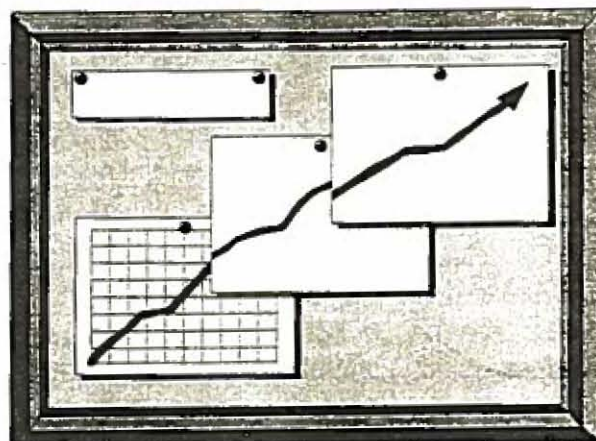
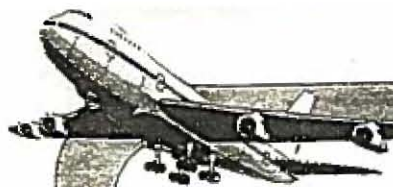




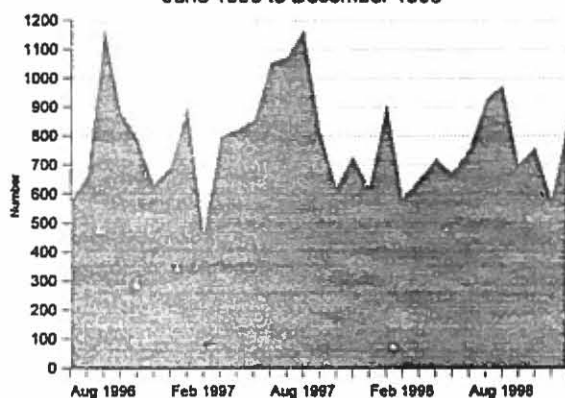
Guam's Newest Residents: 1998

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About 9,100 new residents came to Guam to live in 1998. This number is less than the 9,950 who arrived the previous year. Monthly arrivals averaged between 600 and 1,000 persons, with slightly lower arrivals in most months in 1998 compared to 1997.

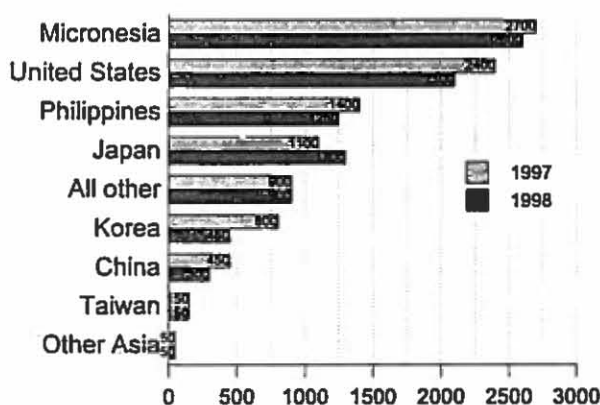
Total New Resident Arrivals
June 1996 to December 1998



Most of Guam's newest residents (3,500 persons) arrived from Asia in 1998, including the Philippines, Japan, Korea, China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. This number is 450 persons less than arrived in 1997 from those areas.

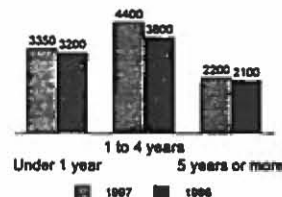
The largest decline in new residents was in persons from Korea, from 800 in 1997 to 450 in 1998. Only Japan sent more new residents to Guam in 1998 than in 1997, increasing from 1,100 in 1997 to 1,300 in 1998.

New Residents by Prior Residence



Persons from Micronesia (the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands) and from the United States comprised the second largest group of new residents, 2,250 persons in 1998 (down from 2,550 in 1997). Persons may relocate from these areas without the necessity of obtaining a visa from the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

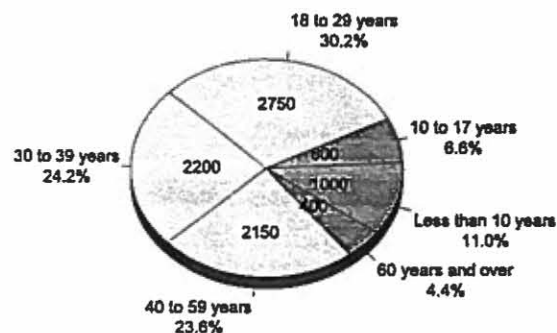
New residents generally intended to stay less than 5 years, while about 23 percent believed they would remain 5 years or longer. The number of persons who arrived with the intention of staying 5 years or longer remained about the same in 1997 and 1998, 2,200 and 2,100 respectively, while, the number planning to stay 1 to 4 years decreased more, by 600 persons.



Males formed the majority of Guam's newest residents in 1997 and in 1998. The decline in total arrivals between 1997 and 1998 was due nearly exclusively to a decline in the arrival of males, from 6,500 in 1997 to 5,700 in 1998. The arrival of females remained nearly the same in 1997 and 1998.



New Residents by Age: 1998

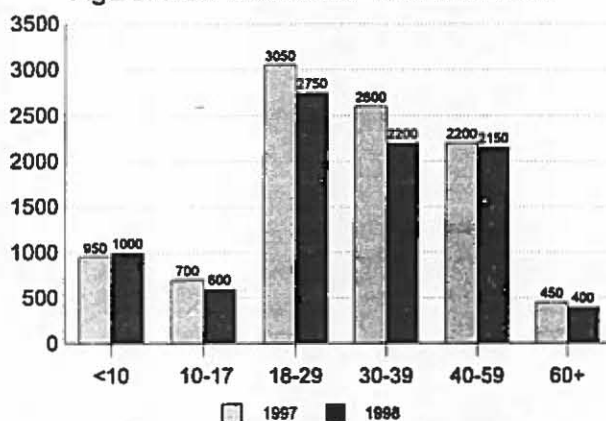


About 78 percent of new residents to Guam were of working age (18 to 59 years) in 1998, with those aged 18 to 29 years comprising the largest age category (2,750 persons, down from 3,050 in 1997.)

Children under the age of 18 years comprised 17.6 percent of new residents in 1998 (1,600 persons), about the same number as arrived in 1997.

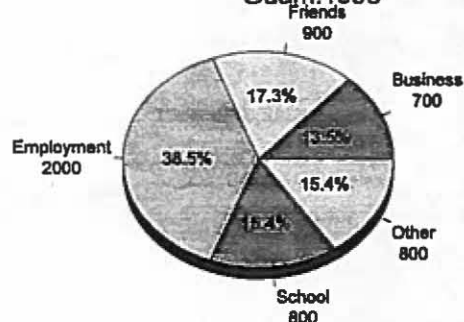
Few new residents aged 60 years and over came to Guam in 1998, about 4.4 percent of all new residents (400 persons). This was about the same number and percent as in 1997.

Age of New Residents: 1997 and 1998



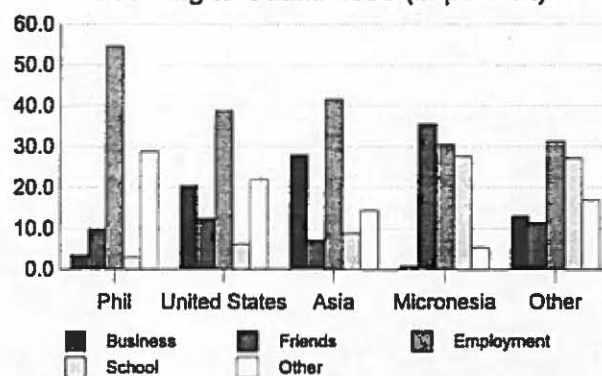
The most common reason for moving to Guam in 1998 was employment. About 17.3 percent arrived to join family and friends; 15.4 percent arrived for education purposes; and 13.5 percent came for business opportunities. The primary reason for travel is given for only one person in each arriving party, and thus the number of responses does not equal the total number of new residents.

Primary Reason for Moving to Guam: 1998



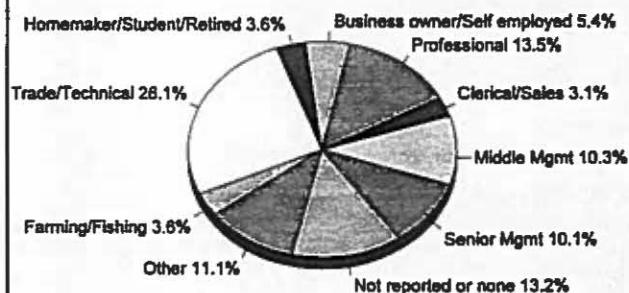
Motivations for moving to Guam varied by prior residence. The largest percentage seeking an education on Guam, as well as those joining family and friends here, arrived from Micronesia. Business owners and the self-employed were more likely to be from Asia and the U.S. than from other areas. New residents from Micronesia were least likely to come for employment.

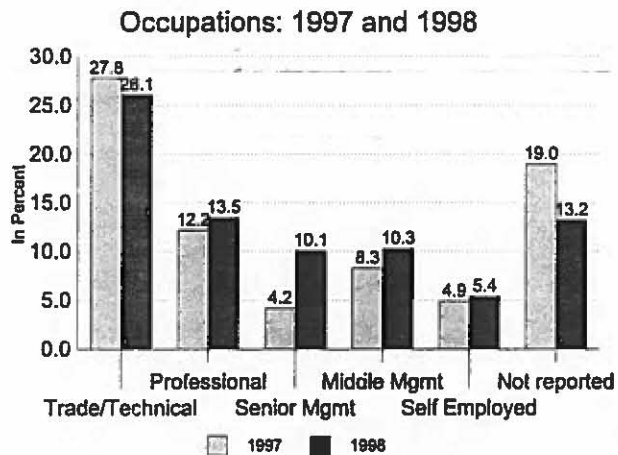
Prior Residence and Primary Reason for Moving to Guam: 1998 (in percent)



In 1998, trade and technical occupations (including construction) were the most common occupations for those coming to Guam for employment purposes, 26.1 percent. Other occupations included professional (13.5 percent); middle management (10.3 percent); senior management (10.1 percent); business owners and self-employed (5.4 percent); and clerical and sales (3.1 percent).

Occupation of Persons Arriving for Employment: 1998





The "not reported" occupation category decreased from 19.0 percent in 1997 to 13.2 percent in 1998, which may have caused percentages in some of the other categories to increase in 1998.

In summary, about 850 fewer new residents arrived on Guam in 1998 than in 1997. The decline was greatest for males, persons planning to stay from 1 to 4 years, persons aged 18 to 29 years of age, persons from Korea, and persons engaged in trade and technical occupations. These characteristics seem to correlate with the slowdown in Guam's construction industry during the year, an industry that relies heavily on temporary labor imported from Asia.

Source and Limitations of the Data: Data for this report are summarized by the Bureau of Planning from the Department of Customs and Quarantine Declaration Form, implemented in April 1996 and compiled by the Department of Commerce. Forms are collected from commercial airline passengers only. This report is based on stated intent upon arrival; how long a person will actually remain on Guam is subject to change based on individual and family circumstances. Active Duty military personnel and their dependents are excluded. Data on emigration and departure from Guam are not available. Errors in this report are solely the responsibility of the Bureau of Planning.