NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS' OCEAN ECONOMY 2022

Total Territory Economic Overview

47,329	1,523	14,488	$338 MILLION	$1.1 BILLION
POPULATION (2020)	ESTABLISHMENTS	EMPLOYMENT	WAGES	GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Employment Breakdown

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT
Accommodation and food services	2,319
Retail trade	2,068
Health care and social assistance	1,658
Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services	1,246
Construction	1,176
Other	6,019

Ocean-Dependent Sectors

Ocean-dependent sectors contribute 17 percent to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' (CNMI) total employment. Of ocean-dependent sectors, the tourism sector generates the most personal income.

TOTAL OCEAN ECONOMY

(for included sectors)

- 181 Establishments
- 2,521 Employment
- $44.6 million Wages
- $127.7 million GDP

INCLUDED SECTORS

Source: NOAA Economics: National Ocean Watch data

- Living Resources
- Marine Construction
- Ship and Boat Building
- Marine Transportation
- Offshore Mineral Extraction
- Tourism and Recreation

ADDITIONAL DATA ALSO AVAILABLE:

- Utilities
- Research and Education
- Government

Featured Quick Facts

Marine Transportation

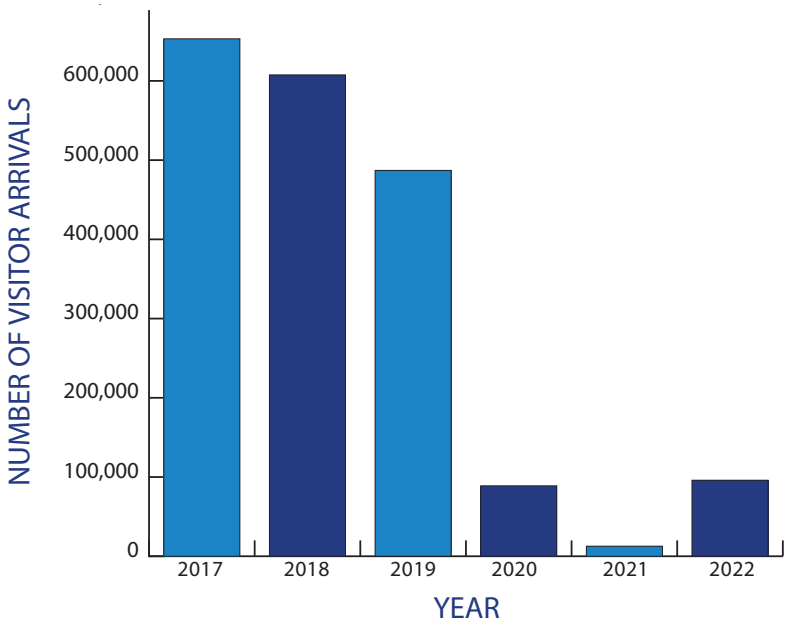
9 Establishments
261 Employment
$6 million Wages
$16.5 million GDP

Tourism and Recreation

164 Establishments
2,183 Employment
$37.3 million Wages
$73.2 million GDP

Utilities

3 Establishments
486 Employment
$15.5 million Wages
$69 million GDP



Typhoon Yutu, COVID-19, and Tourism

- Tourism, CNMI's largest industry, has been devastated by
  - » Typhoon Yutu (October 2018)
  - » COVID-19 (Early 2020)
- -85 percent change in number of visitor arrivals from 2017 to 2022

Economic Trends (2019-2022)

ESTABLISHMENTS

Year	Living Resources	Marine Transportation	Tourism and Recreation	Total Ocean Economy
2019	7	7	183	201
2020	6	7	167	184
2021	7	8	157	173
2022	7	9	164	181

EMPLOYMENT

Year	Living Resources	Marine Transportation	Tourism and Recreation	Total Ocean Economy
2019	25	195	3,611	3,929
2020	26	175	3,461	3,763
2021	33	252	1,863	2,191
2022	36	261	2,183	2,521

WAGES

Year	Living Resources	Marine Transportation	Tourism and Recreation	Total Ocean Economy
2019	$385,000	$3,482,000	$62,866,000	$69,017,000
2020	$318,000	$3,221,000	$43,683,000	$50,448,000
2021	$302,000	$5,752,000	$31,672,000	$38,671,000
2022	$413,000	$6,006,000	$37,264,000	$44,610,000

GDP

Year	Living Resources	Marine Transportation	Tourism and Recreation	Total Ocean Economy
2019	$3,212,759	$8,032,879	$116,350,537	$158,555,949
2020	$2,603,704	$6,308,480	$72,922,039	$100,872,819
2021	$2,598,007	$14,179,787	$57,500,418	$98,166,959
2022	$3,794,521	$16,545,784	$73,175,156	$127,743,049

Sources: The data provided represent the best available data from the U.S. Census Bureau 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 County Business Patterns, the U.S. Census Bureau's Economic Census of Island Areas, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, the U.S. Energy Information Administration, CNMI's Department of Commerce (Economic Indicator: Visitor Arrivals), and data collected under NOAA Contract #EA-133C-16-CQ-0045. The sum of indicators in each sector will not equal the total ocean economy figures due to suppressed data in other ocean economy sectors. Further inconsistencies might also be due to suppressions. Employment data does not include self-employed workers.