FALKLAND ISLANDS

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
Queen ELIZABETH II
Head of Government
Chief Executive Barry ROWLAND
Government Type
parliamentary democracy (Legislative Assembly); self-governing overseas territory of the UK
Capital
Stanley
Legislature
unicameral Legislative Assembly (10 seats)
Judiciary
Court of Appeal; Supreme Court; note - appeals beyond the Court of Appeal are referred to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (in London)
Ambassador to US
none (overseas territory of the UK)
US Ambassador
none (overseas territory of the UK; also claimed by Argentina)

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
economy was formerly based on agriculture, mainly sheep farming, but fishing and tourism currently comprise the bulk of economic activity; fish license fees net more than $40 million per year, which help support the island’s health, education, and welfare system
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$206.4 million (2015 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$70,800 (2015 est.)
Exports
$257.3 million (2015 est.)
partners: Spain 74.4%, Namibia 10.4%, US 5% (2017)
Imports
$90 million (2004 est.)
partners: UK 47.8%, Spain 28.4%, Greece 10.2%, Netherlands 5.7%, Cote d’Ivoire 4.3% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
3,200 (2016 est.)
Population Growth
0.01% (2014 est.)
Ethnicity
Falkland Islander 48.3%, British 23.1%, St. Helenian 7.5%, Chilean 4.6%, mixed 6%, other 8.5%, unspecified 2% (2016 est.)
Language
English 89%, Spanish 7.7%, other 3.3% (2006 est.)
Religion
Christian 57.1%, other 1.6%, none 35.4%, unspecified 6% (2016 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 78.5% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 0.76% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 12,173 sq km
Land: 12,173 sq km
Water: 0 sq km
Climate
cold marine; strong westerly winds, cloudy, humid; rain occurs on more than half of days in year; average annual rainfall is 60 cm in Stanley; occasional snow all year, except in January and February, but typically does not accumulate
Natural Resources
fish, squid, wildlife, calcified seaweed, sphagnum moss

as of November 2020