



Country Profile: American Samoa

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note: as a territory of the US, American Samoa does not treat the US as an external trade partner.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	American Samoa
Continent:	Oceania
Capital City:	Pago Pago
Boundary Countries:	
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	LBJ Medical Center
Main Cities:	Pago Pago
Country Size:	199 sq km, NOTE: includes Rose Island and Swains Island
Population:	57,663

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Samoaan 90.6% (closely related to Hawaiian and other Polynesian languages), English 2.9%, Tongan 2.4%, other Pacific islander 2.1%, other 2% note: most people are bilingual
Currency:	US Dollar (USD)
Predominant Religions:	Christian Congregationalist 50%, Roman Catholic 20%, Protestant and other 30%Christian Congregationalist 50%, Roman Catholic 20%, Protestant and other 30%
National Holidays:	Flag Day, 17 April (1900)
Economic Status:	American Samoa has 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 most of its commerce.
Security:	Defense is the responsibility of the US.
US Presence:	None, it is a territory of the US.
Major Airports:	Pago Pago Airport, American Samoa PO Box 1539 Pago Pago 96799 AMERICAN SAMOA Tel: +1 684 699 9101/3 Fax: +1 684 699 4039

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