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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 3.guide

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American Samoa

### 1.2 3.guide/American Samoa

American Samoa

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Header (American Samoa)  
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### 1.3 3.guide/Header (American Samoa)

Header (American Samoa)  
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Affiliation:  
(territory of the US)

### 1.4 3.guide/Geography (American Samoa)

Geography (American Samoa)  
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Location:  
in the South Pacific Ocean, 3,700 km south-southwest of Honolulu, about  
halfway between Hawaii and New Zealand  
Map references:  
Oceania  
Area:  
total area:  
199 km<sup>2</sup>  
land area:  
199 km<sup>2</sup>  
comparative area:  
slightly larger than Washington, DC  
note:  
includes Rose Island and Swains Island  
Land boundaries:  
0 km  
Coastline:  
116 km  
Maritime claims:  
contiguous zone:  
24 nm  
continental shelf:  
200 m or depth of exploitation  
exclusive economic zone:

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200 nm  
 territorial sea:  
 12 nm  
 International disputes:  
 none  
 Climate:  
 tropical marine, moderated by southeast trade winds; annual rainfall averages 124 inches; 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  
 Land use:  
 arable land:  
 10%  
 permanent crops:  
 5%  
 meadows and pastures:  
 0%  
 forest and woodland:  
 75%  
 other:  
 10%  
 Irrigated land:  
 NA km2  
 Environment:  
 typhoons common from December to March  
 Note:  
 Pago Pago has one of the best natural deepwater harbors in the South Pacific Ocean, sheltered by shape from rough seas and protected by peripheral mountains from high winds; strategic location in the South Pacific Ocean

## 1.5 3.guide/People (American Samoa)

People (American Samoa)

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Population:  
 53,139 (July 1993 est.)  
 Population growth rate:  
 3.9% (1993 est.)  
 Birth rate:  
 37 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)  
 Death rate:  
 4 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)  
 Net migration rate:  
 6 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)  
 Infant mortality rate:  
 19 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)  
 Life expectancy at birth:

total population:  
 73 years  
 male:  
 71 years  
 female:  
 75 years (1993 est.)  
 Total fertility rate:  
 4.41 children born/woman (1993 est.)  
 Nationality:  
 noun:  
 American Samoan(s)  
 adjective:  
 American Samoan  
 Ethnic divisions:  
 Samoan (Polynesian) 89%, Caucasian 2%, Tongan 4%, other 5%  
 Religions:  
 Christian Congregationalist 50%, Roman Catholic 20%, Protestant  
 denominations and other 30%  
 Languages:  
 Samoan (closely related to Hawaiian and other Polynesian languages),  
 English; most people are bilingual  
 Literacy:  
 age 15 and over can read and write (1980)  
 total population:  
 97%  
 male:  
 97%  
 female:  
 97%  
 Labor force:  
 14,400 (1990)  
 by occupation:  
 government 33%, tuna canneries 34%, other 33% (1990)

## 1.6 3.guide/Government (American Samoa)

Government (American Samoa)

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Names:  
 conventional long form:  
 Territory of American Samoa  
 conventional short form:  
 American Samoa  
 Abbreviation:  
 AS  
 Digraph:  
 AQ  
 Type:  
 unincorporated and unorganized territory of the US; administered by the US  
 Department of Interior, Office of Territorial and International Affairs  
 Capital:  
 Pago Pago

Administrative divisions:  
 none (territory of the US)

Independence:  
 none (territory of the US)

Constitution:  
 ratified 1966, in effect 1967

Legal system:  
 NA

National holiday:  
 Territorial Flag Day, 17 April (1900)

Political parties and leaders:  
 NA

Suffrage:  
 18 years of age; universal

Elections:  
 Governor:  
 last held 3 November 1992 (next to be held NA November 1996); results - A. P. LUTALI was elected (percent of vote NA)

House of Representatives:  
 last held 3 November 1992 (next to be held NA November 1994); results - representatives popularly elected from 17 house districts; seats - (21 total, 20 elected, and 1 nonvoting delegate from Swains Island)

Senate:  
 last held 3 November 1992 (next to be held NA November 1996); results - senators elected by village chiefs from 12 senate districts; seats - (18 total) number of seats by party NA

US House of Representatives:  
 last held 3 November 1992 (next to be held NA November 1994); results - Eni R. F. H. FALEOMAVAEGA reelected as delegate

Executive branch:  
 popularly elected governor and lieutenant governor

Legislative branch:  
 bicameral Legislative Assembly (Fono) consists of an upper house or Senate (appointed by county village chiefs) and a lower house or House of Representatives (elected)

Judicial branch:  
 High Court

Leaders:  
 Chief of State:  
 President William Jefferson CLINTON (since 20 January 1993); Vice President Albert GORE, Jr. (since 20 January 1993)

Head of Government:  
 Governor A. P. LUTALI (since 3 January 1993); Lieutenant Governor Tauese P. SUNIA (since 3 January 1993)

## 1.7 3.guide/Government (American Samoa 2. usage)

Government (American Samoa 2. usage)

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Member of:  
 ESCAP (associate), INTERPOL (subbureau), IOC, SPC

Diplomatic representation in US:



none (territory of the US)

Flag:

blue with a white triangle edged in red that is based on the fly side and extends to the hoist side; a brown and white American bald eagle flying toward the hoist side is carrying two traditional Samoan symbols of authority, a staff and a war club

## 1.8 3.guide/Economy (American Samoa)

### Economy (American Samoa)

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Overview:

Economic activity is strongly linked to the US, with which American Samoa does 80-90% of its foreign trade. Tuna fishing and tuna processing plants are the backbone of the private sector, with canned tuna the primary export ←

The tuna canneries and the government are by far the two largest employers. Other economic activities include a slowly developing tourist industry. Transfers from the US government add substantially to American Samoa's economic well-being.

National product:

GDP - purchasing power equivalent - \$128 million (1991)

National product real growth rate:

NA%

National product per capita:

\$2,600 (1991)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

7% (1990)

Unemployment rate:

12% (1991)

Budget:

revenues \$97,000,000 (includes \$43,000,000 in local revenue and \$54,000,000 in grant revenue); including capital expenditures of \$NA (FY91)

Exports:

\$306 million (f.o.b., 1989)

commodities:

canned tuna 93%

partners:

US 99.6%

Imports:

\$360.3 million (c.i.f., 1989)

commodities:

materials for canneries 56%, food 8%, petroleum products 7%, machinery and parts 6%

partners:

US 62%, Japan 9%, NZ 7%, Australia 11%, Fiji 4%, other 7%

External debt:

\$NA

Industrial production:

growth rate NA%

Electricity:

42,000 kW capacity; 100 million kWh produced, 2,020 kWh per capita (1990)

**Industries:**

tuna canneries (largely dependent on foreign fishing vessels), meat canning ↔  
handicrafts

**Agriculture:**

bananas, coconuts, vegetables, taro, breadfruit, yams, copra, pineapples,  
papayas, dairy farming

**Economic aid:**

\$21,042,650 in operational funds and \$1,227,000 in construction funds for  
capital improvement projects from the US Department of Interior (1991)

**Currency:**

US currency is used

**Fiscal year:**

1 October - 30 September

## 1.9 3.guide/Communications (American Samoa)

### Communications (American Samoa)

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Railroads: none

**Highways:**

350 km total; 150 km paved, 200 km unpaved

**Ports:**

Pago Pago, Ta'u, Ofu, Auasi, Aanu'u (new construction), Faleosao

**Airports:**

total:

3

usable:

3

with permanent-surface runways:

3

with runways over 3,659 m:

0

with runways 2,440 to 3,659 m :

1 (international airport at Tafuna)

with runways 1,200 to 2,439 m:

0

note:

small airstrips on Fituita and Ofu

**Telecommunications:**

8,399 telephones; broadcast stations - 1 AM, 1 FM, 1 TV; good telex,  
telegraph, and facsimile services; 1 Pacific Ocean INTELSAT earth station, ↔  
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COMSAT earth station

## 1.10 3.guide/Defense Forces (American Samoa)

Defense Forces (American Samoa)

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Note:

defense is the responsibility of the US

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