AMERICAN SAMOA









GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Donald J. TRUMP

Head of Government

Governor Lolo Matalasi MOLIGA

Government Type

republican form of government with separate executive, legislative, and judicial branches; unincorporated unorganized territory of the US with local self-government

Capital

Pago Pago

Legislature

bicameral Legislature or Fono consists of the Senate (18 seats) and the House of Representatives (21 seats)

Judiciary

High Court of American Samoa (consists of the chief justice, associate chief justice, and 6 Samoan associate judges and organized into trial, family, drug, and appellate divisions); note - American Samoa has no US federal courts

Ambassador to US

none (territory of the US)

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none (territory of the US)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 224 sq km Land: 224 sq km Water: 0 sq km

Climate

tropical marine, moderated by southeast trade winds; annual rainfall averages about 3 m; rainy season (November to April), dry season (May to October); little seasonal temperature variation

Natural Resources

pumice, pumicite

as of October 2020

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

a traditional Polynesian economy with more than 90% of land communally owned; Economy is strongly linked to the US; Tuna fishing and processing are the backbone of the private sector with processed fish products as the primary exports

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$658 million (2016 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$11,200 (2016 est.)

Exports

\$428 million (2016 est.)

partners: Australia 25%, Ghana 19%, Indonesia 15.6%, Burma 10.4%, Portugal 5.1% (2017)

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Imports

\$615 million (2016 est.)

partners: Fiji 10.7%, Singapore 10.4%, NZ 10.4%, South Korea 9.3%, Samoa 8.2%, Kenya 6.4%, Australia 5.2% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

49,440 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

-1.4% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Pacific Islander 92.6% (includes Samoan 88.9%, Tongan 2.9%, other .8%),

Asian 3.6% (includes Filipino 2.2%, other 1.4%), mixed 2.7%, other 1.2% (2010 est.)

Language

Samoan 88.6% (closely related to Hawaiian and other Polynesian languages), English 3.9%, Tongan 2.7%, other Pacific islander 3%, other 1.8% (2010 est.)

note: most people are bilingual

Religion

Christian 98.3%, other 1%, unaffiliated 0.7% (2010 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 87.2% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 0.07% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)