

American Samoa Population: 2006

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The official estimate of the population of American Samoa as of July 1, 2006 is 66,900.

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 was estimated, however, our population is considered one of the fastest growing population in the Pacific Region.

Census count since 1974

2006	66,900 est.
2005	65,500 est.
2004	64,100 est.
2003	62,600 est.
2002	60,800 est.
2001	59,400 est.
2000	57,291
1990	46,773
1980	32,297
1974	29,190

The population estimates of American Samoa in years after the 2000 census have steadily gone up by an average of about a 1,500 persons each year. This growth is solely due to the natural growth of the resident population (births minus deaths) without any migration component. Since 2002, there has been no record of arrival and departure data for American Samoa, in order to determine returned migration and net migration.

The growth rate based on these annual estimates is 2.3 percent. The growth of our population has somewhat slowed down in the past decade. As such the number of newborns has remained at a 1,500 in the past five years. The continuous drop in the number of newborn is an indication of declined fertility as more and more women took a more active role in the

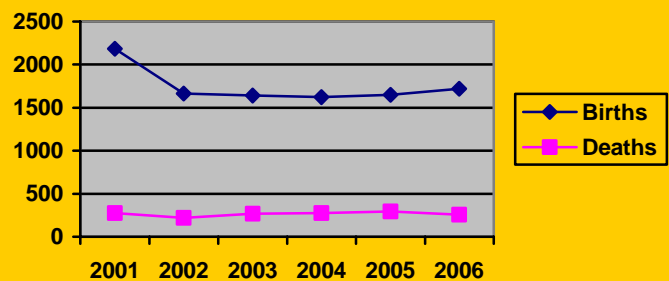
local economy or moved off-island for continuous education and military services.

As stated, the migration component has not been considered in the current population estimates due to the lack of arrival and departure data. While the Balancing Equation formula extrapolated an out-migration pattern between the 1990 and 2000 censuses, the lack of current statistics on returning residents, net migration and visitors negated the usefulness of intercensal migration estimates. Local economic conditions suggested a constant influx of migrants from Asian and Pacific Island countries into American Samoa.

Vital statistics data is considered fairly complete. About 1,720 births were reported between July 2005 and June 2006. Compared to total deaths of 258, gives a natural increase of about 1,462. Vital Statistics data reflects a Crude Birth Rate (CBR) for American Samoa is now at 25.7 per 1000 population. The Crude Death Rate (CDR) is at 4.9 per 1000 population. The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) is at 7.0 per 1000 live births. While the Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) is 2.9 per 1000 live births and the Fetal Mortality as measured by Fetal Death Ratio at also 4.7 per 1000 live births.

Crude Birth Rates have dropped from around 40 per 1000 population in the late

Mid-Year Counts



eighties and throughout the nineties to about 26 in the past five years.