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Chapter 1

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1.1 159.guide

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1.3 159.guide/Geography (Micronesia- Federated States of)

Geography (Micronesia- Federated States of)

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Location:

Oceania, in the North Pacific Ocean, about three-quarters of the way ↔
 between
 Hawaii and Indonesia

Map references:

Oceania, Southeast Asia, Standard Time Zones of the World

Area:

total area:

702 km²

land area:

702 km²

comparative area:

slightly less than four times the size of Washington, DC

note:

includes Pohnpei (Ponape), Truk (Chuuk), Yap, and Kosrae

Land boundaries:

0 km

Coastline:

6,112 km

Maritime claims:

exclusive economic zone:

200 nm

territorial sea:

12 nm

International disputes:

none

Climate:

tropical; heavy year-round rainfall, especially in the eastern islands;

located on southern edge of the typhoon belt with occasional severe damage

Terrain:

islands vary geologically from high mountainous islands to low, coral

atolls; volcanic outcroppings on Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Truk

Natural resources:

forests, marine products, deep-seabed minerals

Land use:

arable land:

NA%

permanent crops:

NA%
 meadows and pastures:
 NA%
 forest and woodland:
 NA%
 other:
 NA%
 Irrigated land:
 NA km2
 Environment:
 subject to typhoons from June to December; four major island groups ←
 totaling
 607 islands

1.4 159.guide/People (Micronesia- Federated States of)

People (Micronesia- Federated States of)

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Population:
 117,588 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 3.37% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate:
 28.48 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Death rate:
 6.46 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Net migration rate:
 11.65 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Infant mortality rate:
 37.96 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 67.45 years
 male:
 65.49 years
 female:
 69.44 years (1993 est.)
 Total fertility rate:
 4.04 children born/woman (1993 est.)
 Nationality:
 noun:
 Micronesian(s)
 adjective:
 Micronesian; Kosrae(s), Pohnpeian(s), Trukese, Yapese
 Ethnic divisions:
 nine ethnic Micronesian and Polynesian groups
 Religions:
 Christian (divided between Roman Catholic and Protestant; other churches
 include Assembly of God, Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh-Day Adventist,
 Latter-Day Saints, and the Baha'i Faith)
 Languages:
 English (official and common language), Trukese, Pohnpeian, Yapese, Kosrean

Literacy:
 age 15 and over can read and write (1980)
 total population:
 90%
 male:
 90%
 female:
 85%
 Labor force:
 NA
 by occupation:
 two-thirds are government employees
 note:
 45,000 people are between the ages of 15 and 65

1.5 159.guide/Government (Micronesia- Federated States of)

Government (Micronesia- Federated States of)

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Names:
 conventional long form: Federated States of Micronesia
 conventional short form:
 none
 former:
 Kosrae, Ponape, Truk, and Yap Districts (Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands)
 Abbreviation:
 FSM
 Digraph:
 FM
 Type:
 constitutional government in free association with the US; the Compact of Free Association entered into force 3 November 1986
 Capital:
 Kolonia (on the island of Pohnpei)
 note:
 a new capital is being built about 10 km southwest in the Palikir valley
 Administrative divisions:
 4 states; Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk (Truk), Yap
 Independence:
 3 November 1986 (from the US-administered UN Trusteeship)
 Constitution:
 10 May 1979
 Legal system:
 based on adapted Trust Territory laws, acts of the legislature, municipal, common, and customary laws
 National holiday:
 Proclamation of the Federated States of Micronesia, 10 May (1979)
 Political parties and leaders:
 no formal parties
 Suffrage:
 18 years of age; universal

Elections:
 President:
 last held 11 May 1991 (next to be held March 1995); results - President Bailey OLTER elected president; Vice-President Jacob NENA
 Congress:
 last held on 5 March 1991 (next to be held March 1993); results - percent ↵
 of
 vote NA; seats - (14 total)
 Executive branch:
 president, vice president, Cabinet
 Legislative branch:
 unicameral Congress
 Judicial branch:
 Supreme Court
 Leaders:
 Chief of State and Head of Government:
 President Bailey OLTER (since 21 May 1991); Vice President Jacob NENA (↵
 since
 21 May 1991)
 Member of:
 AsDB, ESCAP, ICAO, SPARTECA, SPC, SPF, UN, UNCTAD, WHO
 Diplomatic representation in US:
 chief of mission:
 Ambassador Jesse B. MAREHALAU
 chancery:
 1725 N St., NW, Washington, DC 20036

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telephone:
 (202) 223-4383
 US diplomatic representation:
 chief of mission:
 Ambassador Aurelia BRAZEAL
 embassy:
 address NA, Kolonia
 mailing address:
 P. O. Box 1286, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia 96941
 telephone:
 691-320-2187
 FAX:
 691-320-2186
 Flag:
 light blue with four white five-pointed stars centered; the stars are arranged in a diamond pattern

1.7 159.guide/Economy (Micronesia- Federated States of)

Economy (Micronesia- Federated States of)

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Overview:

Economic activity consists primarily of subsistence farming and fishing. ↵

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islands have few mineral deposits worth exploiting, except for high-grade phosphate. The potential for a tourist industry exists, but the remoteness of the location and a lack of adequate facilities hinder development.

Financial assistance from the US is the primary source of revenue, with the US pledged to spend \$1 billion in the islands in the 1990s. Geographical isolation and a poorly developed infrastructure are major impediments to long-term growth.

National product:

GNP - purchasing power equivalent - \$150 million (1989 est.)

note:

GNP numbers reflect US spending

National product real growth rate:

NA%

National product per capita:

\$1,500 (1989 est.)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

NA%

Unemployment rate:

NA%

Budget:

revenues \$165 million; expenditures \$115 million, including capital expenditures of \$20 million (1988)

Exports:

\$2.3 million (f.o.b., 1988)

commodities:

copra

partners:

NA

Imports:

\$67.7 million (c.i.f., 1988)

commodities:

NA

partners:

NA

External debt:

\$NA

Industrial production:

growth rate NA%

Electricity:

18,000 kW capacity; 40 million kWh produced, 380 kWh per capita (1990)

Industries:

tourism, construction, fish processing, craft items from shell, wood, and pearls

Agriculture:

mainly a subsistence economy; black pepper; tropical fruits and vegetables, coconuts, cassava, sweet potatoes, pigs, chickens

Economic aid:

under terms of the Compact of Free Association, the US will provide \$1.3 billion in grant aid during the period 1986-2001

Currency:
 US currency is used

Exchange rates:
 US currency is used

Fiscal year:
 1 October - 30 September

1.8 159.guide/Communications (Micronesia- Federated States of)

Communications (Micronesia- Federated States of)

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Highways:
 39 km of paved roads on major islands; also 187 km stone-, coral-, or laterite-surfaced roads

Ports:
 Colonia (Yap), Truk, Okat and Lelu (Kosrae)

Airports:
 total:
 6
 usable:
 5
 with permanent-surface runways:
 4
 with runways over 3,659 m:
 0
 with runways 2,440-3,659 m:
 0
 with runways 1,220-2,439 m:
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Telecommunications:
 telephone network - 960 telephone lines total at Kolonia and Truk; islands interconnected by shortwave radio (used mostly for government purposes); 16,000 radio receivers, 1,125 TV sets (est. 1987); broadcast stations - 5 AM, 1 FM, 6 TV, 1 shortwave; 4 Pacific Ocean INTELSAT earth stations

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Note:
 defense is the responsibility of the US