



Cook Islands

Capital: Avarua

Official Language: Cook Islands Maori, English

Population: 19,000

Government: Constitutional Monarchy

Economy: The economy is dominated by the service sector with tourism the single largest contributor. As a major offshore tax haven international finance is the second largest contributor to the economy. The government is the largest employer and taxes are moderate making foreign investment a significant contribution to the economy.

Health: Free health and medical services are provided to the people through government hospitals or dispensaries on each island. Diseases such as diabetes and cardiovascular disorders are becoming more widespread.

Education: The Cook Islands has close ties with the educational system of New Zealand. School attendance is compulsory for children aged between five and fifteen. Some tertiary degree courses are provided by the University of the South Pacific with most higher education being provided by a national teachers college and nursing schools.



55% of the population of the Cook Islands belong to the Christian Church

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