

Factsheet: Micronesia

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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

Micronesia's 2004-2010 National Youth Policy defines youth as persons between the ages of 15 and 34 years.

CANDIDACY AGE

Lower House **30**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

Upper House **--**

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)
Unicameral.

MARRIAGEABLE AGE

	Without Parental Consent	Opposite Sex With Parental Consent	Same Sex
Male	18	--	--
Female	16	0	--

If the female is less than 16 years old, she must obtain parental permission to marry. There is no mandated minimum age for marriage. No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Source: [CRC/C/28/Add.5, ILGA](#)

VOTING AGE

18

Source: [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#)

MAJORITY AGE

18

Source: [Code of the Federated States of Micronesia \(1997\) §1616: Age of Majority](#)

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

0

Minimum Age
There is no clear minimum age of criminal responsibility. For offenders under 18 years, courts shall adopt a flexible procedure based on the accepted practice of juvenile courts of the United States. Source: [Code of the Federated States of Micronesia \(1997\)](#)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

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Year: No data.

Source: [Commonwealth Youth Programme](#)

LITERACY RATES

Both sexes (15-24) %

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Year: No data.

Source: [UNESCO](#)

NET ENROLMENT RATE

Secondary School

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Both sexes %

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Year: No data.

Source: [UNESCO](#)

SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

PREVALENCE OF HIV

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Male (15-24) %

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Female (15-24) %

Year: No data.

Source: [World Bank](#)

TOBACCO USE

Consumed any smokeless or smoking tobacco product at least once 30 days prior to the survey.

46.20%

Both sexes (13-15) %

51.90%

Male (13-15) %

39.80%

Female (13-15) %

Year: 2010

Source: [WHO](#)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

Micronesia has a [national youth policy](#) that was valid from 2004-2010. It has nine policy objectives and strategies in the following areas: Education; Health; Economic Development; Cultural Identity; Spirituality; Environment; Justice; National Pride, and; Institutional Strengthening, Capacity Building and Coordination. It is unclear how much progress has been made to formulate a new policy. The Micronesia chapter in the report [Urban Youth in the Pacific](#), written in 2011, states: "The policy expired at the end of 2010 [...] However, it is understood that work is underway to review progress and update the Policy". A [March 2012 report](#) on global AIDS response also mentions the youth policy in a footnote: "With the policy's expiry, a new policy is in development as this report was being written".

Is there a national youth policy?

UNCLEAR

Micronesia has a [national youth policy](#) from 2004. A recent book chapter adds context.

GDP PER CAPITA

USD 3054.07

Year: 2013

Source: [World Bank](#)

HDI

0.645

Year: 2013

Source: [UNDP](#)

124 out of 187 countries.

GINI

61.1

Year: 2000

Source: [World Bank](#)

CORRUPTION PERCEPTION

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Year: No data.

Source: [Transparency International](#)

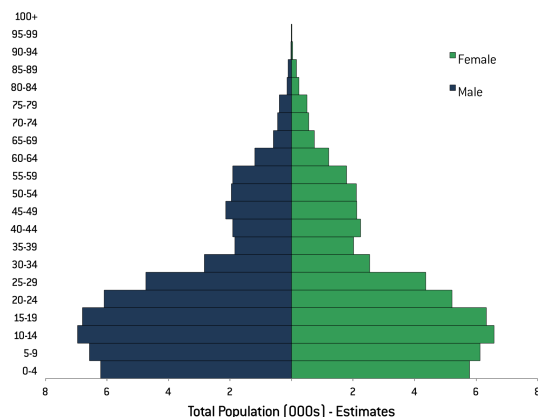
PRESS FREEDOM

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Year: No data.

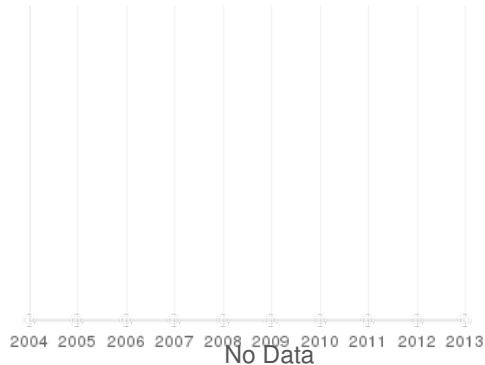
Source: [Reporters Without Borders](#)

POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX 2010



YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

Share of labour force aged 15-24 available and seeking employment



male - (15-24)

female - (15-24)

total labour force

Source: [World Bank](#)

Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source. (Accessed August 2013).

BUDGET & SPENDING

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PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

As listed in the [National Youth Policy 2004-2010](#), the Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs was the central government department responsible for youth development, which in 2007 was split into two different departments: Education and Health and Social Affairs (HSA). [Urban Youth in the Pacific](#) (2011) describes a National Youth Office within HAS, which coordinates and implements youth programmes at national and state levels, partnering with 37 governmental, non-governmental and faith-based organisations, as well as organises youth summits.

Is there a governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth?

YES

YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION

The [Federated States of Micronesia National Youth Council \(FSMNYC\)](#) is an umbrella organisation of youth clubs and state councils. The [youth policy](#) states that the government will work closely with the FSMNYC and State Youth Councils in the implementation of the policy. In [Urban Youth in the Pacific](#) (2011), FSMNYC is described as working closely with the National Youth Office, however neither national nor state councils receive any financial assistance from the government. Regionally, the FSMNYC is a member of the [Pacific Youth Council](#).

Does the country have a national youth organisation / association (council, platform, body)?

YES

BUDGET & SPENDING

The 2013 budget approved for the Sport & Youth Unit within the [Department of Health & Social Affairs](#) is USD 65,465. The currency of Micronesia is the US Dollar. The [World Bank](#) lists no data on public spending on education in Micronesia for the last ten years.

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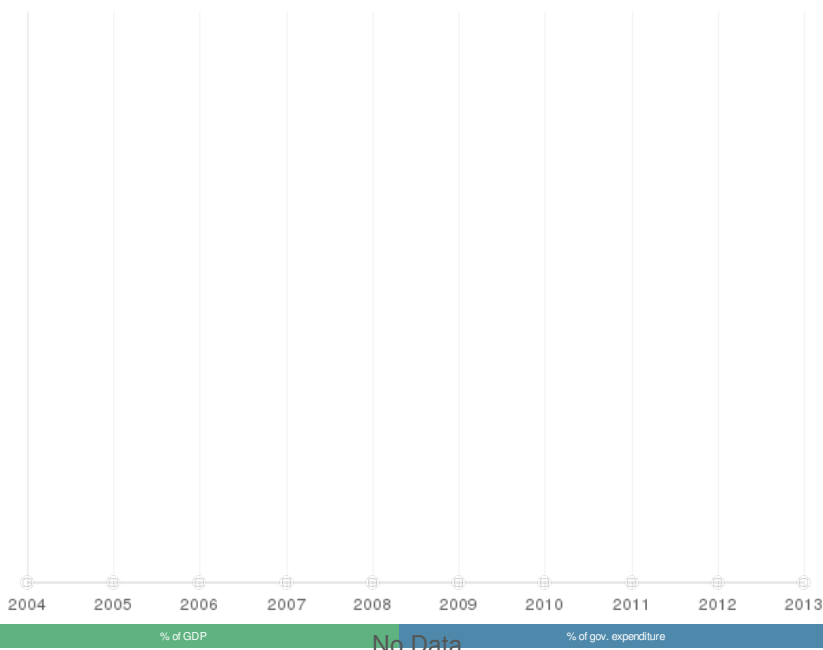
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No Data

% of GDP % of gov. expenditure

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PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

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