

## Introduction

Tuvalu is an island group nation consisting of nine coral atolls in the South Pacific Ocean in Oceania. Proximate countries include Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, and Samoa. The geography of Tuvalu includes low lying coral atolls. 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 of Tuvalu. Tuvalu has a traditional economy in which subsistence farming and fishing are the primary economic activities.



**Location:** Polynesia

**Capital City:** Funafuti (+12 GMT)

**Chief of State:** Queen Elizabeth II represented by Governor General Iakoba Italeli

**Head of Govt.:** Prime Minister Enele Sosene Sopoaga

**Currency:** Tuvaluan dollar (TVD) or Australian dollar (AUD)

**Major Languages:** Tuvaluan (official), English (official), Samoan, Kiribati (on the island of Nui)

**Primary Religions:** Protestant 98.4% (Church of Tuvalu (Congregationalist) 97%, Seventh-Day Adventist 1.4%), Baha'i 1%, other 0.6%

**Calling Code:** 688

**Voltage:** 220

## Key Websites

## Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Upper Middle Income
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$0.04 billion (2016)
GDP growth (annual %):	2.74% (2016)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$3,651.02 (2016)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	1.15% (2012)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	\$0.01 billion (2013)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	6.50% (2005)

## GDP Composition %

Agriculture    Industry    Manufacturing    Services



*\*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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