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COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, THE INSULAR POSSESSIONS, AND TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Insular possession	Date of establishment of insular government	Population, 2000 census	Area in square miles	Acquisition
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico	July 25, 1952	3,808,610	3,421	Ceded to United States by Spain by the Treaty of Paris, Dec. 10, 1898. The constitution of the Commonwealth was approved July 3, 1952.
Guam	Aug. 1, 1950	154,805	209	Ceded to the United States by Spain by the Treaty of Paris, Dec. 10, 1898.
American Samoa	(1)	57,291	77	Acquired by the United States Feb. 16, 1900, under terms of Tripartite Treaty Dec. 2, 1899. Full sovereignty accepted from native chiefs by United States Feb. 20, 1929.
Virgin Islands	June 22, 1936	108,612	132	By purchase from Denmark, Mar. 3, 1917, for $25,000,000. The Revised Organic Act of 1954 is the basis for the present territorial government.
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.	(1)(2)			Occupied during World War II. Placed under the United Nations Trusteeship system in 1947 by agreement with the Security Council of the United Nations.
Northern Mariana Islands	Jan. 9, 1978	69,221	184	Concluded future political status negotiations in 1975 which will establish a commonwealth relationship with the U.S. at termination of the trusteeship. Covenant providing this relationship passed by Congress in March 1976 (Pub.L. 94–241).

[1] Administered under jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, with a locally drafted constitution and elected governor and legislature.
[2] As of November 3, 1986 the Marshall Islands and the Federal States of Micronesia became freely associated states. The 1990 population of the remaining territory, the Republic of Palau, was 15,122.

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