INTRODUCTION
Humans settled Wallis and Futuna around 800 B.C. French Catholic missionaries arrived in 1837. A French protectorate was established in 1887. In 1959, inhabitants voted to become a French overseas territory, and in 2003, Wallis and Futuna's became an overseas collectivity.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Emmanuel MACRON; represented by Administrator Superior Herve JONATHAN
Head of Government
President of the Territorial Assembly
Munipoese MUL'IKA'AKA
Government Type
parliamentary democracy (Territorial Assembly); overseas collectivity of France
Capital
Mata-Utu (on Ile Uvea)
Legislature
unicameral Territorial Assembly or Assemblee Territoriale (20 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 142 sq km
Land: 142 sq km
Water: 0 sq km
Climate
tropical; hot, rainy season (November to April); cool, dry season (May to October); rains 250-300 cm per year (80% humidity); average temperature 26.6 degrees Celsius
Natural Resources
negligible

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
lower-middle-income, agrarian French dependency economy; heavily reliant on French subsidies; licenses fishing rights to Japan and South Korea; major remittances from New Caledonia; aging workforce; import-dependent; deforestation-fueled fragility
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $60 million (2004 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $3,800 (2004 est.)
Industries — copra, handicrafts, fishing, lumber
Agricultural products — coconuts, breadfruit, yams, taro, bananas; pigs, goats, fish
Exports $47,450 (2004 est.)
integrated circuits, jewelry, cars, aircraft parts, polyacetals (2019)
partners: Singapore 47%, France 32%, Belgium 9% (2019)
Imports $61.2 million (2004 est.)
refined petroleum, beef products, poultry meats, engine parts, packaged medicines (2019)
partners: France 43%, Fiji 24%, New Zealand 11%, Australia 6% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
15,890 (2022 est.)
Population Growth
0.25% (2022 est.)
Ethnicity
Polynesian
Language
Wallisian (indigenous Polynesian language) 58.9%, Futunian 30.1%, French (official) 10.8%, other 0.2% (2003 est.)
Religion
Roman Catholic 99%, other 1%
Urbanization
urban population: 0% of total population (2022)
rate of urbanization: 0% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

as of April 2022