

Federated States of Micronesia (FSM): Demographic, Economic and Business Opportunities Summary

Economy, Labor Force and Employment Statistics

Population	107,513	Gross Island Product (GIP, \$ mil)	\$222.1
Total Labor Force	62,358	% Government	28.0
Total Employment	29,175	% Private Sector	28.0
Private Sector	6,700	% Households	25.0
National Government	810	GIP Per Capita (\$)	\$2,066
State Government	5,047	Imports (\$, mil)	\$108.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	22.0	Exports (\$, mil)	\$20.1

Sources: Summer Training Program, Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior

I. Competitive Advantages

Primary:

- **Location:** Relative proximity to Hawaii and Guam
- **Political Stability:** Democratic institutions embedded in the various traditional cultures
- **Infrastructure:** Commercial airports, sea ports, telecom, Internet access, hotels, restaurants and stores, medical facilities
- **U.S. Affiliation:** English-speaking labor and U.S. dollar as currency
- **Governance:** U.S.-style republican system with direct and secret ballot elections of state and national government leaders; legal code follows U.S. common law system; own labor and immigration rules

Secondary:

- **Logistics:** Regular air and shipping routes to Hawaii and Guam
- **Climate:** Warm and pleasant tropical climate
- **Exclusive Economic Zone:** allows access to a large area for fish and other sea products

II. Opportunities For Economic Growth and Development

- **Education and Training:** Vocational & technical training; strengthening the College of Micronesia; improvements in health and medical services
- **Tourism:** niche tourism, ecotourism, sports-fishing and other water sporting events
- **Manufacturing:** light manufacturing and fish processing
- **Agriculture:** Tropical crops and fruits, coconut trees (copra)
- **Aquaculture**

III. Potential Investments

- World-class hotel and golf course construction
- Light manufacturing
- Aquaculture
- Fisheries and fish processing
- Agriculture