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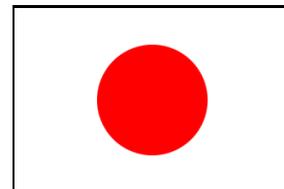
# Micronesia



1886 - 12 Oct 1899



12 Oct 1899 - 7 Oct 1914



7 Oct 1914 - 1944



1944 - 30 Nov 1978



18 Jul 1947 - 19 Aug 1965 Pacific Is.Trust Terr.



24 Oct 1962 - 30 Nov 1978 Pacific Is.Trust Terr.  
(unofficial to 19 Aug 1965)



Adopted 30 Nov 1978

[Map of Micronesia](#)

**Capital:** Palikir  
(Kolonia 1907-4 Nov 1989;  
Ponape 1899-1907;  
Colonia Santiago de la  
Ascensión 1887-1899)

**GDP:** \$336 million (2017)

[Hear National Anthem](#)

"Patriots of Micronesia"  
(or "Across All Micronesia")  
Adopted 10 Dec 1991

**Currency:** US Dollar (USD);  
1914-1944 Japanese Yen (JPY)

**Exports:** \$29.8 million (2017)  
**Imports:** \$154 million (2017)

[Former National Anthem](#)

"Preamble"  
(1979-10 Dec 1991)

**National Holiday:** 10 May (1979)  
Constitution Day

**Ethnic groups:** Chuukese 28%, Pohnpeian 24%, Yapese 10.6%,  
Mortlockese 5.6%, Kosraean 5.2%, U.S. white 4.5%,  
Ulithian 3.3%, Carolinian 2.8%, Asian 1.3%, Polynesian  
and others 14.7% (2000)

[Constitution](#)

(10 May 1979)

**Population:** 106,104 (2013)

**Total Police/Maritime Force:** 500 (2012)  
**Defense is the Responsibility of the U.S.**  
**Merchant marine:** 3 ships (2010)

**Religions:** Roman Catholic 52.7%, Protestant 40.6%  
 (of which Congregationalist 40.1%), Mormon 1%,  
 Ethno-religionist 3.35%, Baha'i 1.62%, Buddhist 0.43%,  
 Chinese folk religionist 0.30% (2005)

**International Organizations/Treaties:** ACP, ADB, AOSIS, APA (observer), CTBT, CWC, FAO, G-77, IBRD, ICAO, ICRM, ICSID, IDA, IFAD, IFC, IFRC, IMF, IOC, IOM, IPU, IRENA, ISA, ITSO, ITU, KP, MIGA, NPT, OPCW, PC, PIF, UN, UNCLOS, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNFCC, UNFCC-PA, UNIDO, WHO, WMO

## Chronology

<b>Micronesia Index</b>	1 Oct 1525	Discovered by Portuguese Capt. Diego da Rocha, named <i>Islas Sequeira</i> .
	1 Jan 1528	Re-discovered and claimed for Spain by Alvaro de Saavedra.
<b>Micronesia</b>	1686	Re-claimed for Spain by Francesco Lazcano and named <i>Islas Las Carolinas</i> (Caroline Islands) (subordinated to the <a href="#">Philippines</a> ), no settlement.
	1869	German trading company J.C. Godeffroy und Sohn establishes a trading station on Yap.
<b>Districts and States (from 1947)</b>	1874	Spain reasserts its claims to the islands, but does not begin settlement.
	1880	German trading firm the HERNSHEIM Company establishes trading stations on Yap and Ponape.
	Feb 1885	Spanish ship <i>Velasco</i> asserts Spain's sovereignty.
	21 Aug 1885	Spanish arrive in Yap.
	25 Aug 1885	German captain Max Plüddemann (b. 1846 - d. 1910) aboard the <i>Albatros</i> annex Yap, Chuuk (on 30 Sep 1885) and Ponape (on 13 Oct 1885) for Germany.
<b>Traditional states</b>	22 Oct 1885	Spanish possession is confirmed by the arbitration of Pope Leo XIII (signed 17 Dec 1885).
	12 Feb 1899	Spain sells the islands to Germany.
	18 Jul 1899	Part of German New Guinea (see <a href="#">Papua New Guinea</a> ). General supervision over the districts entrusted to the Heads of the district ( <i>Bezirkamtleute</i> ) of Ponape after 1907 those of District of Jap (Yap); named <i>Karolinen- und Palau-Inseln</i> .
<b>Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (1947-1986)</b>	29 Sep - 21 Oct 1914	Japanese occupation (Ponape occupied 7 Oct 1914 and Truk on 12 Oct 1914) (see under <a href="#">Marshall Islands</a> ; from 28 Dec 1914 see under <a href="#">Palau</a> ).
	28 Jun 1919	Germany formally renounces claims to the islands.
	17 Dec 1920	League of Nations mandate (South Seas Islands).
	Jul 1921	Japanese transfer civil administration from Chuuk to Koror in Palau.
	1 Apr 1922	Part of South Seas Government (see under <a href="#">Palau</a> ).
	1935	Japan declares that the mandated islands are an "integral part of the Japanese Empire."
	20 Sep 1944	U.S. occupation begins (Ulithi Atoll and Yap from 5 Sep 1945).
	14 Aug 1945	Japanese mandate revoked by Potsdam agreement; recognized 28 Apr 1952 by peace of San Francisco)
	Sep 1945 - 30 Jun 1951	U.S. Navy military administration.
	18 Jul 1947	Part of the UN Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI) (Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Northern Mariana Islands, & Palau [TTPI is divided into districts: Marshalls, Ponape [incl. Kosrae], Truk, Yap, Palau, the Mariana Islands [and 10 Mar 1955 - 1 Jul 1962, Rota]).
	1 Jul 1951 - 10 May 1979	Administered by the U.S. Department of Interior.
	10 May 1979	Autonomy (Federated States of Micronesia) (formerly the Ponape, Truk and Yap districts).
	3 Nov 1986	Compact of Free Association with the U.S. effective.
	10 Jul 1987	Trust territory dissolved.
	22 Dec 1990	Final independence (Security Council ratifies termination of trusteeship).

## Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands



Adopted 24 Oct 1962  
(unofficial to 19 Aug 1965)



High Commissioner's Flag 1947 - 1987

**Map of Trust Territory of Pacific**

**Capital:** Saipan  
(Agana, Guam 1944-1951)

**Population:** 132,929 (1980)

- 18 Jul 1947 Part of the UN Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI)(Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Northern Mariana Islands, and Palau [TTPI is divided into districts: Marshalls, Ponape [incl. Kosrae], Truk, Yap, Palau, the Mariana Islands [and 10 Mar 1955 - 1 Jul 1962, Rota]).
- 10 May 1979 Federated States of Micronesia formed from the districts of Ponape, Truk and Yap districts.
- 21 Oct 1986 U.S. ends its administration of the Marshall Islands district.
- 10 Jul 1987 High Commissioner retires , TTPI As Palau administered by the Office of Territorial and International Affairs of the U.S. Department of Interior.
- 22 Dec 1990 United Nations formally ends trusteeship for Chuuk, Yap, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Mariana Islands, and Marshall Islands districts.
- 25 May 1994 United Nations formally ends trusteeship for Palau district.

**Military Governors of the Marshall, Caroline, and Mariana Islands**

- Mar 1944 - 19 Jun 1944 John Henry Hoover (b. 1887 - d. 1970) Mil
- 19 Jun 1944 - 24 Nov 1945 Chester William Nimitz (b. 1885 - d. 1966) Mil
- 24 Nov 1945 - 3 Feb 1946 Raymond Ames Spruance (b. 1885 - d. 1969) Mil
- 3 Feb 1946 - 28 Feb 1947 John Howard Towers (b. 1885 - d. 1955) Mil
- 28 Feb 1947 - 18 Jul 1947 Louis Emil Denfeld (b. 1891 - d. 1972) Mil

**High Commissioners of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands**

- 18 Jul 1947 - 17 Apr 1948 Louis Emil Denfeld (s.a.) Mil
- 17 Apr 1948 - 1 May 1949 DeWitt Clinton Ramsey (b. 1888 - d. 1961) Mil
- 1 May 1949 - 6 Jan 1951 Arthur William Radford (b. 1896 - d. 1973) Mil
- 6 Jan 1951 - 11 Feb 1953 Elbert Duncan Thomas (b. 1883 - d. 1953) Dem
- 13 Mar 1953 - 1 Sep 1954 Frank Elbert Midkiff (b. 1887 - d. 1983)
- 1 Sep 1954 - 1 May 1961 Delmas Henry Nucker (b. 1907 - d. 1985)
- (acting to 26 Nov 1956)
- 1 May 1961 - 27 May 1966 Maurice Wilfred Goding (b. 1911 - d. 1989) Dem
- 27 May 1966 - 1 May 1969 William Robert Norwood (b. 1909 - d. 1981)
- (acting to 1 Aug 1966)
- 1 May 1969 - 1 Jul 1976 Edward Elliott Johnston (b. 1918 - d. 2011)
- 1 Jul 1976 - Feb 1977 Peter Tali Coleman (acting) (b. 1919 - d. 1997) Rep
- Feb 1977 - 9 Jul 1977 James Boyd Mackenzie (acting) (b. 1918 - d. 1978)
- 9 Jul 1977 - 1981 Adrian Paul Winkel (b. 1915 - d. 1994) Dem
- 1981 - Dec 1981 Daniel Joseph High (acting) (b. 1938)
- Dec 1981 - 10 Jul 1987 Janet Jenkins McCoy (f) (b. 1916 - d. 1995) Rep

**Director, Office of Transition of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands**

- 3 Nov 1986 - 30 Sep 1991 Charles "Chuck" D. Jordan

**Party abbreviations:** Dem = Democratic Party (U.S. Democratic Party, liberal, center-left, est.1829); Rep = Republican Party (U.S. Republican Party, conservative, center-right, est.1854); Mil = Military

# Micronesia

**Political and Military Governors**

- for western Caroline islands and Palau (Yap [and from 1907 Saipan])-

1886 - 1887	Manuel de Elisa y Vergara	
1887 - 1888 (6 months)	Mariano Torres de Navarra	(b. 1845 - d. 1889)
	(1st time)	
1888 - 1889	José Montes de Oca y Aceñero	(b. 1844 - d. 1897)
	(1st time)	
1889 - 1890	Mariano Torres de Navarra	(s.a.)
	(2nd time)	
1890 - 1892	José Montes de Oca y Aceñero	(s.a.)
	(2nd time)	
16 Jun 1892 - 23 Feb 1894	Manuel Antón e Iboléon	(b. 1850 - d. 1908)
23 Feb 1894 - 1895	José Montes de Oca y Aceñero	(s.a.)
	(3rd time)	
13 Nov 1895 - Jan 1897	Jacobo Marina Vega	(b. 1847 - d. ....)
1897 - 2 Nov 1899	Salvador Rafael Cortés y Samit	(b. 1848 - d. 1928)
Nov 1899 - 1906	Arno Senfft (1st time)	(b. 1864 - d. 1909)
Apr 1906 - 1907	Georg Fritz (1st time)(acting)	(b. 1865 - d. 1944)
1907 - Feb 1909	Arno Senfft (2nd time)	(s.a.)
1909	Rudolf Karlowa	(b. 1844 - d. 1913)
1909 - 1910	Georg Fritz (2nd time)	(s.a.)
1910 - 1911	Hermann Kersting	(b. 1863 - d. 1937)
1911 - 1914	Baumert	
<i>- for eastern Caroline islands (Ponape [and from 1911 Marshall Islands])-</i>		
1 Mar 1886 - Jul? 1886	Isidro Posadillo y Posadillo	(b. 1840 - d. 1887)
	(1st time)	
26 Jul 1886 - 6 Aug 1886	Luis Bayo y Hernández Pinzón	(b. 1846 - d. 1906)
1886 - 1887	Enrique Capriles y Osuna	(b. 1850 - d. ....)
13 Mar 1887 - 3 Jul 1887	Isidro Posadillo y Posadillo	(s.a.)
	(2nd time)	
29 Oct 1887 - Jan 1891	Luis Cadarso y Rey	(b. 1831 - d. 1898)
19 Feb 1891 - Feb 1892	Julio Merás y Urío	
28 Feb 1892 - 28 Apr 1892	José Padriñan (or Padman)	
28 Apr 1892 - May 1893	Bienvenido Flandes (acting)	
19 May 1893 - Aug 1894	Fernando Claudin	
Aug 1894 - Aug 1896	José Pidal y Rebollo	(b. 1849 - d. 1920)
23 Aug 1896 - 2 Jan 1897	Francisco Jiménez y Villavicencio	(b. 1847 - d. 19..)
Jan 1897 - 1897	Michael Velasco	
bf.Nov 1897 - May 1899	José Fernández de Córdoba	
31 May 1899 - 2 Oct 1899	Ricardo de Castro y Candara (acting)	
2 Oct 1899 - 1901	Albert Hahl	(b. 1868 - d. 1945)
1 Sep 1901 - 30 Apr 1907	Victor Berg	(b. 1861 - d. 1907)
1907	August Ueberhorst (1st time)(acting)	
1907 - 1909	Georg Fritz	(s.a.)
Oct 1909 - 18 Oct 1910	Gustav Boeder	(b. c.1862 - d. 1910)
18 Oct 1910 - Feb 1911	Max Girschner (acting)	(b. 1861 - d. 1927)
1911 - 7 Oct 1914	August Ueberhorst (2nd time)	
<b>Bezirksamtman Bezirk Ponape (Bezirk der Ostkarolinen)</b>		
<b>(and to 1907, Vice-governors of German New Guinea)</b>		
Jul 1899 - 1901	Albert Hahl	(s.a.)
1902 - 30 Apr 1907	Victor Berg	(s.a.)
1907 - 1908	Wilhelm Stuckhardt	(b. 18.. - d. 1909)
1908 - 1909	Georg Fritz	(s.a.)
1909 - 1911	Gustav Boeder	(s.a.)
1911 - 1914	Hermann Kersting	(s.a.)
<b>Stationsleiter Stationsbezirk Truk</b>		
<b>(subordinated to Ponape)</b>		
1909 - 1911	Max Scharlauch	
1911 - 1913	Gentner	
1913 - 1914	Otto Paulisch	
<b>Bezirksamtman Bezirk Jap (Yap) (Bezirk der Westkarolinen)</b>		
<b>(and from 1907, Vice-governors of German New Guinea)</b>		
1899 - 1909	Arno Senfft	(s.a.)
1909	Rudolf Karlowa	(s.a.)
1909 - 1910	Georg Fritz	(s.a.)
1910 - 1911	Hermann Kersting	(s.a.)
1911 - 1914	Baumert	
<b>Governors</b>		
18 Jul 1899 - 7 Oct 1914	<b>the governors of <a href="#">German New Guinea</a></b>	
7 Oct 1914 - 1 Apr 1922	<b>the commanders of Interim Southern Islands Defense Unit (see <a href="#">Palau</a>)</b>	
1 Apr 1922 - 2 Sep 1945	<b>the Administrators of South Seas Agency (see <a href="#">Palau</a>)</b>	

**Japanese Commanders-in-chief of the 4th Fleet (in Truk)**

15 Nov 1939 - 15 Nov 1940	Eikichi Katagiri	(b. 1885 - d. 1972)
15 Nov 1940 - 11 Aug 1941	Shirō Takasu	(b. 1884 - d. 1944)
11 Aug 1941 - 26 Oct 1942	Shigeyoshi Inoue	(b. 1889 - d. 1975)
26 Oct 1942 - 1 Apr 1943	Baron Tomoshige Samejima	(b. 1889 - d. 1966)
11 Apr 1943 - 19 Feb 1944	Masami Kobayashi	(b. 1890 - d. 1977)
19 Feb 1944 - 2 Sep 1945	Chūichi Hara	(b. 1889 - d. 1964)

**Commanders-in-chief U.S. Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas,  
Military Governors of the Caroline Islands**

2 Sep 1945 - 24 Nov 1945	Chester William Nimitz	(b. 1885 - d. 1966)
24 Nov 1945 - 3 Feb 1946	Raymond Ames Spruance	(b. 1886 - d. 1969)
3 Feb 1946 - 28 Feb 1947	John Henry Towers	(b. 1885 - d. 1955)
28 Feb 1947 - 1 Jul 1947	Louis Emil Denfeld	(b. 1891 - d. 1972)

**Military Administrators**

2 Sep 1945 - 18 Jul 1947 **the Commanders of U.S. Naval Forces  
Mariana Islands** (see [Northern Marianas](#))

**Governors, Western Caroline Islands**

Sep 1947 - Jun 1951 **the Civil Administrators** [Palau](#)

**Governors, Eastern Caroline Islands**

Sep 1947 - Dec 1947	Harold D. Huxley	(b. 1905 - d. 19..)
Dec 1947 - Mar 1948	Loren Hall Kiser (acting)	(b. 1918 - d. 2009)
Mar 1948 - Mar 1949	Edward Robert Nelson, Jr.	(b. 1910 - d. ....)
Jun 1949 - Sep 1950	Robert Davis Law (1st time)	(b. 1917 - d. 1982)
Dec 1950 - Mar 1951	Roland Walker Kenney	(b. 1904 - d. 1995)
Jun 1951	Robert Davis Law (2nd time)	(s.a.)

**Presidents**

11 May 1979 - 11 May 1987	Tosiwo Nakayama	(b. 1931 - d. 2007)	Non-party
11 May 1987 - 11 May 1991	John Richard Haglelgam	(b. 1949)	Non-party
11 May 1991 - 8 May 1997	Bailey Olter	(b. 1932 - d. 1999)	Non-party
8 Nov 1996 - 11 May 1999	Jacob Nena (acting for incapacitated Olter to 8 May 1997)	(b. 1941)	Non-party
11 May 1999 - 11 May 2003	Leo Amy Falcam	(b. 1935 - d. 2018)	Non-party
11 May 2003 - 11 May 2007	Joseph John Urusemal	(b. 1952)	Non-party
11 May 2007 - 11 May 2015	Emmanuel "Manny" Mori	(b. 1948)	Non-party
11 May 2015 - 11 May 2019	Peter Martin Christian	(b. 1947)	Non-party
11 May 2019 -	David W. Panuelo	(b. 1964)	Non-party

No Formal Political Parties Exist

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