

Introduction

Samoa is a country in Oceania halfway between Hawaii and New Zealand. Samoa has two main islands (Savaii and Upolu) and several smaller islands and uninhabited islets.



The geography is volcanic and rocky with rugged mountains in the interior. The government system is a parliamentary democracy; and the head of government is the prime minister. Samoa citizens rely on subsistence agriculture; however, the central government is involved with economic planning and regulation.



Location: Polynesia

Capital City: Apia (-11 GMT)

Chief of State: Tuimaleali'ifano Va'aletoa Sualauvi II

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Fiame Naomi Mata'afa

Currency: Tala (WST)

Major Languages: <p>Samoan (Polynesian) (official) 91.1%, Samoan/English 6.7%, English (official) 0.5%, other 0.2%, unspecified 1.6% (2006 est.)</p>

Primary Religions: <p>Protestant 54.9% (Congregationalist 29%, Methodist 12.4%, Assembly of God 6.8%, Seventh Day Adventist 4.4%, other Protestant 2.3%), Roman Catholic 18.8%, Church of Jesus Christ 16.9%, Worship Centre 2.8%, other Christian 3.6%, other 2.9% (includes Baha''i, Muslim), none 0.2% (2016 est.)</p>

Calling Code: 685

Voltage: 230

Key Websites

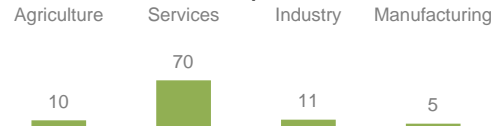
Main Government Page: samoagovt.ws

Commerce Ministry: mcil.gov.ws

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Lower Middle Income
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$1.33 billion (2021)
GDP growth (annual %):	-7.08% (2021)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$6,079.76 (2021)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$443,272,400.90 (2021)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	4.87% (2021)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$0.12 billion (2021)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	3.13% (2021)
Labor force, total:	58,397 (2021)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	9.84% (2021)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.42 billion (2021)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.10 billion (2021)

GDP Composition %



**Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

Rankings

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Index of Economic Freedom	80 / 179
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