

AMERICAN SAMOA



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Capital: Pago Pago

Background: Settled as early as 1000 B. C., Samoa was "discovered" by European explorers in the 18th century. International rivalries in the latter half of the 19th century were settled by an 1899 treaty in which Germany and the US divided the Samoan archipelago. The US formally occupied its portion - a smaller group of eastern islands with the excellent harbor of Pago Pago - the following year.

Location: Oceania, group of islands in the South Pacific Ocean, about one-half of the way from Hawaii to New Zealand

Map References: Oceania

Area: total: 199 sq km land: 199 sq km water: 0 sq km note: includes Rose Island and Swains Island

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

Terrain: five volcanic islands with rugged peaks and limited coastal plains, two coral atolls (Rose Island, Swains Island)

Natural Resources: pumice, pumicite

Population: 65,446 (July 2000 est.)

Nationality: noun: American Samoan(s) adjective: American Samoan

Ethnic Groups: Samoan (Polynesian) 89%, Caucasian 2%, Tongan 4%, other 5%

Religions: Christian Congregationalist 50%, Roman Catholic 20%, Protestant and other 30%

Languages: Samoan (closely related to Hawaiian and other Polynesian languages), English note: most people are bilingual

Economy: This is a traditional Polynesian economy in which more than 90% of the land is communally owned. Economic activity is strongly linked to the US, with which American Samoa conducts the great bulk of its foreign trade. Tuna fishing and tuna processing plants are the backbone of the private sector, with canned tuna the primary export. Transfers from the US Government add substantially to American Samoa's economic well-being. Attempts by the government to develop a larger and broader economy are restrained by Samoa's remote location, its limited transportation, and its devastating hurricanes. Tourism, a developing sector, may be held back by the current financial difficulties in East Asia.

Industries: tuna canneries (largely dependent on foreign fishing vessels), handicrafts

Currency: 1 US dollar (US\$) = 100 cents

Railways: 0 km

Highways: total: 350 km paved: 150 km unpaved: 200 km

Ports and Harbors: Aunu'u (new construction), Auasi, Faleosao, Ofu, Pago Pago, Ta'u

Airports: 4 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 2, 2,438 to 3,047 m: 1 under 914 m: 1 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 2 under 914 m: 2 (1999 est.)

Visa: application to US Consulate

Duty Free: permitted goods: 299 cigarettes or 59 cigars or 100g of tobacco, 2 bottles of alcohol, a reasonable amount of perfume

Health: a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers over one year of age coming from infected countries.

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