

	Quick Facts	
	Immigration detainees (2019)	Not Available
	Detained minors (2017)	Not Available
	International migrants (2019)	4,035
	New asylum applications (2016)	0

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/asia-pacific/samoa>
- "Observation Dates" indicate the timeframe statistical data correspond to or other data were last validated. More than one statistical entry for a year indicates contrasting reports.

STATISTICS

Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Total number of immigration detainees by year	Not Available	2019	Total number of detained minors	Not Available	2017
Criminal prison population	500	2016	Percentage of foreign prisoners	0.5	2007
	430	2012			
Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	257	2016			
	227	2012			

Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	203,774	2020	International migrants	4,035	2019
	193,000	2015			4,900
International migrants as a percentage of the population	2.6	2015			

DOMESTIC LAW

LEGAL TRADITION

	Name	Observation Date
Legal tradition	Civil law	2017
	Customary law	2017

COVID-19 UPDATES

	Update Status	Observation Date
Latest Update	Having closed its borders in March to prevent a domestic outbreak, as of October 2020 Samoa remained one of a small number of countries that had yet to report any Covid-19 cases (along with other Pacific island nations, including Palau [see 29 September update on this platform]). Although the country is a signatory to the Refugee Convention, Samoa has not historically been a destination for asylum seekers or refugees. There is little available information about the treatment of migrants or asylum seekers in immigration enforcement procedures in Samoa.	2020

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
International treaties	Name		Ratification Year
	CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment		2019
	OP CRC Communications Procedure		2016
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations		1987
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights		2008
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women		1992
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child		1994
	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities		2016
	ICPED, International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance		2012
	CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees		1988
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	9/19		
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
International treaty reservations	Name	Reservation Year	Observation Date
	CRC Article 28	1994	2017
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number		Observation Date
	0/5		2017
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms			
Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recomendation Issued	Year Issued	Observation Date
	No	2011	2017
	No	2016	2017

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

More information about immigration detention in Samoa is available at the website of the Global Detention Project (www.globaldetentionproject.org)