

# SOLOMON ISLANDS



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Rick HOU

### Government Type

parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm

### Capital

Honiara

### Legislature

unicameral National Parliament (50 seats)

### Judiciary

Court of Appeal; High Court (consists of the chief justice and puisne judges, as prescribed by the National Parliament)

### Ambassador to US

Charge d'Affaires Janice MOSE

### US Ambassador

the US does not have an embassy in the Solomon Islands; the US Ambassador to Papua New Guinea is accredited to the Solomon Islands

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 28,896 sq km

Land: 27,986 sq km

Water: 910 sq km

### Climate

tropical monsoon; few temperature and weather extremes

### Natural Resources

fish, forests, gold, bauxite, phosphates, lead, zinc, nickel

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

the bulk of the population depends on agriculture, fishing, and forestry for at least part of its livelihood; most manufactured goods and petroleum products must be imported.

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1.33 billion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$2,200 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$468.6 million (2017 est.)

partners: China 64.5%, Italy 6.2%, Switzerland 4.6%, Philippines 4.4% (2017)

### Imports

\$462.1 million (2017 est.)

partners: China 21.9%, Australia 19.6%, Singapore 10.7%, Vietnam 7.5%, NZ 6.2%, Papua New Guinea 5%, South Korea 4.7% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

685,100 (July 2020 est.)

### Population Growth

1.84% (2020 est.)

### Ethnicity

Melanesian 95.3%,  
Polynesian 3.1%,  
Micronesian 1.2%, other  
0.3% (2009 est.)

### Language

Melanesian pidgin (in much of the country is lingua franca), English (official but spoken by only 1%-2% of the population), 120 indigenous languages

### Religion

Protestant 73.4%, Roman Catholic 19.6%, other Christian 2.9%, other 4%, unspecified 0.1% (2009 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 24.7% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 3.91% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

