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.)