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# Chapter 1

## 144

### 1.1 144.guide

Texified version of data for Macau.

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Macau

### 1.2 144.guide/Macau

Macau

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Header (Macau)

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### 1.3 144.guide/Header (Macau)

Header (Macau)

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Affiliation:  
(overseas territory of Portugal)

### 1.4 144.guide/Geography (Macau)

Geography (Macau)

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Location:  
East Asia, 27 km west-southwest of Hong Kong on the southeast coast of ↔  
China  
bordering the South China Sea  
Map references:  
Asia, Oceania, Southeast Asia, Standard Time Zones of the World  
Area:  
total area:  
16 km<sup>2</sup>  
land area:  
16 km<sup>2</sup>  
comparative area:  
about 0.1 times the size of Washington, DC  
Land boundaries:  
total 0.34 km, China 0.34 km  
Coastline:  
40 km  
Maritime claims:  
not specified  
International disputes:  
none  
Climate:  
subtropical; marine with cool winters, warm summers  
Terrain:  
generally flat  
Natural resources:  
negligible  
Land use:

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arable land:  
   0%  
 permanent crops:  
   0%  
 meadows and pastures:  
   0%  
 forest and woodland:  
   0%  
 other: 100%  
 Irrigated land:  
   NA km2  
 Environment:  
   essentially urban; one causeway and one bridge connect the two islands to  
   the peninsula on mainland

## 1.5 144.guide/People (Macau)

People (Macau)

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Population:  
   477,850 (July 1993 est.)  
 Population growth rate:  
   1.44% (1993 est.)  
 Birth rate:  
   14.99 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)  
 Death rate:  
   4.05 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)  
 Net migration rate:  
   3.45 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)  
 Infant mortality rate:  
   5.5 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)  
 Life expectancy at birth:  
   total population:  
     79.64 years  
   male:  
     77.24 years  
   female:  
     82.17 years (1993 est.)  
 Total fertility rate:  
   1.44 children born/woman (1993 est.)  
 Nationality:  
   noun:  
     Macanese (singular and plural)  
   adjective:  
     Macau  
 Ethnic divisions:  
   Chinese 95%, Portuguese 3%, other 2%  
 Religions:  
   Buddhist 45%, Roman Catholic 7%, Protestant 1%, none 45.8%, other 1.2%  
   (1981)  
 Languages:  
   Portuguese (official), Cantonese is the language of commerce

Literacy:  
 age 15 and over can read and write (1981)  
 total population:  
 90%  
 male:  
 93%  
 female:  
 86%  
 Labor force:  
 180,000 (1986)  
 by occupation:  
 NA

## 1.6 144.guide/Government (Macau)

Government (Macau)

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Names:  
 conventional long form:  
 none  
 conventional short form:  
 Macau  
 local long form:  
 none  
 local short form:  
 Ilha de Macau  
 Digraph:  
 MC  
 Type:  
 overseas territory of Portugal scheduled to revert to China in 1999  
 Capital:  
 Macau  
 Administrative divisions:  
 2 districts (concelhos, singular - concelho); Ilhas, Macau  
 Independence:  
 none (territory of Portugal; Portugal signed an agreement with China on 13 April 1987 to return Macau to China on 20 December 1999; in the joint declaration, China promises to respect Macau's existing social and economic systems and lifestyle for 50 year after transition)  
 Constitution:  
 17 February 1976, Organic Law of Macau; basic law drafted primarily by Beijing awaiting final approval  
 Legal system:  
 Portuguese civil law system  
 National holiday:  
 Day of Portugal, 10 June  
 Political parties and leaders:  
 Association to Defend the Interests of Macau; Macau Democratic Center; ↔  
 Group  
 to Study the Development of Macau; Macau Independent Group  
 Other political or pressure groups:  
 wealthy Macanese and Chinese representing local interests, wealthy

pro-Communist merchants representing China's interests; in January 1967 the Macau Government acceded to Chinese demands that gave China veto power over administration

Suffrage:

18 years of age; universal

Elections:

Legislative Assembly:

last held on 10 March 1991; results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (23 total; 8 elected by universal suffrage, 8 by indirect suffrage, and 7 appointed by the governor) number of seats by party NA

Executive branch:

president of Portugal, governor, Consultative Council (cabinet)

Legislative branch:

unicameral Legislative Assembly

Judicial branch:

Supreme Court

Leaders: Chief of State:

President (of Portugal) Mario Alberto SOARES (since 9 March 1986)

Head of Government:

Governor Gen. Vasco Joachim Rocha VIEIRA (since 20 March 1991)

Member of:

ESCAP (associate), GATT, IMO (associate), WTO (associate)

## 1.7 144.guide/Government (Macau 2. usage)

Government (Macau 2. usage)

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Diplomatic representation in US:

as Chinese territory under Portuguese administration, Macanese interests in the US are represented by Portugal

US diplomatic representation:

the US has no offices in Macau, and US interests are monitored by the US Consulate General in Hong Kong

Flag:

the flag of Portugal is used

## 1.8 144.guide/Economy (Macau)

Economy (Macau)

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Overview:

The economy is based largely on tourism (including gambling) and textile ← and

fireworks manufacturing. Efforts to diversify have spawned other small industries - toys, artificial flowers, and electronics. The tourist sector has accounted for roughly 25% of GDP, and the clothing industry has ← provided



about two-thirds of export earnings; the gambling industry represented well over 40% of GDP in 1992. Macau depends on China for most of its food, fresh water, and energy imports. Japan and Hong Kong are the main suppliers of raw materials and capital goods. ←

National product:  
GDP - exchange rate conversion - \$3.1 billion (1991)

National product real growth rate:  
3.1% (1991)

National product per capita:  
\$6,700 (1991)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):  
8.2% (1991 est.)

Unemployment rate:  
2% (1991 est.)

Budget:  
revenues \$305 million; expenditures \$298 million, including capital expenditures of \$NA (1989)

Exports:  
\$1.8 billion (1992 est.)  
commodities:  
textiles, clothing, toys  
partners:  
US 36%, Hong Kong 13%, Germany 12%, France 8% (1991)

Imports:  
\$2.0 billion (1992 est.)  
commodities:  
raw materials, foodstuffs, capital goods  
partners:  
Hong Kong 35%, China 22%, Japan 17% (1991)

External debt:  
\$91 million (1985)

Industrial production:  
NA

Electricity:  
258,000 kW capacity; 855 million kWh produced, 1,806 kWh per capita (1992)

Industries:  
clothing, textiles, toys, plastic products, furniture, tourism

Agriculture:  
rice, vegetables; food shortages - rice, vegetables, meat; depends mostly on imports for food requirements ←

Economic aid:  
none

Currency:  
1 pataca (P) = 100 avos

Exchange rates:  
patacas (P) per US\$1 - 8.034 (1991), 8.024 (1990), 8.030 (1989), 8.044 (1988), 7.993 (1987); note - linked to the Hong Kong dollar at the rate of 1.03 patacas per Hong Kong dollar

Fiscal year:  
calendar year

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## 1.9 144.guide/Communications (Macau)

Communications (Macau)

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Highways:

42 km paved

Ports:

Macau

Airports:

none useable, 1 under construction; 1 seaplane station

Telecommunications:

fairly modern communication facilities maintained for domestic and international services; 52,000 telephones; broadcast stations - 4 AM, 3 FM, no TV (TV programs received from Hong Kong); 115,000 radio receivers (est.) ←  
;

international high-frequency radio communication facility; access to international communications carriers provided via Hong Kong and China; 1 Indian Ocean INTELSAT earth station

## 1.10 144.guide/Defense Forces (Macau)

Defense Forces (Macau)

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Manpower availability:

males age 15-49 137,738; fit for military service 77,159 (1993 est.)

Note:

defense is responsibility of Portugal