

WORLD ECONOMY

In the June 2025 quarter, the United States economy expanded 3.0%, while the Australian and New Zealand economies grew by 0.2% and 0.8% respectively in the March 2025 quarter. During June 2025, the international price of Brent Blend crude oil jumped by 11.3% to USD \$71.45 per barrel from USD \$64.21 in May 2025.

DOMESTIC ECONOMY

In the March 2025 quarter, Samoa's Real GDP expanded by 2.2 percent, reflecting broad-based improvements across several key sectors. Notable increases were observed in Agriculture (up by 11.0%), Construction (9.0%), Electricity & Water (7.5%), Business services (7.4%), Commerce (5.1%) and Financial services (2.6%). Additionally, Tax revenue rose by 18.2%, further contributing to the overall economic expansion during the period.

INFLATION



- The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** fell by 0.2% over the last month and was 2.1% higher than in June 2024.
- The **annual average headline inflation rate** slightly increased to 1.9%, from May 2025.
- Imported inflation remained at 0.1% while domestic inflation continued to go up to 3.9%.
- **Underlying inflation rate** rose to 1.5%, from 1.3% in last month, which was lower than the 4.9% in June 2024.

OFFICIAL FOREIGN RESERVES



- **Gross Foreign Reserves** rose by 1.2% (\$18.2 million) to \$1,559.9 million. In comparison to June 2024, it was 15.2% (or \$205.8 million) higher.
- This resulted in a higher **import cover** of 15.2 months, from 15.0 months in May 2025 and 13.4 months in June 2024.

REMITTANCES & TOURISM



- Total monthly **remittances** declined by 3.9% (\$3.1 million), to \$74.4 million but was 10.8 percent (or \$7.2 million) higher than in June 2024.
- **Visitor arrivals** grew by 26.9% to 17,741 visitors, which was 9.9% higher compared to the same month last year.
- As a result, **tourism earnings** increased by 3.4% (\$2.0 million) reaching \$60.4 million, 14.4% higher than \$52.8 million in June 2024.

EXTERNAL TRADE



- **Export earnings** contracted by 8.9% (or \$0.5 million) to \$5.1 million in June 2025, mainly due to:
 - domestic exports, \$0.7 million drop
 - re-exports, \$0.2 million increase
- Total **import payments** increased by 3.2% (or \$3.2 million) to \$104.5 million, reflecting:
 - Government imports up by \$2.9 million,
 - Non-petroleum imports up by \$0.6 million.
 - Whereas, Petroleum imports fell by \$0.3 million.
- Accordingly, the **merchandise trade deficit** widened by 3.9% to \$99.4 million for the month.

INTEREST RATES & MONEY SUPPLY



- The **weighted average (WA) monthly official interest rate** fell by 25 basis points to 1.09% in June 2025, but was significantly higher than 0.23% in June 2024.
- The commercial banks' **WA deposit rate** increased by 2 basis points to 1.57%, while the **WA lending rate** dropped by 3 basis points to 8.38%, resulting in a WA interest rate spread of 6.81% in June 2025.
- Broad money (M2) expanded by 0.7% (\$12.1 million) to \$1,788.4 million, mainly driven by a \$10.2 million increase in Net Foreign Assets and a \$1.9 million increase in Net Domestic Assets.

LIQUIDITY & CREDIT



- Total commercial banks' liquidity rose by 3.3% (\$22.1 million) to \$696.0 million, reflecting fluctuations in:
 - Exchange Settlement Accounts (ESA) (+\$36.2 million).
 - Vault cash (+\$1.2 million).
 - CBS securities (-\$15.3 million).
- Meanwhile, total **commercial banks' credit to the private sector and public institutions** increased by 0.5% to \$1,216.8 million.
- **Total loans by non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs)** to the private sector and public institutions also went up by 0.7% to \$1,015.5 million.

LOCAL MARKET SURVEY

The total supply of agricultural commodities to selected local produce markets nationwide noted a 3.5% increase in June 2025. This growth was mainly attributed to higher supply of pumpkin, tomatoes and agriculture produce such as banana, taamu and coconuts to name a few. Despite the improvement in local supply, the **overall price index** noted a seasonal rise of 0.5% due to higher demand.

SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS CHART PACK

