

## Introduction

The Solomon Islands is an archipelago country in Oceania consisting of nearly 1,000 islands. Solomon Islands has a strategic location on sea routes between the South Pacific Ocean, the Solomon Sea, and the Coral Sea. Proximate countries include Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Tuvalu, and Australia. The geography of Solomon Islands is mostly mountainous with rainforests covering some islands. The government system is a parliamentary democracy and a Commonwealth realm; the chief of state is the queen of the United Kingdom, and the head of government is the prime minister. Solomon Islands has a traditional economic system in which the allocation of available resources is made on the basis of primitive methods, and many citizens engage in subsistence agriculture.



**Location:** Oceania, Melanesia

**Capital City:** Honiara (+11 GMT)

**Chief of State:** Queen Elizabeth II represented by Governor General Frank Kabui

**Head of Govt.:** Prime Minister Rick Hou

**Currency:** Solomon Islands Dollar (SBD)

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

**Primary Religions:** Protestant 73.4% (Church of Melanesia 31.9%, South Sea Evangelical 17.1%, Seventh Day Adventist 11.7%, United Church 10.1%, Christian Fellowship Church 2.5%), Roman Catholic 19.6%, other Christian 2.9%, other 4%, none 0.03%, unspecified 0.1%

**Calling Code:** 677

**Voltage:** 240

## Key Websites

## Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Lower Middle Income
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$1.48 billion (2017)
GDP growth (annual %):	3.24% (2017)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$2,421.78 (2017)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$350,107,656.20 (2017)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	3.76% (2009)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$0.05 billion (2017)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	0.49% (2017)
Labor force, total:	267,203 (2017)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	2.05% (2017)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.62 billion (2015)
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## 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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Corruption Perceptions Index	85 / 178
Index of Economic Freedom	132 / 179
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	104 / 160
KOF Index of Globalization	185 / 185

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