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# Chapter 1

## 77

### 1.1 77.guide

Texified version of data for Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas).

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Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)

### 1.2 77.guide/Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)

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Header (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas))  
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### 1.3 77.guide/Header (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas))

Header (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas))  
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Affiliation:  
 (dependent territory of the UK)

### 1.4 77.guide/Geography (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas))

Geography (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas))  
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Location:  
 in the South Atlantic Ocean, off the southern coast of Argentina  
 Map references:  
 Antarctic Region, South America  
 Area:  
 total area:  
 12,170 km<sup>2</sup>  
 land area:  
 12,170 km<sup>2</sup>  
 comparative area:  
 slightly smaller than Connecticut  
 note:  
 includes the two main islands of East and West Falkland and about 200 small islands  
 Land boundaries:  
 0 km  
 Coastline:  
 1,288 km  
 Maritime claims:  
 continental shelf:  
 100 m depth  
 exclusive fishing zone:  
 200 nm  
 territorial sea:

12 nm  
 International disputes:  
 administered by the UK, claimed by Argentina  
 Climate:  
 cold marine; strong westerly winds, cloudy, humid; rain occurs on more than half of days in year; occasional snow all year, except in January and February, but does not accumulate  
 Terrain:  
 rocky, hilly, mountainous with some boggy, undulating plains  
 Natural resources:  
 fish, wildlife  
 Land use:  
 arable land:  
 0%  
 permanent crops:  
 0%  
 meadows and pastures:  
 99%  
 forest and woodland:  
 0%  
 other: 1%  
 Irrigated land:  
 NA km2  
 Environment:  
 poor soil fertility and a short growing season  
 Note:  
 deeply indented coast provides good natural harbors

## 1.5 77.guide/People (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas))

People (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas))

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Population:  
 2,206 (July 1993 est.)  
 Population growth rate:  
 2.43% (1993 est.)  
 Birth rate:  
 NA births/1,000 population  
 Death rate:  
 NA deaths/1,000 population  
 Net migration rate:  
 NA migrant(s)/1,000 population  
 Infant mortality rate:  
 NA deaths/1,000 population  
 Life expectancy at birth:  
 total population:  
 NA years  
 male:  
 NA years  
 female:  
 NA years  
 Total fertility rate:

NA children born/woman  
 Nationality:  
 noun:  
   Falkland Islander(s)  
 adjective:  
   Falkland Island  
 Ethnic divisions:  
   British  
 Religions:  
   primarily Anglican, Roman Catholic, United Free Church, Evangelist Church,  
   Jehovah's Witnesses, Lutheran, Seventh-Day Adventist  
 Languages:  
   English  
 Literacy:  
   total population:  
     NA%  
   male:  
     NA%  
   female:  
     NA%  
 Labor force:  
   1,100 (est.)  
   by occupation:  
     agriculture 95% (mostly shepherding)

## 1.6 77.guide/Government (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas))

Government (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas))

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Names:  
   conventional long form:  
     Colony of the Falkland Islands  
   conventional short form:  
     Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)  
 Digraph:  
   FA  
 Type:  
   dependent territory of the UK  
 Capital:  
   Stanley  
 Administrative divisions:  
   none (dependent territory of the UK)  
 Independence:  
   none (dependent territory of the UK)  
 Constitution:  
   3 October 1985  
 Legal system:  
   English common law  
 National holiday:  
   Liberation Day, 14 June (1982)  
 Suffrage:  
   18 years of age; universal

## Elections:

## Legislative Council:

last held 11 October 1989 (next to be held October 1994); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (10 total, 8 elected) number of seats by party NA

## Executive branch:

British monarch, governor, Executive Council

## Legislative branch:

unicameral Legislative Council

## Judicial branch:

Supreme Court

## Leaders:

## Chief of State:

Queen ELIZABETH II (since 6 February 1952)

## Head of Government:

Governor David Everard TATHAM (since August 1992)

## Member of:

ICFTU

## Diplomatic representation in US:

none (dependent territory of the UK)

## US diplomatic representation:

none (dependent territory of the UK)

## Flag:

blue with the flag of the UK in the upper hoist-side quadrant and the Falkland Island coat of arms in a white disk centered on the outer half of the flag; the coat of arms contains a white ram (sheep raising is the major economic activity) above the sailing ship Desire (whose crew discovered the islands) with a scroll at the bottom bearing the motto DESIRE THE RIGHT

## 1.7 77.guide/Economy (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas))

### Economy (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas))

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## Overview:

The economy is based on sheep farming, which directly or indirectly employs most of the work force. A few dairy herds are kept to meet domestic consumption of milk and milk products, and crops grown are primarily those for providing winter fodder. Exports feature shipments of high-grade wool ←  
to

the UK and the sale of postage stamps and coins. Rich stocks of fish in the surrounding waters are not presently exploited by the islanders. So far, efforts to establish a domestic fishing industry have been unsuccessful. In 1987 the government began selling fishing licenses to foreign trawlers operating within the Falklands exclusive fishing zone. These license fees amount to more than \$40 million per year and are a primary source of income for the government. To encourage tourism, the Falkland Islands Development Corporation has built three lodges for visitors attracted by the abundant wildlife and trout fishing.

## National product:

GDP \$NA

## National product real growth rate:

NA%

National product per capita:  
 \$NA

Inflation rate (consumer prices):  
 7.4% (1980-87 average)

Unemployment rate:  
 NA%; labor shortage

Budget:  
 revenues \$62.7 million; expenditures \$41.8 million, including capital expenditures of \$NA (FY90)

Exports:  
 at least \$14.7 million  
 commodities:  
 wool, hides and skins, and meat  
 partners:  
 UK, Netherlands, Japan (1987 est.)

Imports:  
 at least \$13.9 million  
 commodities:  
 food, clothing, fuels, and machinery  
 partners:  
 UK, Netherlands Antilles (Curacao), Japan (1987 est.)

External debt:  
 \$NA

Industrial production:  
 growth rate NA%

Electricity:  
 9,200 kW capacity; 17 million kWh produced, 8,940 kWh per capita (1992)

Industries:  
 wool and fish processing

Agriculture:  
 predominantly sheep farming; small dairy herds; some fodder and vegetable crops

Economic aid: Western (non-US) countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments ←  
 (1970-89),  
 \$277 million

Currency:  
 1 Falkland pound (#F) = 100 pence

Exchange rates:  
 Falkland pound (#F) per US\$1 - 0.6527 (January 1993), 0.5664 (1992), 0.5652 (1991), 0.5604 (1990), 0.6099 (1989), 0.5614 (1988); note - the Falkland pound is at par with the British pound

## 1.8 77.guide/Economy (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) 2. usage)

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Fiscal year:  
 1 April - 31 March

## 1.9 77.guide/Communications (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas))

Communications (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas))

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Highways:

510 km total; 30 km paved, 80 km gravel, and 400 km unimproved earth

Ports:

Stanley

Airports:

total:

5

usable:

5

with permanent-surface runways:

2

with runways over 3,659 m:

0

with runways 2,440-3,659 m:

1

with runways 1,220-2,439 m:

0

Telecommunications:

government-operated radiotelephone and private VHF/CB radio networks ↔  
provide

effective service to almost all points on both islands; 590 telephones;  
broadcast stations - 2 AM, 3 FM, no TV; 1 Atlantic Ocean INTELSAT earth  
station with links through London to other countries

## 1.10 77.guide/Defense Forces (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas))

Defense Forces (Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas))

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Branches:

British Forces Falkland Islands (including Army, Royal Air Force, Royal  
Navy, and Royal Marines), Police Force

Note:

defense is the responsibility of the UK