

American Samoa Population: 2010

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The official estimate of the population of American Samoa as of July 1, 2010 is 67,380.

The 2010 midyear population estimate for American Samoa was recorded at 67,380. The count was much lower than what was estimated in 2009 despite the natural growth as reported through births and deaths statistics. This was due to additional migration information gathered as well as other economic and social factors that caused the out-migration.

Midyear 2010 population estimate shows a decline of 2,720 which is the first time since 2000 decennial Census. The availability of detailed immigration information from the Department of Legal Affairs, illustrates movements by immigration status. The main contributing factor to this decrease was largely due to canneries workers that came under the *guest worker permit* as well as other residents that migrated as a result of the minimum wage increase.

Population Estimates

2010	67,380 *	New
2009	70,100	
2008	69,200	
2007	68,200	
2006	66,900	
2005	65,500	
2004	64,100	
2003	62,600	
2002	60,800	
2001	59,400	

The historical migration trend from arrival/departure statistics proves invalid due to the absence of detailed immigration travel data. However, immigration alien registrant information provides a secondary dataset for trend movements and analysis.

Recent **Immigration** data on arrivals and departures show that in 2009, there were a net outflow of residents close to 600 and about 1000 net inflow of business travelers.

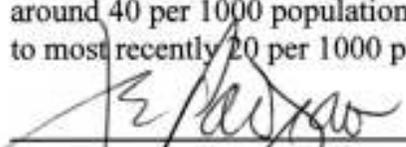
Births recorded in July 2009 to June 2010 were 1,372 which was a 2% drop from 2009. A lot of reasons may have contributed to this decline such as family planning programs and more women active participation in the labor force. **Deaths** increased from 241 in 2009 to 273 in 2010. The growth of our population has somewhat slowed down in the past decade. As such the number of newborns has dropped below the 1,500 mark.

Mid-Year Counts



Vital statistics data is considered fairly complete. **Natural Growth** is now at about 1,099. The **Crude Birth Rate (CBR)** for American Samoa is now at 19.6 per 1000 population. The **Crude Death Rate (CDR)** is at 4.6 per 1000 population. The **Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)** is at 11.6 per 1000 live births, while the **Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR)** is 5.8 per 1000 live births.

Crude Birth Rates have dropped from around 40 per 1000 population in the nineties to most recently 20 per 1000 population.

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