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!! NEW !! RELEASES OF STATISTICAL DATA


Guam Economic Forecast; Dr. Maria Claret M. Ruane, First Hawaiian Bank; 2011-2012. This report evaluates the present condition of Guam's economy. Particular attention is given to the implications of an increased U.S. military presence on Guam, a result of the announced repositioning of U.S. armed forces worldwide. The report discusses the general structure of Guam's economy, economic performance, and analysis of major sectors that fuel money into the economy such as tourism, military, real estate and construction.

Current Employment Report (September 2011); Bureau of Labor Statistics, Guam Department of Labor; Quarterly. Presents the results of a quarterly sample survey of business establishments. This report includes total employees, average wage, hours worked, and earnings by major industry group.

Guam Consumer Price Index (3rd Quarter 2011); Business and Economic Statistics Program, Bureau of Statistics and Plans; Quarterly. Several tables present current information and historical comparisons of the consumer price index.

Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific; Statistics Division, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, for the United Nations; 2011. The statistics cover a wide variety of subjects including population, manpower, national accounts, agriculture, forestry and fishing, industry, energy, transport and communications, external trade, wages, prices and consumption, finance and social statistics. Includes Guam.

Review of Federal Expenditure Trends: Guam; Bureau of Labor Statistics, Guam Department of Labor; 1997-2010. This document reports federal government expenditures by type of assistance for Guam extracted from the Consolidated Federal Funds reports (CFFR) and the Federal Assistance Award Data System (FAADS). Annual federal expenditures are also reported for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and American Samoa. Tables and charts are included.

AGRICULTURE

The Impact of Marine Preserve Areas on the Safety of Fishermen on Guam; Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council; December 31, 2010. A major concern is the loss of accessible fishing grounds for fishermen on Guam who have traditionally fished inshore, caused in part by the establishment of five marine preserve areas (MPSs) in 1997. This study attempts to measure the safety impacts of MPS on the fishermen of Guam.

ECONOMICS

Compacts of Free Association: Improvements Needed to Assess and Address Growing Migration; United States Government Accountability Office (GAO); November 2011. Presents GAO's findings and assessment on the reporting of compact impact data by affected jurisdictions including Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Hawaii. The study focused on four particular areas: 1) how counts of migrants are conducted; 2) the impact of migration; 3) the ways in which Compact grants are used and 4) Compact sector grants given to the freely associated states and other areas. It highlights deficiencies and inconsistencies in impact reporting and the calculation of compact impact costs. The study also addresses the growth and impact of Marshallese Compact Migration in Arkansas and identifies Interior awarded Compact Impact Grants to affected jurisdictions from 2004 to 2011. Comments to GAO's findings from the Census Bureau, the Department of the Interior,
Guam, CNMI, Hawaii and other affected jurisdictions are included.

Guam Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); Guam Economic and Development Authority, Bureau of Statistics and Plans, and University of Guam-Pacific Center for Economic Initiatives, Funded under the Investment Grant Award Number 07 69 06320 by the United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration; October 2011. This report describes the island's economic problems, needs, potentials and resources; presents the community's vision and goals; sets its strategic direction for action; establishes priority programs and projects for implementation; and outlines the standards for an annual evaluation and update of the plan and its related processes.

Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association Summary Statistical Report (September 2011); Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association; Monthly. Presents summary statistics on hotel rooms, room rates, occupancy rates and taxes, and room-employee ratio.

Briefing Papers on Economic Opportunities; Guam Economic Development Authority; March 4, 2011. Briefly discusses various Guam economic initiatives including National Export Initiative, Sports Tourism, Medical Education Development and Tourism, High Technology Light Manufacturing, Green Technology, Film Industry, and Agriculture. Identifies objectives, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for each initiative. Recommendations are included.

Revenue Enhancement Programs/Initiatives; Department of Revenue and Taxation; 2011. Highlights revenue enhancement measures to address the Government of Guam's cash flow situation through expanding the tax revenue base and optimizing return on financial investments afforded to Guam. The report identifies medium and long-term revenue enhancement recommendations, government-wide cost containment measures and economic development strategies. Includes estimated revenues gained from specified initiative.

EDUCATION

Annual State of Public Education Report (SY2010-SY2011); Department of Education; Annually. This report addresses the reporting requirements of Public Law 26-26 and the provisions of "No Child Left Behind Act" (NCLB). An annual report presenting demographic information on public school children in the community; information pertaining to student achievement, including Guam-wide assessment data, graduation and dropout rates, including progress toward achieving the education benchmarks establish by the Department of Education Board. Includes information pertaining to: 1) special program offerings; 2) characteristics of the schools and schools' staff; certification and assignment of teachers and experience of the staff; 3) Budget information, including source and disposition of school operating funds and salary data; and examples of exemplary programs, proven practices, programs designed to reduce costs or other innovations in education being developed by the schools that show improved student learning.

ENVIRONMENT

"People's Perception on the Establishment of Marine Reserves: The Case of Chamorro Villagers in Southern Guam"; Veikila Vuki, Grace Garces and Leni Quinata, SPC Women in Fisheries Information Bulletin: No. 21, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, (December 2010). Presents the results of surveys conducted to gauge the attitudes and perceptions of Chamorros living in the south of Guam regarding the establishment of the Achange marine reserve. The results of the survey addressed three main parts: 1) demography, household composition and other general issues such as environmental awareness and the importance of fishing; 2) awareness of marine preserve laws, marine environmental stewardships, attitudes and perceptions on Achange Reef Flat Marine Reserve, sense of attachment to the marine preserve and attitudes on the creation of community based conservation areas.

SAFETY


SOCIAL WELFARE

Guam 2012-2015 Four Year State Plan on Aging; Dept of Public Health and Social Services; September 2011. Program plan that addresses the needs of Guam's aging population for the period 2012 to 2015. It outlines long-term care initiatives and objectives aimed at helping Guam's aging community including improving their nutrition, mental and physical well being. It describes the different programs and services offered under the Division of Senior Citizens and collaborative work with local health service partners.