

## Introduction

Tonga is a country the South Pacific Ocean in Oceania. Proximate countries include Fiji, Vanuatu, and Tuvalu. Tonga is an archipelago of 169 islands mainly raised by coral, but some are volcanic. The government system is a constitutional monarchy; the chief of state is the king, and the head of government is the prime minister. Tonga has a mixed economic system in which there is a variety of private freedom, combined with centralized economic planning and government regulation.



**Location:** Polynesia

**Capital City:** Nuku'alofa (+13 GMT)

**Chief of State:** King Tupou VI

**Head of Govt.:** Prime Minister 'Akilisi Pohiva

**Currency:** Tonga Pa'anga (TOP)

**Major Languages:** <p>English and Tongan 87%, Tongan (official) 10.7%, English (official) 1.2%, other 1.1%, unspecified 0.03% (2006 est.)</p>

**Primary Religions:** <p>Protestant 64.9% (includes Free Wesleyan Church 37.3%, Free Church of Tonga 11.4%, Church of Tonga 7.2%, Tokaikolo Christian Church 2.6%, Assembly of God 2.3% Seventh Day Adventist 2.2%, Constitutional Church of Tonga .9%, Anglican .8% and Full Gospel Church .2%), Mormon 16.8%, Roman Catholic 15.6%, other 1.1%, none 0.03%, unspecified 1.7% (2006 est.)</p>

**Calling Code:** 676

**Voltage:** 240

## Key Websites

## Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Upper Middle Income
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$0.64 billion (2017)
GDP growth (annual %):	2.70% (2017)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$5,956.54 (2017)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$169,233,192.80 (2017)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	6.21% (2016)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$0.06 billion (2015)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	2.58% (2016)
Labor force, total:	41,220 (2017)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	1.13% (2017)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.27 billion (2016)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.09 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	106 / 179
KOF Index of Globalization	178 / 185

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