormon	- 0.6%

Christian groups:

Roman Catholic	- 48.2%
Protestant	- 31.4%
Other	- 18.5%
Independent	- 1.9%

Unreached People Groups:	0 (0% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.021
Average annual baptisms:	235
Foreign missionaries:	20
Per million:	993.69
National Christian workers/pastors:	20
Per million:	993.69
Number of churches/congregations:	N/A*

Children's ministry in PALAU

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Palau. The following information regards general children's ministry in the Pacific Islands, and may not all be applicable to this nation.

- Overview:**
- Most inhabitants of the Pacific Islands are Christian and have some kind of established church.
 - Most nations and territories in the Pacific Islands are spread across thousands of kilometers. Therefore, it is difficult to uncover all pockets of children who still need Jesus.
 - Though larger, more populated islands are better resourced, thousands live in locales that are difficult to supply with training materials and resources. Many remote islands remain isolated to outside influence.
 - Animism and traditional religions still influence Christianity on some islands.

Focus for Prayer

Strategies for reaching and discipling
4,772 children for Christ