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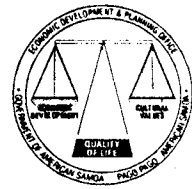


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## FOREWORD

The Economic Development and Planning Office, (EDPO) is pleased to present the seventeenth annual publication of, "The American Samoa Statistical Digest 1994".

The American Samoa Statistical Digest is the standard official summary of statistics on social, economic, and demographic profile of the territory. The Statistical Digest serves both as a summary of aggregated statistics about American Samoa, and also as a guide to source references of information and detailed subject-matter specifications not presented here. The Statistical Digest closely follows the organization and format of its counterparts, the State of Hawaii Data Book, and the Statistical Abstract of the United States.

Emphasis is given to the most recent available economic and social data provided by government agencies (both local and federal), private businesses, organizations and individuals. The EDPO wishes to thank all those involved in the preparation of this book. Without their unwavering cooperation every year, past, present, and future publications would not be possible. Those agencies and businesses are credited in the source references that accompany the tables to which they contributed.

We sincerely hope that users of this book will find the digest useful and informative. We welcome comments and suggestions for improving the Statistical Digest series. A self-addressed suggestion and comment sheet is provided at the end of the book for you to provide us with your comments.

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## GUIDE TO TABULAR PRESENTATION

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

- represents zero or rounds to less than half the unit of measurement shown.

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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.

Unit indicators ("In thousands", "In millions of dollars", etc.) are usually given as the first element of the headnote. In tables where several units are used, the unit indicators are generally given in the stub in the column headings.

Footnotes below the bottom rule of tables give information relating to specific items, figures or symbols within the table. In many tables, details will not add exactly to the totals shown due to rounding.

All annual statistics should be understood as referring to calendar years unless otherwise indicated.

# UNITED STATES AND METRIC WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

U.S.	to	Metric	to	U.S.
<b>Length</b>				
Inches	x 25.4	= millimeters		
Feet	x 0.305	= meters	millimeters	x 0.039 = inches
Statute miles	x 1.609	= kilometers	meters	x 3.281 = feet
			kilometers	x 0.621 = miles
<b>Area</b>				
Sq. feet	x 0.093	= sq. meters	sq. meters	x 10.764 = sq. feet
Acres	x 0.405	= hectares	hectares	x 2.471 = acres
Sq. miles	x 2.589	= sq. kilometers	sq. kilometers	x 0.386 = sq. miles
<b>Volume &amp; Capacity</b>				
Cubic feet	x 0.028	= cu. meters	cu. meters	x 35.315 = cu. feet
Cubic yards	x 0.765	= cu. meters	cu. meters	x 1.308 = cu. yards
Fluid ounces	x 29.573	= milliliters	milliliters	x 0.034 = fl. oz.
Quarts (liq.)	x 0.946	= liter	liters	x 0.057 = qts. (liq.)
Gallons (liq.)	x 3.785	= liters	liters	x 0.264 = gals (liq.)
<b>Mass</b>				
Oz. (avdp.)	x 28.350	= grams	grams	x 0.035 = oz. (avdp.)
Lbs. (avdp.)	x 0.454	= kilograms	kilograms	x 2.205 = lbs. (avdp.)
hwt.	x 45.359	= kilograms	kilograms	x 0.022 = hwt.
Short tons	x 0.907	= metric tons	metric tons	x 1.102 = short tons

**Miscellaneous conversions**

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



## UNITED STATES AND METRIC WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Fahrenheit	to	Celsius	Celsius	to	Fahrenheit
Temperature					
100 °F		37.8 °C	40 °C		104.0 °F
90		32.2	35		95.0
80		26.7	30		86.0
70		21.1	25		77.0
60		15.6	20		68.0
50		10.0	15		59.0
40		4.4	10		50.0
30		-1.1	5		41.0
20		-6.7	0		32.0
10		-12.2	-5		23.0
			-10		14.0

Source: The State of Hawaii Data Book 1990, A Statistical Abstract.

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## SECTION I.

### POPULATION

This section presents statistics on the growth, geographic distribution and composition of the population of American Samoa.

The estimated mid year population of the territory as of July 1, 1994 was 54,760 an increase of 1,900 when compared to the mid year 1993 estimated total of 52,900.

The 1990 census reflected a much higher annual growth rate of 3.7 percent since the last two decades. Given this high growth rate, it is expected that our population will reach 63,000 in the year 2000. The high growth rate is attributed to the fact that migration played a significant role in the demographic transition of our population. This is supported by the decline in the percentage of persons born in the territory (from 58.3 in 1980 to 54.7 in 1990), and the apparent net in-migration of about 2,000 persons between the two census periods. On the other hand, the level of fertility (which was expected to decline) has gone up again from 4.4 per 1,000 women between 1981 - 1985 to 4.5 between 1986 - 1990. Economic development, social stability, and better standard of living when compared to neighboring islands have attracted migrants to the territory.

Our population is very young. The median age for the territory (which reflected the demographic structure and periods of transitions in human population), remained at around 21 years, compared to about 33 years for the U.S.. Most human population especially in large developed countries have more females than males because male mortality is higher. This is true for the U.S. where there were more females than males (sex ratio = 95), whereas American Samoa had a sex ratio of about 106 (106 males for every 100 females).

Our population growth is ranked 6th comparing to other countries in the South Pacific Region, and with only about 200 square kilometers (77 square miles) of land area, we have about 234 persons per square kilometer or 607 per square mile.

The proportions of those born outside of the territory continued to increase. In 1990, the percent went up from 42 to 45. The distribution of persons' birthplace by age also differ significantly. While the American Samoan born population remained relatively close to the overall distributions (i.e. higher proportions in young ages, 0 - 24 years), the distributions of Western Samoan and the Tongan born were highly concentrated in middle age groups (20 to 39 years), suggesting age selective migration from neighboring islands.

TABLE 1.1. PRINCIPAL PHYSICAL FEATURES OF ISLAND COUNTRIES IN  
THE SOUTH PACIFIC: 1992

Island group	Estimated Population mid-year	Land area, sq.kilo- meter	Sea area, square kilometer	Population density, persons per sq.km.	Percent Annual growth rate
South Pacific Region ...	6,501,400	550,772	29,523	12	2.0
American Samoa .....	50,900	200	390	255	3.8
Cook Islands .....	17,800	237	1,830	75	1.1
Federated States of Micronesia .....	114,800	701	2,978	164	4.0
Fiji .....	753,000	18,272	1,290	41	1.9
French Polynesia .....	205,800	3,521	5,030	58	2.5
Guam .....	140,100	541	218	259	1.1
Kiribati .....	75,200	810	3,550	93	1.9
Marshall Islands .....	50,000	181	2,131	276	2.2
Nauru .....	9,800	21	320	467	1.2
New Caledonia .....	176,900	19,103	1,740	9	2.0
Niue .....	2,200	259	390	8	2.1
Northern Mariana Is. ....	54,000	471	777	115	4.2
Palau .....	15,900	488	629	33	1.8
Papua New Guinea .....	4,056,000	462,243	3,120	9	1.5
Pitcairn Island .....	100	5	800	20	0.0
Solomon Islands .....	337,000	27,556	1,340	12	3.7
Tokelau .....	1,600	10	290	160	-1.3
Tonga .....	97,400	747	700	130	0.5
Tuvalu .....	9,300	26	900	358	2.3
Vanuatu .....	156,500	12,190	680	13	2.4
Wallis & Futuna .....	14,100	255	300	55	4.0
Western Samoa .....	163,000	2,935	120	56	0.3

SOURCE: South Pacific Commission, South Pacific Economies Statistical  
Summary, 1993.

Table 1.2. CENSUS POPULATION AND ANNUAL GROWTH RATE:  
1900 TO 1990

Year	Population			Annual growth rate (percent)
	Total	Males	Females	
1990 .....	46,773	24,023	22,750	3.7
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	..	..	2.8
1901 .....	5,563	..	..	-2.0
1900 .....	5,679	..	..	..

NOTE: Censuses of 1956 and 1974 were local censuses.

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

# POPULATION OF AMERICAN SAMOA 1930 - 1990

CENSUS COUNT

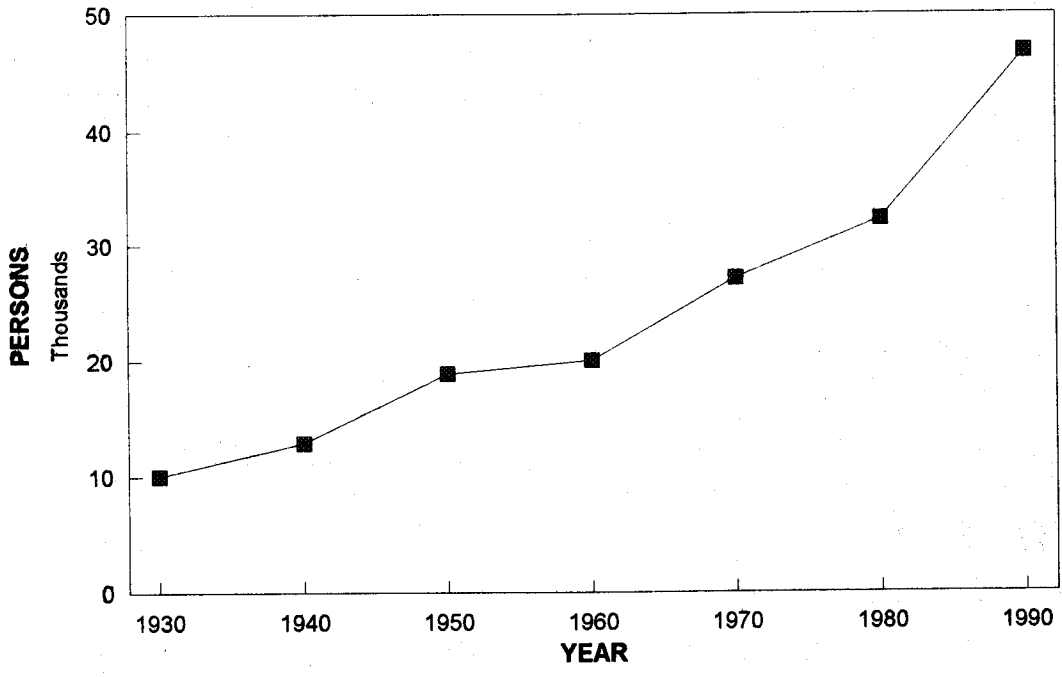


TABLE 1.3. POPULATION DENSITY BY DISTRICT: 1900 TO 1990

Persons per square kilometer						
Census year	Popula- tion	American Samoa	Tutuila			Manu'a
			Total	Eastern	Western	
1990 .....	46,773	234	346	371	327	25
1980 .....	32,297	161	235	304	181	26
1974 .....	29,190	146	210	295	144	27
1970 .....	27,159	136	192	280	124	32
1960 .....	20,051	100	133	195	84	41
1956 .....	20,154	101	133	200	81	42
1950 .....	18,937	95	123	186	73	44
1940 .....	12,908	65	78	118	47	40
1930 .....	10,055	50	60	88	38	33
1926 .....	8,763	44	51	74	33	32
1920 .....	8,058	40	48	66	33	28
1912 .....	7,251	36	42	56	31	26
1908 .....	6,780	34	38	53	26	27
1903 .....	5,888	29	32	43	24	25
1901 .....	5,563	28	30	41	22	24
1900 .....	5,679	28	30	39	23	26

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

Table 1.4. MID-YEAR POPULATION ESTIMATES: 1960 TO 1994

Year	Population	Year	Population
1994 .....	54,760	1980 .....	32,700
1993 .....	52,900	1979 .....	32,000
1992 .....	50,900	1978 .....	31,000
1991 .....	49,000	1977 .....	31,000
1990 .....	47,200	1976 .....	30,000
1989 .....	45,500	1975 .....	30,000
1988 .....	43,900	1974 .....	29,000
1987 .....	42,200	1973 .....	29,000
1986 .....	40,600	1972 .....	28,000
1985 .....	39,100	1971 .....	28,000
1984 .....	37,600	1970 .....	27,000
1983 .....	36,300	1965 .....	24,000
1982 .....	35,100	1960 .....	20,000
1981 .....	33,900		

NOTE: Mid-year estimates were recalculated, using births, deaths and estimated migration intercensal approach, (refer to Table 1.5). Estimates were rounded to nearest hundred.

SOURCE: Economic Development Planning Office; Research and Statistics Division.

Table 1.5. MIGRATION AND NATURAL INCREASE: 1970 TO 1990

Component	1980 to 1990	1974 to 1980	1970 to 1974
1. First census population .....	32,297	29,190	27,159
2. Second census population .....	46,773	32,297	29,190
3. Net increase .....	14,476	3,107	2,031
4. Births .....	14,150	5,945	4,143
5. Deaths .....	1,601	724	602
6. Natural increase .....	12,549	5,221	3,541
7. Apparent net migration .....	1,927	(2,114)	(1,510)
8. Percent intercensal increase .....	44.8	10.6	7.5
9. Percent intercensal natural increase .....	38.9	17.9	13.0
10. Percent intercensal net migration .....	6.0	-7.2	-5.6
11. Annual rate of growth (percent) .....	3.7	1.8	1.6

SOURCE: Economic Development Planning Office; Research and Statics Division.