



Tonga

Capital: Nuku'alofa

Official Language: Tongan, English

Population: 104,000

Government: Constitutional Monarchy

Education: Tonga's education system is mandatory for all children up to 14 years old. Secondary education incurs fees and foreign-funded scholarships exist for post-secondary education. Mission schools provide about 8% of the primary and 90% of the secondary level of education. Most students pursue tertiary education overseas.

Religion: The everyday life of the Tongan population is heavily influenced by Polynesian traditions and the Christian faith. The constitution for example declares the Sabbath to be forever sacred. The majority of Tongans are Methodists with a significant Catholic minority and a growing Mormon adherence.

Health: The Tongan government provides free medical and dental treatment, with one government medical department hospital on the major islands and several dispensaries. However hospital care remains basic and the availability of testing and diagnostic procedures is limited.



41% of the population of Tonga belong to the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga

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