# SOLOMON ISLANDS









#### GOVERNMENT

### **Chief of State**

Queen ELIZABETH II

#### **Head of Government**

Prime Minister Rick HOU

#### **Government Type**

parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm

# Capital

Honiara

#### Legislature

unicameral National Parliament (50 seats)

#### **Judiciary**

Court of Appeal; High Court (consists of the chief justice and puisne judges, as prescribed by the National Parliament)

#### **Ambassador to US**

Charge d'Affaires Janice MOSE

#### **US Ambassador**

the US does not have an embassy in the Solomon Islands; the US Ambassador to Papua New Guinea is accredited to the Solomon Islands

#### **GEOGRAPHY**

#### Area

Total: 28,896 sq km Land: 27,986 sq km Water: 910 sq km

### Climate

tropical monsoon; few temperature and weather extremes

# **Natural Resources**

fish, forests, gold, bauxite, phosphates, lead, zinc, nickel

#### **ECONOMY**

#### **Economic Overview**

the bulk of the population depends on agriculture, fishing, and forestry for at least part of its livelihood; most manufactured goods and petroleum products must be imported.

# **GDP** (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1.33 billion (2017 est.)

# **GDP** per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$2.200 (2017 est.)

# **Exports**

\$468.6 million (2017 est.)

partners: China 64.5%, Italy 6.2%, Switzerland 4.6%, Philippines

4.4% (2017)

#### **Imports**

\$462.1 million (2017 est.)

partners: China 21.9%, Australia 19.6%, Singapore 10.7%, Vietnam 7.5%, NZ 6.2%, Papua New Guinea 5%, South Korea

4.7% (2017)

# **PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

# **Population**

685,100 (July 2020 est.)

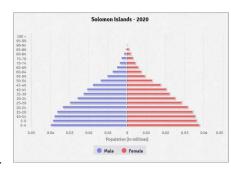
# **Population Growth**

1.84% (2020 est.)

# **Ethnicity**

Melanesian 95.3%, Polynesian 3.1%, Micronesian 1.2%, other

0.3% (2009 est.)



#### Language

Melanesian pidgin (in much of the country is lingua franca), English (official but spoken by only 1%-2% of the population), 120 indigenous languages

# Religion

Protestant 73.4%, Roman Catholic 19.6%, other Christian 2.9%, other 4%, unspecified 0.1% (2009 est.)

# Urbanization

urban population: 24.7% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 3.91% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)