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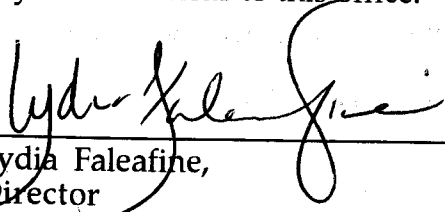
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Emphasis in the statistical digest is given to the most recent available economic and social data. The agencies acknowledged in the source references at the end of each table have additional statistical details and more comprehensive discussions of relevant definitions and concepts than can be presented here. Persons interested in more extensive information should consult or write to those agencies.

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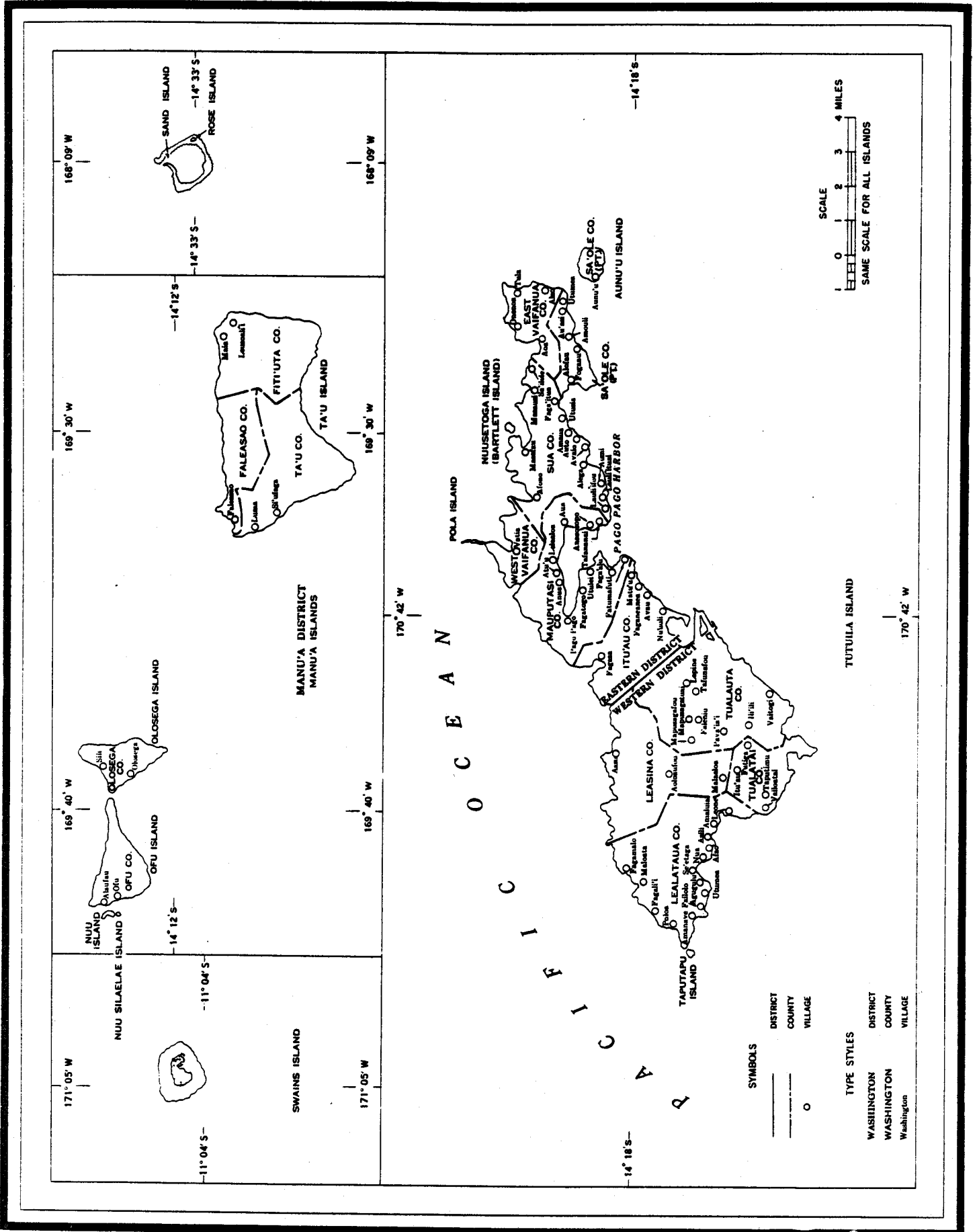
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Districts, Islands, Counties, and Villages



## GUIDE TO TABULAR PRESENTATION

The following symbols used in the tables throughout this publication, are explained in enclosed form in footnotes to the tables where they appear.

- represents zero or rounds to less than half the unit of measurement shown
- .. not available or not applicable
- r revised
- p provisional

Headnotes immediately below table titles provide information important for correct interpretation or evaluation of the table as a whole or for a major segment of it.

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UNITED STATES AND METRIC WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

===== to Metric Metric to U.S. =====

Length  
 Inches x 25.4 = millimeters x 0.039 = inches  
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Area  
 Sq. feet x 0.093 = sq. meters x 10.764 = sq. feet  
 Acres x 0.405 = hectares x 2.471 = acres  
 Sq. miles x 2.589 = sq. kilometers x 0.386 = sq. miles

Volume & Capacity  
 Cubic feet x 0.028 = cu. meters x 35.315 = cu. feet  
 Cubic yards x 0.765 = cu. meters x 1.308 = cu. yards  
 Fluid ounces x 29.573 = milliliters x 0.034 = fl. oz.  
 Quarts (liq.) x 0.946 = liters x 0.057 = qts.(liq.)  
 Gallons (liq.) x 3.785 = liters x 0.264 = gals(liq.)

Mass  
 Oz. (avdp.) x 28.350 = grams x 0.035 = oz. (avdp.)  
 lbs. (avdp.) x 0.454 = kilograms x 2.205 = lbs.(avdp.)  
 hwt. x 45.359 = kilograms x 0.022 = hwt.  
 Short tons x 0.907 = metric tons x 1.102 = short tons

Miscellaneous conversions  
 1 statute mile = 5,280 ft. = 1,760 yards  
 1 acre = 43,560 sq. feet  
 1 square mile = 640 acres  
 1 short ton = 2,000 pounds

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## POPULATION

The 1989 mid-year population estimate for American Samoa is 38,200, an increase of about 1.9 percent since 1988 and 16.5 percent since 1980. The new projections prepared using the FIVFIV/SINSIN program showed much lower projections than those published in previous editions. The decline in age-specific fertility rates and continuous out-migration contributed to these lower projections. The projected population for 1990 is about 39,000 and more than 45,000 in the year 2000.

The Eastern District still constituted more than 50 percent of the population of Tutuila although there has been a general trend toward the Western District (36 percent in 1974 to 41 percent in 1980). The Manu'a District remained at about 5 percent of the population for the territory. Population density is about 77 percent higher in the Eastern District than in the Western District, and Manu'a has about one-tenth as many persons per square mile as the Eastern District.

The population is young but is gradually getting older, with the median age increasing from 17 years in 1974 to 20 years in 1985. Males continued to outnumber females by 51 percent to 49 percent. About 42 percent of the population age 15 years and older were not married in 1985 compared to 28 percent in 1980. Single mean age at first marriage also went up from 25 years in 1980 to 27 years in 1985.

About 58.3 percent of the population were born in American Samoa in 1985 compared to 57.5 percent in 1980. Of the 41.7 percent foreign-born (13,415 persons) in 1985, about 71 percent were born in Western Samoa followed by 19 percent and 10 percent born in the United States and other Countries respectively. Samoan still remained the dominating single ethnic group (91 percent) in the territory.



TABLE 1.1. PRINCIPAL PHYSICAL FEATURES OF ISLAND COUNTRIES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC: 1986

Island Group	Estimated Population (Mid-1986)	Land Area (Sq. Km.)	Sea Area (Sq. Km.)	Population Density (Persons per Sq.Km.)	Annual Growth Rate (%) (1981-1986)
South Pacific Region ..	5,542,400	550,044	29,523	10	2.1
American Samoa .....	36,100	197	390	183	1.7
Cook Islands .....	17,200	240	1,830	72	0.3
Federated States of Micronesia .....	94,400	701	2,978	135	3.5
Fiji .....	711,100	18,272	1,290	39	2.0
French Polynesia .....	176,100	3,265	5,030	54	3.1
Guam .....	117,200	541	218	217	1.6
Kiribati .....	65,300	690	3,550	95	2.0
Marshall .....	36,700	181	2,131	203	2.9
Nauru .....	8,600	21	320	410	1.2
New Caledonia .....	150,500	19,103	1,740	8	1.7
Niue .....	2,500	259	390	10	2.6
Northern Mariana Is. ....	20,200	471	777	43	3.3
Palau .....	13,900	494	629	28	0.7
Papua New Guinea .....	3,390,400	462,243	3,120	7	2.1
Pitcairn Island .....	100	5	800	20	0.0
Solomon Islands .....	282,100	27,556	1,340	10	3.5
Tokelau .....	1,600	10	290	160	0.0
Tonga .....	94,500	699	700	135	0.3
Tuvalu .....	8,400	26	900	323	2.8
Vanuatu .....	140,200	11,880	680	12	3.3
Wallis & Futuna .....	14,300	255	300	56	4.9
Western Samoa .....	161,000	2,935	120	55	0.6

Source: South Pacific Commission, South Pacific Economies Statistical Summary  
Edition NO. 9, May 1987.

Table 1.2. POPULATION AND ANNUAL GROWTH RATE: 1900 TO 1985

Census Year	Population			Annual Growth Rate (Percent)
	Total	Males	Females	
1985 .....	35,527	..	..	1.9
1980 .....	32,297	16,384	15,913	1.8
1974 .....	29,190	14,747	14,443	1.6
1970 .....	27,159	13,682	13,477	3.0
1960 .....	20,051	10,164	9,887	-0.1
1956 .....	20,154	10,107	10,047	1.0
1950 .....	18,937	9,818	9,119	2.8
1945 .....	16,493	8,565	7,928	4.9
1940 .....	12,908	6,612	6,296	2.5
1930 .....	10,055	5,208	4,847	3.4
1926 .....	8,763	4,494	4,269	1.4
1920 .....	8,058	4,092	3,966	1.3
1912 .....	7,251	3,836	3,415	1.3
1908 .....	6,780	3,619	3,161	2.8
1903 .....	5,888	..	..	..
1901 .....	5,563	..	..	..
1900 .....	5,679	..	..	..

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Censuses of Population;  
Economic Development Planning Office,  
1985 Household Survey of Tutuila.

**POPULATION OF AMERICAN SAMOA  
1920-1980**

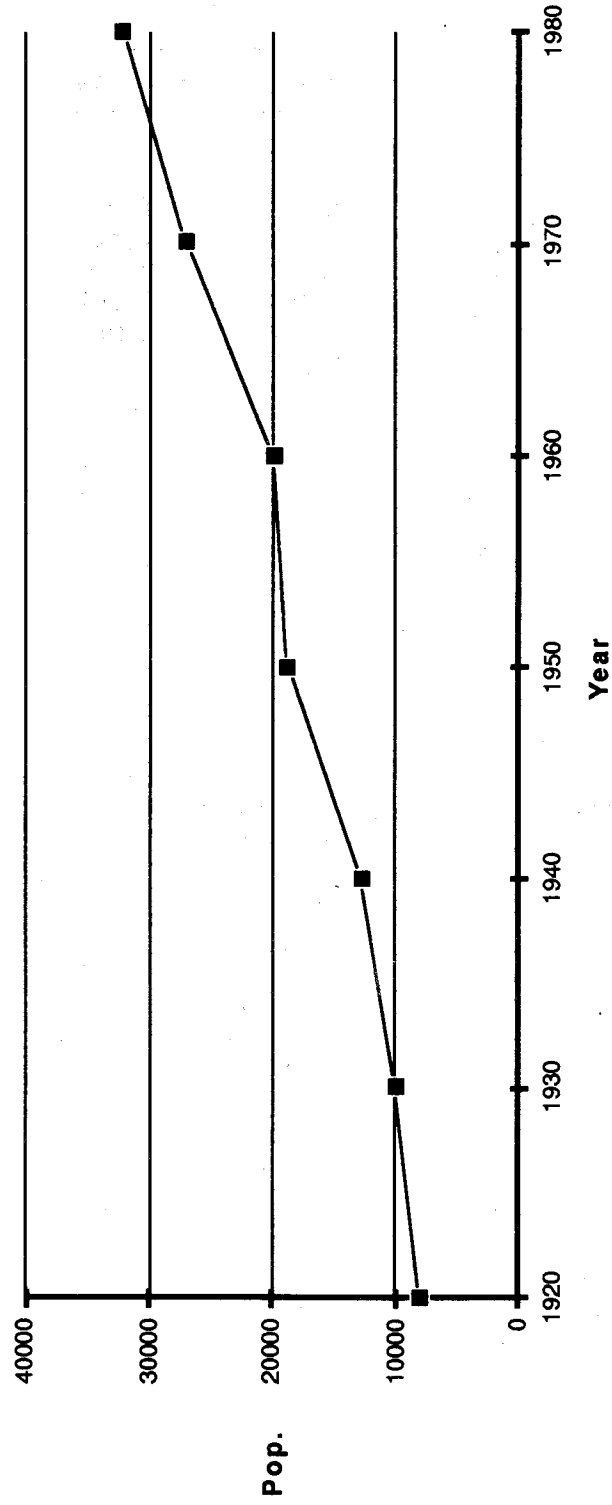


FIGURE 1

TABLE 1.3. POPULATION DENSITY BY DISTRICT: 1900 TO 1985

Year	Persons per Square Mile					
	Popula- tion	American Samoa	Tutuila			Manu'a
			Total	Eastern	Western	
1985 .....	35,527	461	672	890	500	72
1980 .....	32,297	419	611	787	472	65
1974 .....	29,190	379	547	765	376	68
1970 .....	27,159	353	499	725	322	81
1960 .....	20,051	260	345	506	218	104
1956 .....	20,154	262	346	518	211	105
1950 .....	18,937	246	319	483	190	110
1940 .....	12,908	168	203	306	123	102
1930 .....	10,055	131	156	229	99	83
1926 .....	8,763	114	132	192	86	80
1920 .....	8,058	105	124	172	86	69
1912 .....	7,251	94	109	145	81	67
1908 .....	6,780	88	99	137	68	69
1903 .....	5,888	76	84	111	63	63
1901 .....	5,563	72	79	106	58	59
1900 .....	5,679	74	78	101	61	65

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Censuses of Population; Economic Development Planning Office, 1985 Household Survey of Tutuila.

POPULATION BY DISTRICT  
1960 - 1985

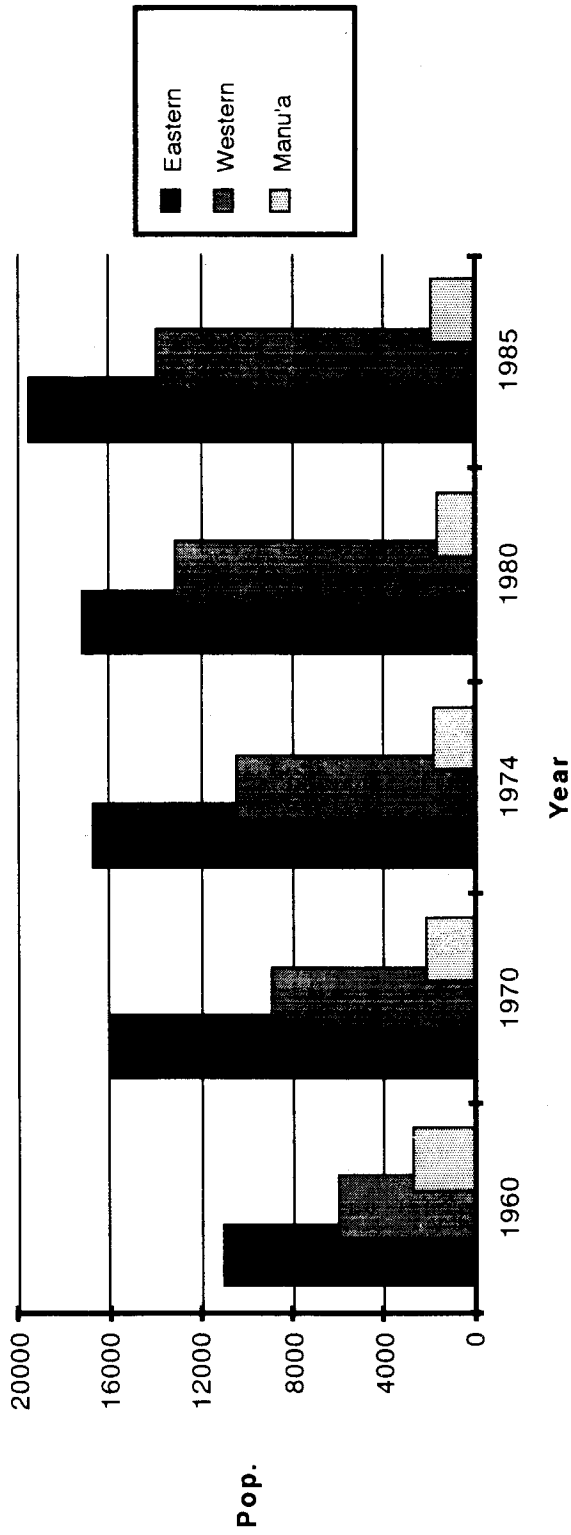


FIGURE 2

Table 1.4. MID-YEAR POPULATION ESTIMATES: 1960 TO 1989

Year	Population	Year	Population
1989 .....	38,200	1978 .....	31,430
1988 .....	37,450	1977 .....	30,890
1987 .....	36,960	1976 .....	30,270
1986 .....	36,260	1975 .....	29,660
1985 .....	35,600	1974 .....	29,070
1984 .....	34,940	1973 .....	28,610
1983 .....	34,300	1972 .....	28,150
1982 .....	33,660	1971 .....	27,710
1981 .....	33,050	1970 .....	26,950
1980 .....	32,450	1965 .....	23,510
1979 .....	31,980	1960 .....	20,140

SOURCE: Economic Development Planning Office.

Table 1.5. MIGRATION AND NATURAL INCREASE: 1970 TO 1980

Component	1970 to 1974	1974 to 1980
1. First Census Population .....	27,159	29,190
2. Second Census Population .....	29,190	32,297
3. Net Increase .....	2,031	3,107
4. Births .....	4,143	5,936
5. Deaths .....	602	724
6. Natural Increase .....	3,541	5,212
7. Apparent Net Migration .....	(1,510)	(2,105)
8. Percent Intercensal Increase .....	7.5	10.6
9. Percent Intercensal Natural Increase .....	13.0	17.9
10. Percent Intercensal Net Migration .....	-5.6	-7.2
11. Annual Rate of Growth (percent) .....	1.7	1.9

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Censuses of Population; Economic Development Planning Office; LBJ Tropical Medical Center, Planning and Development Division.

Table 1.6. POPULATION PROJECTIONS BY AGE GROUP AND SEX: 1990 TO 2000

Age Group	Total			Males			Females		
	1990	1995	2000	1990	1995	2000	1990	1995	2000
Total	38,940	42,260	45,150	19,600	21,230	22,650	19,340	21,030	22,500
0-4	6,380	6,550	6,370	3,230	3,310	3,220	3,150	3,240	3,150
5-9	5,500	6,040	6,200	2840	3130	3210	2,660	2,910	2,990
10-14	4,110	5,010	5,510	2310	2720	3000	1,800	2,290	2,510
15-19	3,680	3,940	4,820	2010	2250	2660	1,670	1,690	2,160
20-24	4,030	3,640	3,910	2100	1900	2140	1,930	1,740	1,770
25-29	3,610	3,770	3,390	1620	1910	1710	1,990	1,860	1,680
30-34	2,650	3,340	3,490	1130	1470	1740	1,520	1,870	1,750
35-39	1,960	2,370	3,010	900	970	1280	1,060	1,400	1,730
40-44	1,610	1,690	2,060	750	750	800	860	940	1,260
45-49	1,280	1,490	1,560	690	700	700	590	790	860
50-54	1,210	1,090	1,290	660	590	610	550	500	680
55-59	780	970	840	400	500	430	380	470	410
60-64	670	600	760	280	290	370	390	310	390
65+	1,470	1,760	1,940	680	740	780	790	1,020	1,160

Projected numbers are rounded to the nearest ten. Totals may not agree with the sum of individual age groups owing to roundings.

SOURCE: Population Profile of American Samoa; 1980 Census of American Samoa.

Table 1.7. POPULATION BY AGE: 1940 TO 1985

Age Group	1985	1980	1977	1974	1970	1960	1956	1950	1940
Total ..	32,170	32,297	30,600	29,103	27,159	20,051	20,427	18,937	12,908
0-4 .....	4,225	4,786	5,190	4,640	4,691	3,709	4,007	3,538	2,248
5-9 .....	4,130	4,218	4,530	4,545	4,415	3,244	3,227	2,875	2,022
10-14 .....	3,630	4,203	4,110	3,911	3,773	2,993	2,807	2,350	1,696
15-19 .....	3,945	3,849	3,530	3,146	3,088	2,182	2,149	2,161	1,363
20-24 .....	3,565	3,057	2,190	2,287	2,170	1,444	1,633	1,630	1,134
25-19 .....	2,685	2,388	2,070	2,071	1,680	1,154	1,348	1,526	1,024
30-34 .....	2,220	2,066	1,830	1,758	1,526	1,107	1,186	1,131	727
35-39 .....	1,660	1,610	1,670	1,492	1,244	1,030	948	999	712
40-44 .....	1,440	1,503	1,140	1,281	1,164	814	753	651	514
45-49 .....	1,360	1,184	1,180	1,160	934	688	636	606	398
50-54 .....	870	1,077	970	857	820	474	469	493	325
55-59 .....	800	776	760	754	625	425	434	270	270
60-64 .....	570	635	610	483	361	247	267	253	182
65-69 .....	445	413	820	305	322	226	235	184	122
70-74 .....	290	237	-	237	149	147	148	134	79
75+ .....	335	295	-	176	197	167	180	136	92
Percent									
Total ..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-4 .....	13.1	14.8	17.0	15.9	17.3	18.5	19.6	18.7	17.4
5-9 .....	12.8	13.1	14.8	15.6	16.3	16.2	15.8	15.2	15.7
10-14 .....	11.3	13.0	13.4	13.4	13.9	14.9	13.7	12.4	13.1
15-19 .....	12.3	11.9	11.5	10.8	11.4	10.9	10.5	11.4	10.6
20-24 .....	11.1	9.5	7.2	7.9	8.0	7.2	8.0	8.6	8.8
25-19 .....	8.3	7.4	6.8	7.1	6.2	5.8	6.6	8.1	7.9
30-34 .....	6.9	6.4	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.8	6.0	5.6
35-39 .....	5.2	5.0	5.5	5.1	4.6	5.1	4.6	5.3	5.5
40-44 .....	4.5	4.7	3.7	4.4	4.3	4.1	3.7	3.4	4.0
45-49 .....	4.2	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.2	3.1
50-54 .....	2.7	3.3	3.2	2.9	3.0	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.5
55-59 .....	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.1	1.4	2.1
60-64 .....	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4
65-69 .....	1.4	1.3	2.7	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.9
70-74 .....	0.9	0.7	-	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
75+ .....	1.0	0.9	-	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7

Note: The 1985 survey was a 20 percent sample of Tutuila; extrapolated to 100% Tutuila population and exclude Manu'a population. This note will not be repeated for subsequent tables.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Censuses of Population; Economic Development Planning Office, 1985 Household Survey of Tutuila.



Table 1.8. MALES BY AGE: 1940 TO 1985

Age Group	1985	1980	1977	1974	1970	1960	1956	1950	1940
Males ...	16,295	16,384	15,250	14,692	13,682	10,164	10,380	9,818	6,612
0-4 .....	2,135	2,486	2,750	2,380	2,386	1,919	2,194	1,839	1,152
5-9 .....	2,270	2,156	2,470	2,402	2,214	1,689	1,653	1,542	1,034
10-14 .....	1,960	2,256	2,150	2,026	1,877	1,581	1,469	1,236	868
15-19 .....	2,060	1,878	1,740	1,505	1,602	1,178	1,082	1,137	717
20-24 .....	1,615	1,390	830	951	1,012	670	793	774	552
25-29 .....	1,230	1,152	770	1,006	864	484	583	774	501
30-34 .....	1,035	1,033	910	949	776	490	590	608	353
35-39 .....	815	880	860	787	622	513	464	527	387
40-44 .....	745	806	610	673	566	432	397	327	276
45-49 .....	795	638	670	568	475	353	326	324	211
50-54 .....	420	521	420	431	445	260	244	245	166
55-59 .....	395	388	320	418	346	231	200	133	149
60-64 .....	250	333	340	248	189	113	129	111	100
65-69 .....	250	215	410	169	162	107	97	110	59
70-74 .....	165	122	-	113	68	67	76	67	42
75+ .....	155	130	-	66	78	77	83	64	45
Percent									
Males ...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-4 .....	13.1	15.2	18.0	16.2	17.4	18.9	21.1	18.7	17.4
5-9 .....	13.9	13.2	16.2	16.3	16.2	16.6	15.9	15.7	15.6
10-14 .....	12.0	13.8	14.1	13.8	13.7	15.6	14.2	12.6	13.1
15-19 .....	12.6	11.5	11.4	10.2	11.7	11.6	10.4	11.6	10.8
20-24 .....	9.9	8.5	5.4	6.5	7.4	6.6	7.6	7.9	8.3
25-29 .....	7.5	7.0	5.0	6.3	6.3	4.8	5.6	7.9	7.6
30-34 .....	6.4	6.3	6.0	6.5	5.7	4.8	5.7	6.2	5.3
35-39 .....	5.0	5.4	5.6	5.4	4.5	5.0	4.5	5.4	5.9
40-44 .....	4.6	4.9	4.0	4.6	4.1	4.3	3.8	3.3	4.2
45-49 .....	4.9	3.9	4.4	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.1	3.3	3.2
50-54 .....	2.6	3.2	2.8	2.9	3.3	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.5
55-59 .....	2.4	2.4	2.1	2.8	2.5	2.3	1.9	1.4	2.3
60-64 .....	1.5	2.0	2.2	1.7	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.5
65-69 .....	1.5	1.3	2.7	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.9
70-74 .....	1.0	0.7	-	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
75+ .....	1.0	0.8	-	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Censuses of Population; Economic Development Planning Office, 1985 Household Survey of Tutuila.