

SAMOA









GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

TUIMALEALI'IFANO Va'aletoa Sualauvi II

Head of Government

Prime Minister TUILA'EPA Lupesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Nairobi

Legislature

unicameral Legislative Assembly or Fono (50 seats)

Judiciary

Court of Appeal (consists of the chief justice and 2 Supreme Court judges and meets once or twice a year); Supreme Court (consists of the chief justice and several judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Aliioaiga Feturi ELISAIA

US Ambassador

the US Ambassador to New Zealand is accredited to Samoa

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 2,831 sq km Land: 2,821 sq km Water: 10 sq km

Climate

tropical; rainy season (November to April), dry

season (May to October)

Natural Resources

hardwood forests, fish, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

traditionally dependent on development aid, family remittances from overseas, tourism, agriculture, and fishing; service sector accounts for nearly two-thirds of GDP and employs approximately 50% of the labor force

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1.137 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$5,700 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$27.5 million (2017 est.)

partners: Australia 22.9%, NZ 22.8%, American Samoa 22.1%,

Afghanistan 14.9%, US 5.9% (2017)

Imports

\$89.29 billion (2017 est.)

partners: NZ 22%, Singapore 20.7%, US 12.5%, China 10.1%,

Australia 8.6%, Fiji 5.2% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

203,770 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.61% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Samoan 96%, Samoan/ New Zealander 2%, other

1.9% (2011 est.)



Language

Samoan (Polynesian) (official) 91.1%, Somoan/English 6.7%, English (official) 0.5%, other 0.2%, unspecified 1.6% (2006 est.)

Religion

Protestant 54.9%, Roman Catholic 18.8%, Mormon 16.9%, Worship Centre 2.8%, other Christian 3.6%, other 2.9% (includes Baha'i, Muslim), none 0.2% (2016 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 17.9% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: -0.47% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

99.1% (2018)

as of December 2020