

Section Four

LAW ENFORCEMENT

This section contains statistical data on crime, traffic, accidents, firearm registration, correctional facility population, fire, and court activities.

Offenses in the past five years reported by the Department of Public Safety have dropped from 2,500 in 2001 to about 1,800 in 2005. This downward trend is due mainly to significant decline in Assault, Burglary, Disorderly Conduct, and Property Damage/Vandalism.

Of the Part one offenses, Burglary remained the number one complaint from the local community, followed by Assault and Larceny. Of the Part Two Offenses, Disorderly conduct still rated the highest although it has reduced by about 50 percent from last year. DUI offenses followed second at about 200 cases reported. Social disorder is on the rise. Narcotics have gone up by 50 percent in the past five years while Family disorder (Family and Children) has reached double digit. Sex offenses also increased in the five-year period.

Juvenile Offenses continued to drop in the past five years. Assault, Burglary and Larceny were the highest offenses reported in Part One Juvenile Offenses. Disorderly Conduct and Runaways were the most common complaints of Part Two Juvenile Offenses.

A total of 780 traffic accidents were reported by DPS in 2005; a drop of about 17 percent since FY 2004. A total of 111 persons were injured with 4 fatalities. Firearm registration has gone up by 60 percent. Inmate population at the Correctional Facility reported a year-end 2005 count of 222 compared to a 174 count in 2004. About 90 percent of inmates were male and likewise 95 percent were Native Hawaiians or Other Pacific Islands (presumably Samoan) as these racial/ethnic categories were federally standard reporting. No data on Fire was reported for FY-2005.

Over 500 cases were filed at the High Court, while about 3,800 were pending from the previous year. A total of 369 cases were disposed of in 2005. Criminal cases is ranked the highest followed by Civil actions and Divorced. Land and Matai Title cases are on the rise.

Table 4.1. PART 1 AND PART 2 OFFENSES BY TYPE OF OFFENSE:
FY2001 TO FY2005

Offenses	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Total	1,768	2,421	2,454	2,411	2,522
Part one	336	371	415	466	483
Arson	4	4	-	5	10
Assault (1st & 2nd)	92	83	90	99	123
Burglary	163	196	206	240	220
Criminal homicide	6	4	3	7	1
Forcible rape	12	10	19	22	28
Larceny	55	66	88	85	96
Motor vehicle theft	2	5	8	5	2
Robbery	2	3	1	3	3
Part two	1,432	2,050	2,039	1,945	2,039
Disorderly conduct	367	750	758	766	634
D.U.I.	201	272	219	172	188
Embezzlement	1	-	-	4	1
Family and children	32	4	3	9	6
Forgery/wCounterfeit	2	2	5	4	3
Gambling	-	-	-	-	-
Narcotics	51	24	23	17	14
Property damage/vandalism	87	91	114	139	162
Runaways	21	24	23	15	24
Sex offenses	26	18	24	12	21
Truancy	1	1	-	-	3
Weapons	10	10	6	11	7
All other offenses	633	854	864	796	976

SOURCE: Department of Public Safety, Records Office

Table 4.2. PART 1 AND PART 2 JUVENILE OFFENSES BY TYPE
OF OFFENSES: FY2001 TO FY2005

Offenses	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Total	115	122	143	165	187
Part One	39	38	53	63	78
Arson	-	-	-	1	1
Assault	20	7	10	26	30
Auto theft	-	1	-	1	-
Burglary	13	19	32	16	25
Larceny	4	8	11	14	18
Murder	-	1	-	1	-
Rape	2	-	-	2	3
Robbery	-	2	-	2	1
Part Two	76	84	90	102	109
Disorderly conduct	14	25	22	24	28
Drugs	6	3	5	4	4
Offense A/Family	-	-	1	2	-
Property damage	5	6	10	13	16
Runaways	25	24	21	15	24
Sexual Offense	1	-	2	-	1
Truancy	-	1	-	-	3
Weapons	1	-	-	1	-
Others	24	25	29	43	33

SOURCE: Department of Public Safety, Records' Office

Table 4.3. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS: FY1985 TO FY 2005

Year	Total Accidents	Persons Injured	Fatalities
2005	780	111	4
2004	936	259	2
2003	916	250	3
2002	1,051	336	7
2001	1,018	410	4
2000	1,107	308	4
1999	1,183	334	4
1998	1,010	369	5
1997	1,601	446	5
1996	942	189	1
1995	907	265	3
1994	967	191	2
1993	952	184	7
1992	1,171	194	6
1991	1,000	204	3
1990	943	208	5
1989	788	205	7
1988	795	206	5
1987	718	236	7
1986	916	275	6
1985	557	179	3

SOURCE: Department of Public Safety, Record's Office.

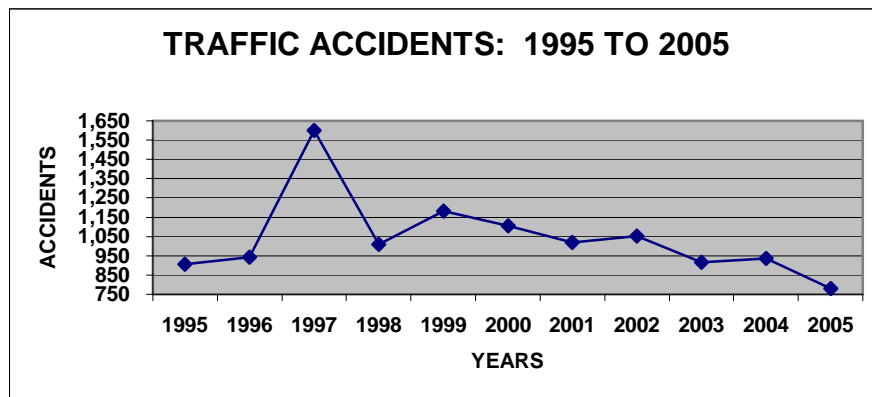


Table 4.4. REGISTERED FIREARMS BY TYPE: FY2001 TO FY2005

Type	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Total	273	170	195	225	222
Shot Guns	138	84	104	112	109
Pistols	27	16	19	28	25
Rifles (22 Cal)	108	70	72	85	88
Rifles (30 Cal)	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-

NOTE: Shot guns included 12, 16 and 20 gauge models, pistols included 22, 38, and 45 caliber models.

SOURCE: Department of Public Safety, Records' Office.

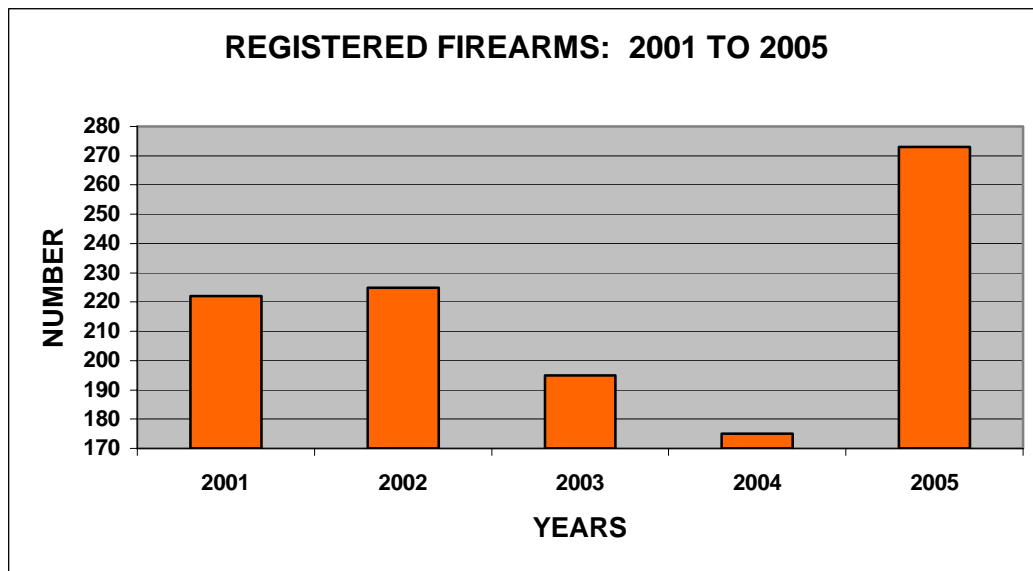


Table 4.5. INMATE POPULATION BY MONTH, TAFUNA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY: FY2000 TO FY2004

Monthly	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Average Population	148	139	136	130	133
October	140	136	130	129	132
November	145	137	128	139	133
December	155	140	148	143	144
January	145	136	144	137	132
February	136	155	115	128	120
March	176	138	142	143	132
April	146	140	137	115	130
May	163	145	143	137	140
June	157	140	140	120	137
July	141	128	138	126	142
August	139	135	127	117	130
September	131	139	139	131	128

NOTE: Data for 2005 are not available.

SOURCE: Department of Public Safety, Records' Office

Table 4.6. PRISON POPULATION REPORT - YEAREND
JURISDICTION COURT: 2004 AND 2005

Inmates	2005		2004	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Total	202	20	159	15
Max sentence more than 1 year	163	11	135	8
Max sentence 1 year or less	14	1	10	2
Unsentenced	25	8	14	5

SOURCE: Department of Public Safety, Record's Office

Table 4.7. RACIAL AND ETHNIC COMPOSITION: 2005

Racial/Ethnic	Males	Females
Total	202	20
White	4	1
Black	1	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	4	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	193	19

SOURCE: Department of Public Safety, Record's Office

Table 4.8. INMATE POPULATION BY NATIONALITY: FY2000 TO FY2004

Nationality	2004		2003		2002		2001		2000	
	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent
Total	147	100	139	100	135	100	119	100	122	100
U.S. National	50	34	49	35	45	33	30	25	39	32
Western Samoan	59	40	63	45	57	42	53	45	57	47
Oriental	10	7	11	8	7	5	9	8	8	7
Tongan	15	10	11	8	16	12	17	14	12	10
Others	13	9	5	4	10	7	10	8	6	5

NOTE: Data for 2005 are not available.

SOURCE: Department of Public Safety, Records' Office

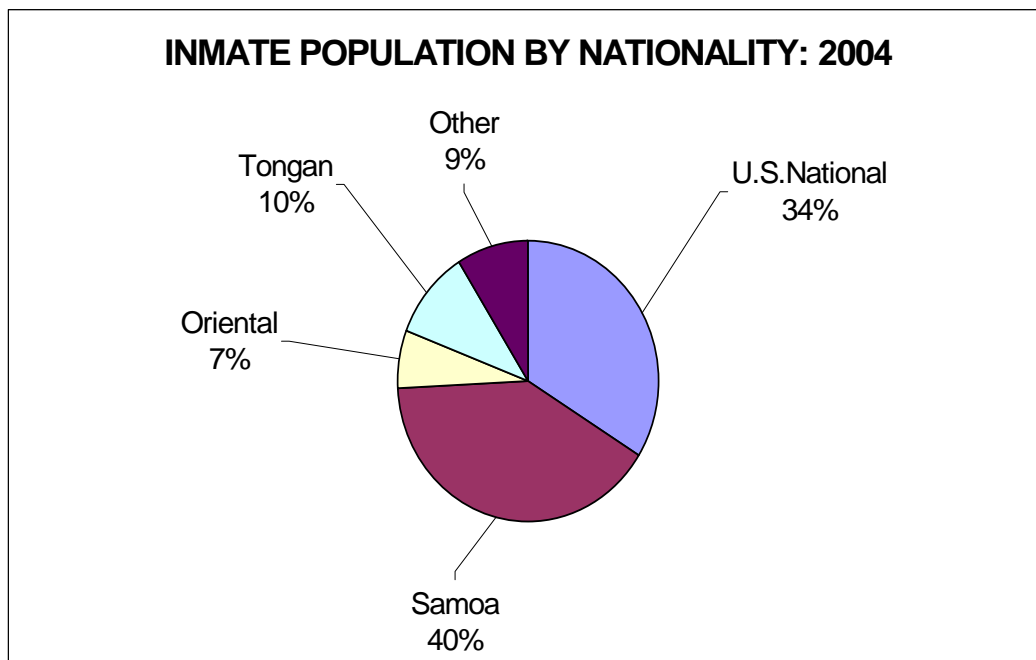


Table 4.9. FIRES BY TYPE AND ESTIMATED LOSSES: FY2000 TO FY2004

Type	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Total	65	55	33	38	16
Residential	42	35	22	20	16
Major	30	25	12	8	4
Minor	12	10	10	12	12
Est. Loss (\$1,000)	..	..	..	..	..
Commercial	10	11	8	11	-
Major	7	6	2	3	-
Minor	3	5	6	8	-
Est. Loss (\$1,000)	..	..	..	..	..
Industrial	13	9	3	7	-
Major	10	4	1	2	-
Minor	3	5	2	5	-
Est. Loss (\$1,000)	..	..	..	..	..

NOTE: Data for FY2005 are not available.

SOURCE: Department of Public Safety, Fire Service Division

Table 4.10. HIGH COURT CASES FILED AND DISPOSED BY TYPE: 2004 AND 2005

Type of Case	2005			2004		
	Cases filed	Cases disposed	Pending from 2004	Cases filed	Cases disposed	Pending from 2003
Total	506	369	3,834	528	336	3,697
Appellate	15	45	42	13	19	72
Criminal	102	51	255	72	46	204
Juvenile	46	9	387	23	15	350
Relinquishment proceedings	72	109	821	121	75	858
Civil action	95	58	877	110	62	840
Land	35	12	389	42	11	366
Matai (chief) title	9	2	75	3	3	68
Divorce	83	73	383	109	93	373
Probate	49	10	605	33	10	566
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	2	2	-

SOURCE: High Court of American Samoa, Clerk's Office

Table 4.11. HIGH COURT CASES FILED: 2001 TO 2005

Type of Case	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Total	506	528	518	617	632
Appellate	15	13	19	20	18
Criminal	102	72	44	76	97
Juvenile	46	23	22	39	37
Relinquishment proceedings	72	121	106	176	203
Civil action	95	110	111	103	119
Land	35	42	39	33	23
Matai (chief) title	9	3	8	7	11
Divorce	83	109	114	127	90
Probate	49	33	55	36	33
Miscellaneous	-	2	-	-	1

SOURCE: High Court of American Samoa, Clerk's Office

Table 4.12. FAMILY, DRUG AND ALCOHOL CASES FILED AND
DISPOSED BY TYPE: 2005

Type of Case	Cases filed	Cases dis posed	Pending end of 2005	Pending from 2004
Total	39	8	105	74
Criminal	14	4	26	16
Juvenile	8	2	26	20
Divorce	10	-	27	17
Civil action	7	2	21	16
Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement & Support Act (URESAs)	-	-	5	5

SOURCE: High Court of American Samoa, Family, Drug and Alcohol Division.

Table 4.13. DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED AND DISPOSED BY TYPE: 2001 TO 2005

Type of Case	2005		2004		2003		2002		2001	
	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed	Filed	Disposed
Total	5,899	4,459	5,880	5,340	7,030	6,610	10,342	9,696	13,187	12,188
Criminal	473	450	78	72	43	44	94	90	143	140
Civil action	5	2	2	-	15	7	8	5	26	20
Traffic	4734	3387	5,284	4,857	5,717	5,436	9,251	8,766	11,931	10,983
Small claims	408	400	400	310	468	355	675	550	958	920
Adoption	57	53	88	80	76	68	105	100	117	115
Uniform reciprocal enforcement & support act	9	6	11	5	3	2	18	8	12	10
Public health	213	161	17	16	708	698	191	177	-	-

SOURCE: High Court of American Samoa, Clerk's Office.