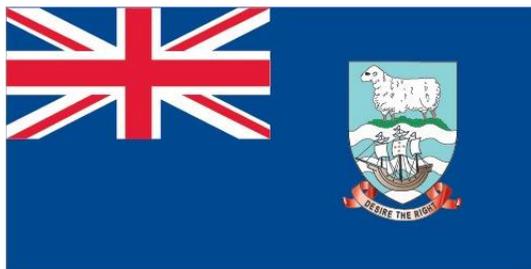


FALKLAND ISLANDS



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II

Head of Government

Chief Executive Barry ROWLAND

Government Type

parliamentary democracy (Legislative Assembly); self-governing overseas territory of the UK

Capital

Stanley

Legislature

unicameral Legislative Assembly (10 seats)

Judiciary

Court of Appeal; Supreme Court; note - appeals beyond the Court of Appeal are referred to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (in London)

Ambassador to US

none (overseas territory of the UK)

US Ambassador

none (overseas territory of the UK; also claimed by Argentina)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 12,173 sq km

Land: 12,173 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

cold marine; strong westerly winds, cloudy, humid; rain occurs on more than half of days in year; average annual rainfall is 60 cm in Stanley; occasional snow all year, except in January and February, but typically does not accumulate

Natural Resources

fish, squid, wildlife, calcified seaweed, sphagnum moss

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

economy was formerly based on agriculture, mainly sheep farming, but fishing and tourism currently comprise the bulk of economic activity; fish license fees net more than \$40 million per year, which help support the island's health, education, and welfare system

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$206.4 million (2015 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$70,800 (2015 est.)

Exports

\$257.3 million (2015 est.)

partners: Spain 74.4%, Namibia 10.4%, US 5% (2017)

Imports

\$90 million (2004 est.)

partners: UK 47.8%, Spain 28.4%, Greece 10.2%, Netherlands 5.7%, Cote d'Ivoire 4.3% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

3,200 (2016 est.)

Population Growth

0.01% (2014 est.)

Ethnicity

Falkland Islander 48.3%, British 23.1%, St. Helenian 7.5%, Chilean 4.6%, mixed 6%, other 8.5%, unspecified 2% (2016 est.)

Language

English 89%, Spanish 7.7%, other 3.3% (2006 est.)

Religion

Christian 57.1%, other 1.6%, none 35.4%, unspecified 6% (2016 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 78.5% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 0.76% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)