



Micronesia



Introduction to MICRONESIA

THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA is comprised of four distinct people groups – the Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap – loosely aligned under one flag. The four states vary in terms of religion, language, and lifestyle. The island group is supported by aid from the United States, and most people live on subsistence agriculture and fishing.

The MICRONESIAN people

Total population:	107,434
Children under 15:	37,421
Average Life Expectancy:	70.94 years
Per capita annual income:	\$2,200
% children in primary school:	N/A*
Average years of education:	N/A*
Literacy rate:	89%
Internet users:	16,000
Cell phones in use:	34,000
Major/official language(s):	English

Risk issues impacting children:

UNICEF does not currently offer children at risk statistics specific to this country. Below is children at risk information regarding many nations in this region, and all statements may not be directly applicable to this nation.

- Poverty forces many children to drop out of school because their parents can't afford school fees.
- Poverty, illiteracy, sexual exploitation of children and the prevalence of unsafe sex practices are all prevalent, and create an environment ripe for contagious disease.
- High suicide rates, drug and alcohol addiction deteriorate many families.

More about MICRONESIA

Capital city:	Palikir
Type of government:	Constitutional Government in free association with the US
Square kilometers:	702
General terrain:	Islands vary geologically from high mountainous islands to low, coral atolls; volcanic outcroppings on Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Chuuk
Major industries/jobs:	Tourism, construction, fish processing, specialized aquaculture, craft items
National motto:	N/A*
Major airport(s):	Yap International, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Truk

Reaching MICRONESIA

Currently classified as World C: Christian

Major religions:

- Christian - 97%
- Other - 3%

Christian groups:

- Roman Catholic - 51.2%
- Protestant - 47.7%
- Other - 0.7%
- Independent - 0.4%

Unreached People Groups:	1 (0.7% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.014
Average annual baptisms:	1,148
Foreign missionaries:	510
Per million:	4,633.92
National Christian workers/pastors:	100
Per million:	908.61
Number of churches/congregations:	300

Children's ministry in MICRONESIA

Specific children's ministry information has not been provided for Micronesia. The following information regards general children's ministry in the Pacific Islands, and may not all be applicable to this nation.

- Overview:**
- Most inhabitants of the Pacific Islands are Christian and have some kind of established church.
 - Most nations and territories in the Pacific Islands are spread across thousands of kilometers. Therefore, it is difficult to uncover all pockets of children who still need Jesus.
 - Though larger, more populated islands are better resourced, thousands live in locales that are difficult to supply with training materials and resources. Many remote islands remain isolated to outside influence.
 - Animism and traditional religions still influence Christianity on some islands.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
300 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
37,421 children for Christ