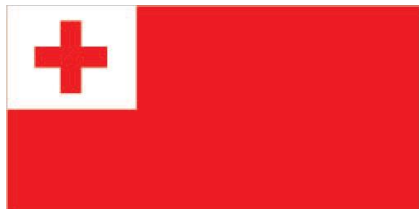




# TONGA



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

King TUPOU VI

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Pohiva TU'IONETOA

### Government Type

constitutional monarchy

### Capital

Nuku'alofa

### Legislature

unicameral Legislative Assembly or Fale Alea  
(up to 30 seats)

### Judiciary

Court of Appeal (consists of the court president  
and a number of judges determined by the  
monarch)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Mahe'uli'uli Sandhurst  
TUPOUNIUA

### US Ambassador

the US does not have an embassy in Tonga;  
the US Ambassador to Fiji is accredited to  
Tonga

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 747 sq km

Land: 717 sq km

Water: 30 sq km

### Climate

tropical; modified by trade winds; warm season  
(December to May), cool season (May to  
December)

### Natural Resources

arable land, fish

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

a small, open island economy having a narrow export base in  
agricultural goods; remains dependent on external aid and  
remittances from overseas Tongans to offset its trade deficit

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$591 million (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$5,900 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$18.4 million (2017 est.)

partners: Hong Kong 25.1%, NZ 22.6%, US 14.3%, Japan 12.8%,  
Australia 10.5% (2017)

### Imports

\$250.2 million (2017 est.)

partners: NZ 33.3%, Fiji 11.7%, US 9.8%, Singapore 9%,  
Australia 8.9%, China 7.9%, Japan 5.9% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

106,100 (July 2020 est.)

### Population Growth

-0.16% (2020 est.)

### Ethnicity

Tongan 97%,  
part-Tongan 0.8%,  
other 2.2%,  
unspecified (2016 est.)

### Language

Tongan and English 76.8%, Tongan, English, and other language  
10.6%, Tongan only (official) 8.7%, English only (official) 0.7%,  
other 1.7%, none 2.2% (2016 est.)

### Religion

Protestant 64.1%, Mormon 18.6%, Roman Catholic 14.2%, other  
2.4%, none 0.5%, unspecified 0.1% (2016 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 23.1% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: -0.71% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

### Literacy

99.4% (2015)

