

# SAMOA

Capital: Apia

## GEODATA

**Area**  
2,860 km<sup>2</sup>

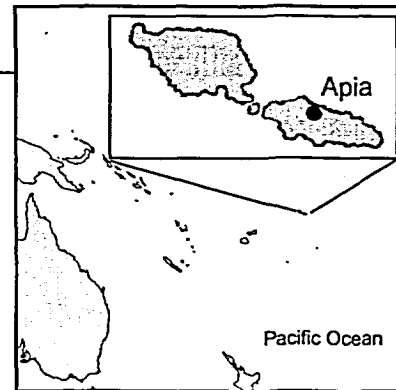
**Population**  
179,058 (July 2001 est.)

**Major languages**  
Samoan (Polynesian), English

**Population growth rate**  
-0.2% (2000 est.)

**Major religious groups**  
Christian (99.7%)

**Surrounding countries**  
Fiji, New Zealand, Tuvalu, Wallis and Futuna (France)



## POLITICAL DATA

**Type of government**  
Constitutional monarchy

**Minister of Finance**  
Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi

**National legislature**  
Unicameral: Legislative Assembly

**UN Human Development Index (2001)**  
Samoa ranks 96th among 162 countries

**Leaders**  
Malietoa Tanumafili II  
Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi

**Minister of Foreign Affairs**  
Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi

## ECONOMIC DATA

**GDP**  
\$248.9 million US (2000 est.)

**Inflation rate**  
1% (2000)

**Real GDP growth rate**  
4% (2000 est.)

**Unemployment rate**  
Not available

**GDP per capita**  
\$1,500 US (2000 est.)

**Main exports**  
Coconut oil and cream, copra, fish, beer

**Main imports**  
Intermediate goods, food, capital goods

**Main exports to Canada**  
\$125,000 (2000), including knit apparel, products of animal origin, electrical machinery, machinery, fish and seafood

**Main imports from Canada**  
\$646,000 (2000), including wood, ships and boats, rubber, aircraft

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