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

**CANDIDACY AGE**  
Lower House: 30  
Upper House: --  
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

**MARRIAGEABLE AGE**  
Without Parental Consent  
Male: 18  
Female: 16  

**VOTING AGE**  
18  
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

**MAJORITY AGE**  
18  
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

**CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
0  

**SITUATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX**  
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Source: Commonwealth Youth Programme

**LITERACY RATES**  
Both sexes (15-24) %: --  
Source: UNESCO

**NET ENROLMENT RATE**  
Secondary School  
Both sexes %: --  
Source: UNESCO

**PREVALENCE OF HIV**  
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Source: World Bank

**TOBACCO USE**  
46.20%  
Male (15-24) %: --  
Year: 2010  
Source: WHO

**MALE (13-15) %**  
51.90%  
Female (13-15) %: 39.80%  
Year: 2010  
Source: WHO

**FEMALE (13-15) %**  
No Data  

**MALE (15-24) %**  
No Data  

**FEMALE (15-24) %**  
No Data  

**UNemployment Rate**  
Share of labour force aged 15-24 available and seeking employment  
No Data  
Source: World Bank

**BUDGET & SPENDING**

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

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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.”
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 (HAS). 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.

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.

BUDGET & SPENDING

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