

AMERICAN SAMOA

A Growing Population –
Facing More Challenges

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Population Issues!

- Continued Growth in 3 decades
- Geographic shift
- Ethnic Samoan dominance being challenged?
- Young population
- Higher International Migration
- Prosperity and well-being
- Implications - health

Growth

- Since 1970 – doubled in size (38,000 added)
- Growth at above 2 percent annually
- 1,400 persons is added every year
- Population will double in 2040

Geographic Shift

- Manu'a to Tutuila movement continued
- Eastern District to Western District Shift
- High Concentration in the Tualauta County
- Tafuna Village is growing at 16 percent a year

Ethnic Samoan Challenged?

- Foreign Born population amounted to 37 percent
- Persons With Foreign Born Parents at 64 percent
- Percent Ethnic Samoan has dropped from 91 percent in 1980 to 88 percent in 2000
- Asian population doubled between 1990 and 2000

Young Population

- Median Age at 21 years
- Gender Ratio at 104
- 14 percent under 5 years old (health)
- 34 percent 5 to 19 years (school age)
- 49 percent 20 to 64 years (economically active)

International Migration

- Replacement Migration
- Apparent net out-migration at 1 percent annually
- Resident movements to mainland US is temporary
- Return migration of retired military families and students

Prosperity and Well Being

- Average Household Size at 6.1 persons
- Per Capita Income at \$4,357
- 509 Households with less than \$2,500 a year
- 1,136 households with \$50,000 or more a year
- Median wage for full-time male at \$9,332
- Median wage for full-time female at \$8,626
- Total wage earners at 16,348
- Total Income Received from all sources at \$249 million
- Average Family Income at \$18,219

POPULATION SUMMARY

- Total (2000)..... 57,291
- Estimated (2005)..... 65,500
- Calculated growth rate..... 2.0 %
- Approximate new persons each year..... 1,420
- Doubling Time 35 years
- Projected population 2040..... 131,000

Population cont.d.....

Projection assumptions:

| | Begin | End |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|------|
| Total Fertility Rate (children per woman) | 4.67 | 3.23 |
| Life expectancy: female | 76.2 yrs | |
| male | 68.5 yrs | |

There will be balance international migration

Implications of Growth

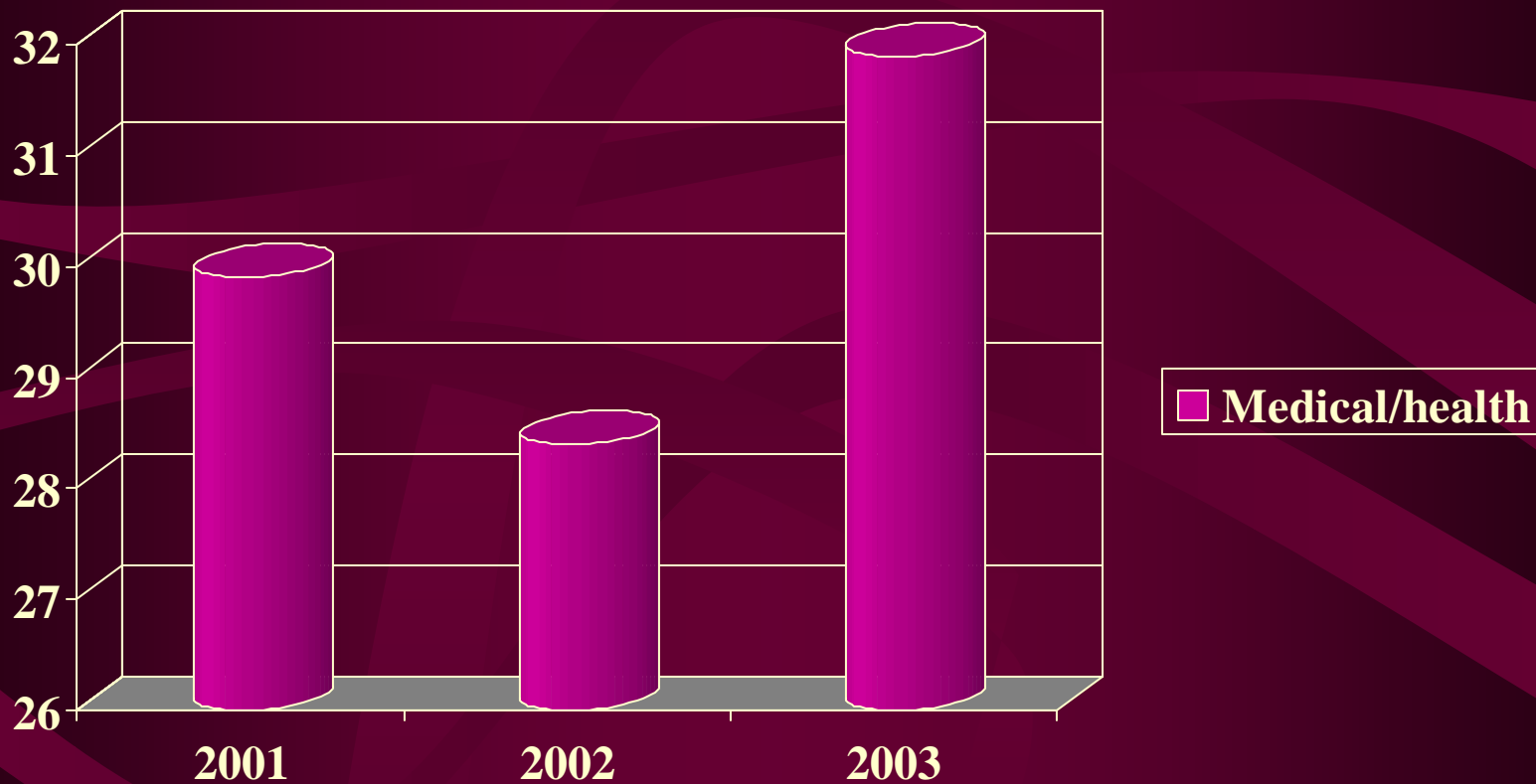
Every Year, there will be:

- *1,400 new mouths to feed
- *1,400 new brains to educate
- *1,400 new bodies to keep healthy
- *1,400 additional people to employ

Constraints and Challenges

- *Educational Development-more classrooms, more teachers etc.*
- *Economic Development-more jobs, affordable living*
- *Environment & Sustainable Development-controlled & balanced developments*
- *Social, Cultural & Tradition-challenges to extended family system*
- *Health/Medical Development*

Medical/Health Cost (\$million)



AS Family Expenditure (1995)

- Food \$58 million – 29 percent
- Alcohol/tobacco \$5.4 million – 3 percent
- Rental/fuel/utilities \$24 mil – 12 percent
- Housing/household \$28 mil – 14 percent
- Transportation \$19 mil – 9 percent
- Education \$3.4 mil – 2 percent
- Medical/health \$2.4 mil – 1 percent
- Special Expenses (funeral, wedding, donations, church) \$42 million – 21 percent

US – AS Family Spending (1995)

US Family

- Persons in Consumer Unit = 2.5
- Per Capita Exp = \$12,906
- Health Care = \$1,732 (5%)
- Ins and pensions = \$2,964

AS Family

- Persons in Consumer Unit = 6.5
- Per Capita Exp = \$3,700
- Health/Medical = \$281 (1%)
- Health Ins = \$500

CONCLUSION

- Medical Cost will not go away!
- Prioritize and allocate wisely our resources
 - Population growth need to be controlled
- The fate of our future generations depend on the wisdom of decisions made today.

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