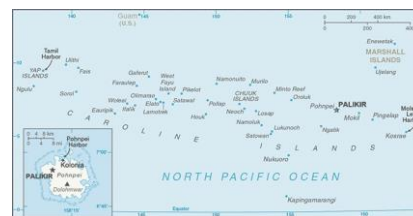


FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA



INTRODUCTION

The Caroline Islands are a widely scattered archipelago in the western Pacific Ocean. They became part of a UN Trust Territory under US administration following World War II. The eastern four island groups adopted a constitution in 1979 and chose to become the Federated States of Micronesia in free association with the US. Eligible Micronesians can live, work, and study in any part of the US and its territories without a visa.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Wesley W. SIMINA

Head of Government

President Wesley W. SIMINA

Government Type

federal republic in free association with the US

Capital

Palikir

Legislature

unicameral Congress (14 seats)

Ambassador to US

Chargé d'Affaires Jackson SORAM

US Ambassador

Charge d'Affaires Alissa M. BIBB

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 702 sq km

Land: 702 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

tropical; heavy year-round rainfall, especially in the eastern islands; located on southern edge of the typhoon belt with occasionally severe damage

Natural Resources

timber, marine products, deep-seabed minerals, phosphate

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

lower middle-income Pacific island economy; US aid reliance, sunset in 2024; low entrepreneurship; mostly fishing and farming; US dollar user; no patent laws; tourism remains underdeveloped; significant corruption

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$375.1 million (2021)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$3,300 (2021)

Industries - tourism, construction; specialized aquaculture, craft items (shell and wood)

Agricultural products - coconuts, cassava, vegetables, sweet potatoes, bananas, pork, plantains, fruit, eggs, beef

Exports \$179 million (2021 est.)

skipjack, tuna, fish fillets, aircraft, scrap iron (2021)

partners: Thailand 81%, China 9%, Japan 4%, Philippines 4%, United States 1% (2021)

Imports \$126 million (2021 est.)

poultry meats, broadcasting equipment, other meats, cars, fish products, rice, lumber (2021)

partners: US 34%, China 16%, Japan 11%, Taiwan 7%, South Korea 6% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

100,320 (2023 est.)

Population Growth

-0.7% (2023 est.)

Ethnicity

Chuukese/Mortlockese 49.3%, Pohnpeian 29.8%, Kosraean 6.3%, Yapese 5.7%, Yap outer islanders 5.1%, Polynesian 1.6%, Asian 1.4%, other 0.8% (2010 est.)

Language

English (official and common language), Chuukese, Kosraean, Pohnpeian, Yapese, Ulithian, Woleaian, Nukuoro, Kapingamarangi

Religion

Roman Catholic 54.7%, Protestant 41.1%, Church of Jesus Christ 1.5%, other 1.9%, none 0.7%, unspecified 0.1% (2010 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 23.4% of total population (2023)

rate of urbanization: 1.52% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)