

American Samoa Population: 2007

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The official estimate of the population of American Samoa as of July 1, 2007 is 68,200.

The American Samoa **Census 2000** released by the United States Bureau of the Census counted 57,291 persons living in American Samoa. The count was much lower than what was estimated, however, our population is considered one of the fastest growing populations in the Pacific Region.

The population estimates of American Samoa in the years after the 2000 census have steadily gone up by an average of about 1,500 persons each year with the exception of 2007. This growth is solely due to the natural growth of the resident population (births minus deaths) with the assumed balance migration. The historical migration trend from arrival/departure statistics proves invalid due to the absence of detailed immigration travel data. However, Port Administration data on deplanes and enplanes provides a secondary dataset for trend movements and analysis.

Population Estimates

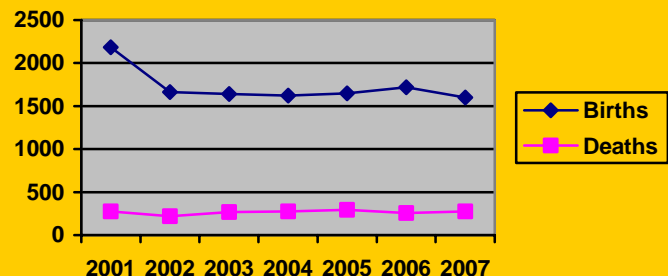
2007	68,200 * new
2006	66,900
2005	65,500
2004	64,100
2003	62,600
2002	60,800
2001	59,400

Recent **Immigration** data shows that numerous American Samoan Nationals are migrating to the US Mainland. In the 2005-2006 period, 3,600 local residents have moved off-island for various reasons such as to further education, military services and better

opportunities. This out-movement is replaced with 3,200 of those visiting families, friends and relatives who have remained in the territory. **Births** for calendar year 2007 have dropped by almost 300 in comparison to 2006. In the past ten years, total births have dropped, perhaps due to successful family planning programs and active participation in the labor force. **Deaths** remained below 300 a year.

The Annual Population **Growth Rate** is **2.0** percent. The growth of our population has somewhat slowed down in the past decade. As such the number of newborns has dropped below the 1,500 mark. The continuous drop in the number of newborns and the drop in growth rate are indications of declined fertility as more women take on an active role in the local

Mid-Year Counts



economy and or move off-island for continuous education and military services.

Vital statistics data is considered fairly complete. **Natural Growth** is now at about 1,200. The **Crude Birth Rate** (CBR) for American Samoa is now at 21.6 per 1000 population. The **Crude Death Rate** (CDR) is at 4.0 per 1000 population. The **Infant Mortality Rate** (IMR) is at 11.8 per 1000 live births. While the **Neonatal Mortality Rate** (NMR) is 6.2 per 1000 live births.

Crude Birth Rates have dropped from around 40 per 1000 population into the nineties to most recently 22 per 1000 population.