AMERICAN SAMOA STATISTICS NEWS

BREAKING NEWS:

The 2017 Mid-Year Population of American Samoa is estimated at 60,300, a slight increase of 100 persons since July last year.

The population estimate is derived from the Balancing Equation Method, taking into account the net migration of residents, births, and deaths. These are the only three forces that can change a population count. Recent fertility trends continued to decline as the number of births has dropped from about 1,800 ten years ago to a little over 1,000 last year. The number of deaths on the other hand has gone up averaging at about 280 deaths a year 23 deaths a month, or 5 deaths a week. Net migration is the most difficult to assess due to lack of quality data. However, tracking net migration using Immigration arrival/departure statistics suggested that we may have lost about 6,000 residents in the past ten years. This is a big loss in the indigenous population but at the same time we might have gained about 7,000 from those visiting families and relatives in the same period. Those intending residents seeking authorization to reside in American Samoa are not captured as a primary reason of travel but are, if not all, arriving as VRFs.

Between July 2016 and June 2017, the population natural growth (births minus deaths) amounted to +707. Net migration using the two categories of residents and visiting relatives/families amounted to -600.

The 2017 mid-year cohort components are provided below:

2017 Population Cohort Estimates			
Cohort	Total	Male	Female
Total	60,300	29,657	30,643
Less than 1 year	1,178	592	586
1 to 2 years	2,457	1,367	1,090
3 to 5 years	3,729	1,934	1,795
6 – 13 years	10,564	5,424	5,140
14 – 18 years	6,740	3,471	3,269
19 – 24 years	5,291	2,589	2,702
25 – 64 years	26,759	12,680	14,079
65 and over	3,582	1,600	1,982

The 2017 population estimate by single year is available upon request. For more information, contact the DOC Statistics Division at (684) 633-5155 or email: americansamoastatistics@doc.as.

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