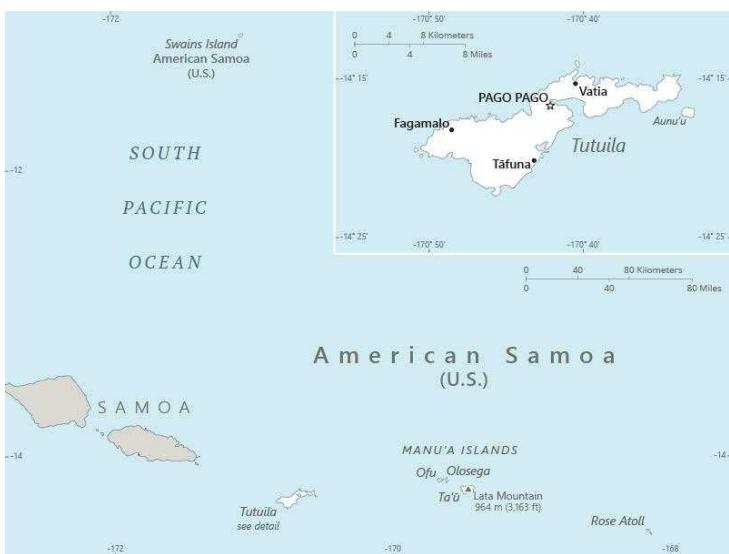




# American Samoa



**Background** Settled as early as 1000 B.C., Samoa was not reached by European explorers until 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.

**Capital** name: Pago Pago

**Government type** unincorporated, unorganized Territory of the US with local self-government; republican form of territorial government with separate executive, legislative, and judicial branches

**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

**Population** total: 43,895 (2024 est.)

**Population growth rate** -1.54% (2024 est.)

**Ethnic groups** Pacific Islander 88.7% (includes Samoan 83.2%, Tongan 2.2%, other 3.3%), Asian 5.8% (includes Filipino 3.4%, other 2.4%), mixed 4.4%, other 1.1% (2020 est.)

**Religions** Christian 98.3%, other <1%, unaffiliated <1% (2020 est.)

**Languages** Samoan 87.9% (closely related to Hawaiian and other Polynesian languages), English 3.3%, Tongan 2.1%, other Pacific Islander 4.1%, Asian languages 2.1%, other 0.5% (2020 est.)

**Executive branch** chief of state: President Donald J. TRUMP (since 20 January 2025)  
head of government: Governor Nikolao PULA (since 3 January 2025)

**Economic overview** tourism, tuna, and government services-based territorial economy; sustained economic decline; vulnerable tuna canning industry; large territorial government presence; minimum wage increases to rise to federal standards by 2036

**Real GDP (purchasing power parity)** \$658 million (2016 est.)  
\$674.9 million (2015 est.)  
\$666.9 billion (2014 est.)

**Real GDP per capita** \$11,200 (2016 est.)  
\$11,300 (2015 est.)  
\$11,200 (2014 est.)

**Exports** \$409 million (2022 est.)  
\$332 million (2021 est.)  
\$427 million (2020 est.)

**Exports - partners** Australia 31%, UK 18%, Tanzania 9%, UAE 7%, Senegal 6% (2023)

**Exports - commodities** animal meal, aluminum, refined petroleum, gas turbines, broadcasting equipment (2023)

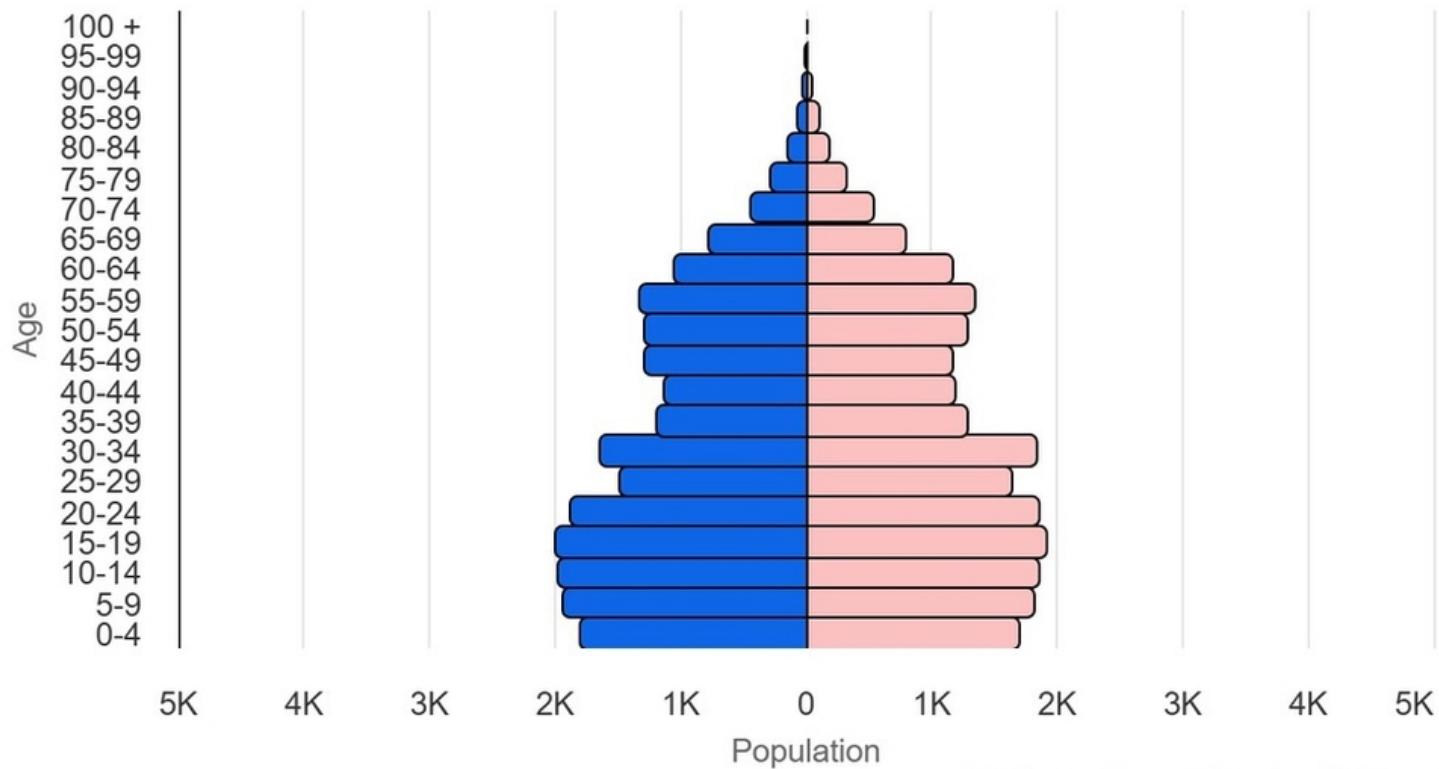
**Imports** \$677 million (2022 est.)  
\$694 million (2021 est.)  
\$686 million (2020 est.)

**Imports - partners** Singapore 28%, NZ 15%, Fiji 14%, Taiwan 11%, Malaysia 11% (2023)

**Imports - commodities** refined petroleum, fish, paper containers, wood, construction vehicles (2023)

Population Pyramid

## American Samoa (2024)



U.S. Census Bureau, International Database