

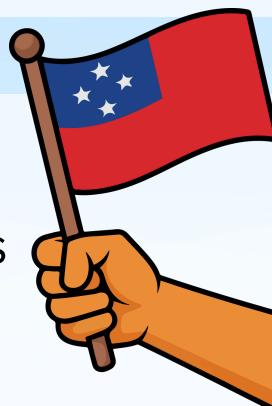
# SAMOA

## QCWA COUNTRY OF STUDY 2026

### SAMOA FUN FACTS

Samoa is one of the oldest Polynesian cultures, with settlement dating back more than **3000 years**

**Fa'a Samoa** "The Samoan Way" is a traditional cultural framework that emphasises **community, respect and family**



**75%** of Samoan households grow at least some of their own food with **taro, bananas, breadfruit** and **coconut** being commonly grown



An **Umu** is a traditional above ground 'oven' where food is cooked on heated **volcanic rocks** and covered with **banana leaves**

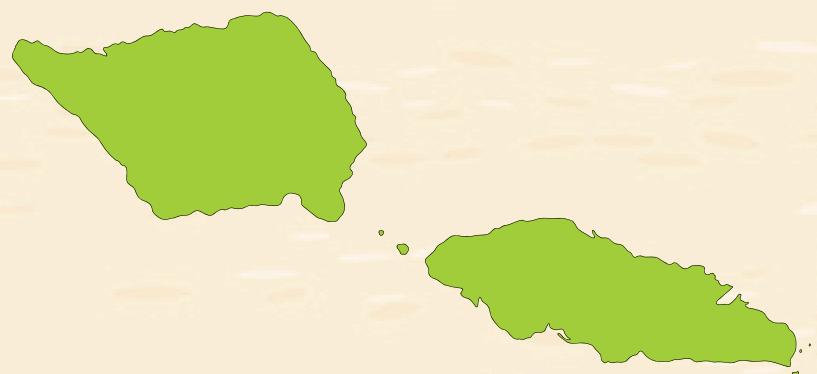


Traditional Samoan tattoos (tatua) include waist-to-knee **pe'a** for men or lighter **malu** on the thighs for women

A **tuiga** is a traditional Samoan **ceremonial headdress** made with shells, feathers, and woven materials, worn during important dances and **cultural events**



The population of Samoa is approximately **219,000 people**



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