

# Trade and Competitiveness Monitoring Note

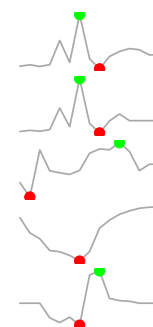


**Samoa**

Population (millions) (2015)	Poverty rate (2008)	Unemployment rate (2015)	Ease of Doing Business Rank (2015)
0.19	0.83	NA	92.00

## Macro Indicators

	Avg 2002-2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Foreign direct investment, net inflows (% of GDP) [2]	2.2	3.0	3.5	3.3	—	—
Private capital flows, total (% of GDP) [2]	24.1	38.1	—	—	—	—
Personal remittances, received (% of GDP) [1]	18.2	22.1	20.7	17.6	—	—
General government gross debt [3]	38.9	52.0	53.6	55.0	55.5	55.7
Total reserves in months of imports [1]	4.2	4.5	4.4	—	—	—



Sources: MFM note, [1] World Development Indicators (WDI), [2] UNCTADSTAT, [3] World Economic Outlook (WEO)

## Goods Export and Import volume growth, 2012-2015

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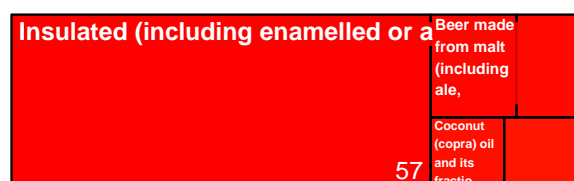
## Gross Value Added by Economic Activity 2013 (% GDP)

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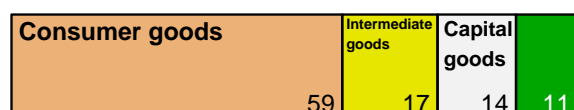
Source: Development Prospects Group (DECPG)

Source: World Development Indicators (WDI)

## Top 5 Exports by % of Total Value, 2014



## Imports Categories by % of Total Value, 2014



Source: World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

## Doing Business 2015 Ranks (among all countries)

	DB 2015 Rank	DB 2016 Rank	Change in Rank
Dealing with Construction Permits	92	93	-1
Ease of Doing Business Rank	92	96	-4
Enforcing Contracts	79	79	0
Getting Credit	150	152	-2
Getting Electricity	49	52	-3
Paying Taxes	98	100	-2
Protecting Minority Investors	54	57	-3
Registering Property	61	65	-4
Resolving Insolvency	133	133	0
Starting a Business	33	39	-6
Trading Across Borders	152	151	1

Source: Doing Business Report 2015

## WEF Competitiveness Indicators (Scale 1-5, 5=best)

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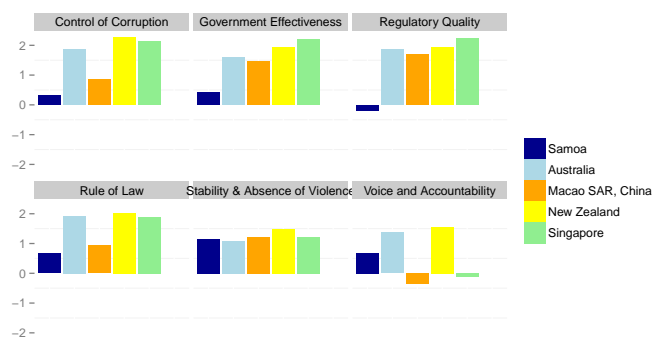
Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015

## Logistics Performance Index (Scale 1-5, 5=best)

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Source: Logistics Performance Index (World Bank)

## World Governance indicators (Std. score, High=best)



Source: Worldwide Governance Indicators

## Trade Policy

	2011	2014
Applied Tariff (Incl. Prefers. and Trade-Weighted)	11.8	12.8
Binding (%)	100	100.0
Dispersion (Standard Deviation)	5.8	40.3
Import duties collected (%; 2011-2013) [1]	—	4.2
MFN Tariff (Agricul.)	13.4	18.7
MFN Tariff (Non-Agricul.)	10.4	10.4
MFN Tariff (Simple Average)	11	11.6
Services sectors with GATS commitments [1]	—	80.0

Sources: WITS, [1] WTO Trade Profiles

## Private Sector's Views

### Enterprise Survey 2013

	Samoa	East Asia and Pacific	All Countries
Number of electrical outages in a typical month	4.60	3.50	6.30
Percent of firms with a bank loan/line of credit	51.30	35.00	34.30
Proportion of investment financed by banks (%)	29.30	12.80	14.30
Proportion of investment financed internally (%)	49.60	74.70	71.80
Senior management time spent dealing with the requirements of government regulation (%)	13.90	6.70	9.90

Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

### Top 5 constraints according to ES 2013 (% respondents)



Source: Enterprise Survey 2013

### Top 5 constraints according to WEF 2015 survey (% respondents among 88 executives)

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Source: WEF Global Competitiveness Report 2015