AMERICAN SAMOA

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Joseph R. BIDEN, Jr.

Head of Government
Governor Lolo Matalasi MOLIGA

Government Type
republican form of government with separate executive, legislative, and judicial branches; unincorporated unorganized territory of the US with local self-government

Capital
Pago Pago

Legislature
bicameral Legislature or Fono consists of the Senate (18 seats) and the House of Representatives (21 seats)

Judiciary
High Court of American Samoa (consists of the chief justice, associate chief justice, and 6 Samoan associate judges and organized into trial, family, drug, and appellate divisions); note - American Samoa has no US federal courts

Ambassador to US
none (territory of the US)

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GEOGRAPHY

Area
Total: 224 sq km
Land: 224 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate
tropical marine, moderated by southeast trade winds; annual rainfall averages about 3 m; rainy season (November to April), dry season (May to October); little seasonal temperature variation

Natural Resources
pumice, pumicite

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
a traditional Polynesian economy with more than 90% of land communally owned; Economy is strongly linked to the US; Tuna fishing and processing are the backbone of the private sector with processed fish products as the primary exports

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$658 million (2016 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$11,200 (2016 est.)

Exports
$428 million (2016 est.)
partners: Australia 25%, Ghana 19%, Indonesia 15.6%, Burma 10.4%, Portugal 5.1% (2017)

Imports
$615 million (2016 est.)
partners: Fiji 10.7%, Singapore 10.4%, NZ 10.4%, South Korea 9.3%, Samoa 8.2%, Kenya 6.4%, Australia 5.2% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
46,360 (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth
-2.1% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity
Pacific Islander 92.6%
(includes Samoan 88.9%, Tongan 2.9%, other 8%),
Asian 3.6% (includes Filipino 2.2%, other 1.4%), mixed 2.7%, other 1.2% (2010 est.)

Language
Samoan 88.6% (closely related to Hawaiian and other Polynesian languages), English 3.9%, Tongan 2.7%, other Pacific islander 3%, other 1.8% (2010 est.)

note: most people are bilingual

Religion
Christian 98.3%, other 1%, unaffiliated 0.7% (2010 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 87.2% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 0.07% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
as of February 2021