TONGA

General information

**Capital:** Nuku'alofa  
**Land area:** 720 sq km  
**Official language(s):** Tongan, English  
**Population:** 101,000 (2017)  
**Currency:** Pa'anga

**Head of State**  
HM King Tupou VI  
**Head of Government**  
Prime Minister Hon 'Akilisi Pohiva

**Economic indicators (a)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>GDP (US$b) (current prices)</th>
<th>GDP per capita (US$)</th>
<th>GDP PPP (Int'l $)</th>
<th>GDP per capita PPP (Int'l $)</th>
<th>Real GDP growth (% change yoy)</th>
<th>Current account balance (US$b)</th>
<th>Current account balance (% GDP)</th>
<th>Inflation (% change yoy)</th>
<th>Unemployment (% labour force)</th>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>0.4</td>
<td>4,303.1</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>4,726.6</td>
<td>-0.6</td>
<td>-11.6</td>
<td>-1.1</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>0.4</td>
<td>4,277.6</td>
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<td>-14.7</td>
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<td>2015</td>
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<td>4,021.7</td>
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<td>-12.0</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>5,209.9</td>
<td>0.6</td>
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**Australia’s trade and investment relationship with Tonga (b)**

**Australia’s merchandise trade with Tonga, 2017-18 (A$000)**

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<th>Item</th>
<th>Total share</th>
<th>Rank</th>
<th>Growth (yoy)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Exports to Tonga</td>
<td>17,724</td>
<td>101st</td>
<td>12.0%</td>
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<td>Imports from Tonga</td>
<td>2,029</td>
<td>136th</td>
<td>-17.1%</td>
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<td>Total merchandise trade (exports + imports)</td>
<td>19,753</td>
<td>124th</td>
<td>8.1%</td>
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**Major Australian exports, 2017-18 (A$000)**

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<td>Meat (excl beef), f.c.f.</td>
<td>4,903</td>
<td>1,231</td>
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<td>Beef, f.c.f.</td>
<td>1,789</td>
<td>245</td>
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<td>Measuring &amp; analysing instruments</td>
<td>1,687</td>
<td>140</td>
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<td>Liquefied propane &amp; butane</td>
<td>1,411</td>
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**Australia’s trade in services with Tonga, 2017-18 (A$m)**

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<td>Exports of services to Tonga</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>81st</td>
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<td>Imports of services from Tonga</td>
<td>40</td>
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**Australia’s investment relationship with Tonga, 2017 (A$m)**

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<th>FDI</th>
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**Tonga’s global merchandise trade relationships**

**Tonga’s principal export destinations, 2017**

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<td>New Zealand</td>
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<td>United States</td>
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<td>Australia</td>
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**Tonga’s principal import sources, 2017**

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<td>37.4%</td>
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<td>United States</td>
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<td>Singapore</td>
<td>9.8%</td>
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<td>Australia</td>
<td>9.7%</td>
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Compiled by the Statistics Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources

(a) Economic indicators data is from the IMF WEO where available, the EU or other reputable sources. Data may include forecasts or projections for recent years. GNI may be shown in lieu of GDP for countries where GDP data is unavailable.

(b) Merchandise trade data is based on published and unpublished ABS data. It may include confidential items of trade. Totals may not add up due to rounding. Investment data is stocks as at and December.

All data may be subject to future revisions.

GDP - Gross Domestic Product  
PPP - Purchasing power parity  
GNI - Gross National Income  
na - Data is not available  
np - Data is not published  
--- - Data is not meaningful  
Primary - Primary goods  
STM - Simply transformed manufactures  
ETM - Elaborately transformed manufactures  
Other - Other goods including non-monetary gold  
f.c.f. - Free, chilled or frozen  
na - Not elsewhere specified