

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: Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi

Currency: Tala (WST)

Major Languages: <p>Samoan (Polynesian) (official), English</p>

Primary Religions: <p>Protestant 57.4% (Congregationalist 31.8%, Methodist 13.7%, Assembly of God 8%, Seventh-Day Adventist 3.9%), Roman Catholic 19.4%, Mormon 15.2%, Worship Centre 1.7%, other Christian 5.5%, other 0.7%, none 0.1%, unspecified 0.1%</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 \$):	\$1.30 billion (2017)
GDP growth (annual %):	2.50% (2017)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$6,610.80 (2017)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$443,075,541.60 (2017)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	9.65% (2017)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$0.03 billion (2016)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	1.64% (2017)
Labor force, total:	39,277 (2017)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	8.21% (2017)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.39 billion (2016)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.23 billion (2016)

GDP Composition %

Agriculture Services Industry Manufacturing



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

Rankings

Index	Rank
Index of Economic Freedom	90 / 180
KOF Index of Globalization	148 / 185

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