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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 159.guide

Texified version of data for Micronesia- Federated States of.

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Micronesia- Federated States of

### 1.2 159.guide/Micronesia- Federated States of

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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 km<sup>2</sup>

land area:

702 km<sup>2</sup>

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

## 1.6 159.guide/Government (Micronesia- Federated States of 2. usage)

Government (Micronesia- Federated States of 2. usage)

## 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:

4

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

## 1.9 159.guide/Defense Forces (Micronesia- Federated States of)

Defense Forces (Micronesia- Federated States of)

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Note:

defense is the responsibility of the US