

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Capital: Honiara

GEODATA

Area

28,450 km²

Population

480,442 (July 2001 est.)

Major languages

English (official), Melanesian pidgin

Population growth rate

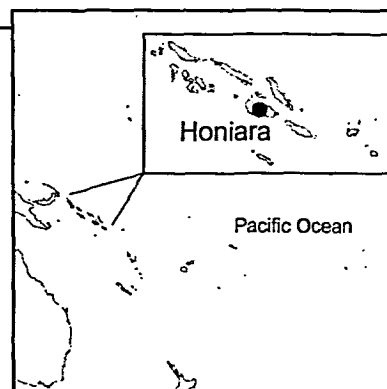
3.4% (2000 est.)

Major religious groups

Anglican (34%), Roman Catholic (19%), Baptist (17%)

Surrounding countries

Australia, Fiji, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Constitutional monarchy

Minister of International Trade

David Holosivi

National legislature

Single chamber: National Parliament

UN Human Development Index (2001)

Not listed

Leaders

Governor General John Lapli
Prime Minister Sir Allan Kemakeza

Canadian official development assistance

\$790,000 (2000-01)

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Alex Bartlett

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$288.6 million US (2000)

Inflation rate

7.9% (2000 est.)

Real GDP growth rate

-14% (2000)

Unemployment rate

Not available

GDP per capita

\$700 US (2000 est.)

Main exports

Timber, fish, copra, palm oil

Main imports

Food and beverages, petroleum, machinery

Main exports to Canada

\$12,000 (2000), including fish and seafood, special classification provisions, cotton, yarn, fabric, live animals, electrical machinery

Main imports from Canada

\$128,000 (2000), including tractors

Canadian Representative

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