



# TOKELAU



## INTRODUCTION

Originally settled by Polynesian emigrants from surrounding island groups, the Tokelau Islands were made a British protectorate in 1889. They were transferred to New Zealand administration in 1925.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II  
Represented by Governor General of New Zealand Governor General Dame Patricia Lee REDDY

### Head of Government

Kelihiano KALOLO

### Government Type

parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy

### Capital

note: has no capital

### Legislature

unicameral General Fono (20 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 12 sq km  
Land: 12 sq km  
Water: 0 sq km

### Climate

tropical; moderated by trade winds (April to November)

### Natural Resources

negligible

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

small New Zealand territorial island economy; labor force can work in New Zealand or Australia; significant remittances; largely solar-powered infrastructure; reliant on New Zealand funding; stamp, coin, and crafts producer

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$7.712 million (2017 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$6,000 (2017 est.)

**Industries** - small-scale enterprises for copra production, woodworking, plaited craft goods, stamps, coins, fishing

**Agricultural products** - coconuts, roots/tubers, nes, tropical fruit, pork, bananas, eggs, poultry, pig offals/fat, fruit

**Exports** \$103,000 (2015 est.)

oscilloscopes, house linens, fruits, nuts, recreational boats, iron products (2019)

**partners:** Singapore 25%, France 19%, South Africa 7%, NZ 5%, US 5%, Ireland 5% (2019)

**Imports** \$15.79 million (2015 est.)

oscilloscopes, integrated circuits, refined petroleum, packaged medicines, orthopedic appliances (2019)

**partners:** Samoa 35%, Ireland 17%, Philippines 14%, Malaysia 13%, South Africa 9% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

1,650 (2019 est.)

### Population Growth

-0.01% (2019 est.)

### Ethnicity

Tokelauan 64.5%, part Tokelauan/Samoan 9.7%, part Tokelauan/Tuvaluan 2.8%, Tuvaluan 7.5%, Samoan 5.8%, other Pacific Islander 3.4%, other 5.6%, unspecified 0.8% (2016 est.)

### Language

Tokelauan 88.1% (a Polynesian language), English 48.6%, Samoan 26.7%, Tuvaluan 11.2%, Kiribati 1.5%, other 2.8%, none 2.8%, unspecified 0.8% (2016 est.)

### Religion

Congregational Christian Church 50.4%, Roman Catholic 38.7%, Presbyterian 5.9%, other Christian 4.2%, unspecified 0.8% (2016 est.)