

REPORT ON THE 1974 CENSUS OF AMERICAN SAMOA: PART II

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INTRODUCTION

In this part of the report explanations and further compilations of the data are presented. In Part I (also referred to as Volume I in the text), basic information was provided about the census and 51 tables showing census results were presented without interpretation.

There are two types of tables in the report. The tables prepared for Part I were labeled sequentially with single arabic numbers; the tables for Part II ("text" tables) have been labeled with a Roman numeral for the chapter and a sequential arabic number (e.g., I.1, II.1, II.2). In the text, tables from both volumes may be referenced in the same sentence.

The text tables have been added to aid in explanation of the data. There are three kinds of these tables: 1) compilations of information already available in the tables shown in Part I of the report; 2) tables showing comparative information from previous American Samoa censuses; and, 3) tables comparing data with the 1971 Census of Western Samoa. These tables are used for explanatory purposes, and, for the most part, will not be interpreted.

Each chapter includes a short discussion of the census question from the census form, an explanation of the tables prepared for Part I of the report, and further tabulations for comparative purposes.

Several conventions have been used to aid in understanding the tables. Many of the totals for column and row percents for text tables, for example, do not equal 100 percent because of rounding errors. Rather than adjust individual entries to add to 100 percent, the actual percentage determinations have been given.

The Samoan words matai and aiga are used throughout Part II of the report without being glossed. Aiga means a group of people related bilaterally by blood, marriage and adoption. A matai is a family leader, and is the

head of an aiga. There are different levels of matai in Samoa, but these levels were not distinguished in the 1974 Census.

For many of the regular tables, and several of the text tables, the country of Western Samoa has been divided into three areas to permit more analysis of the data: 1) Apia consists of Apia, the capital city of Western Samoa, and the towns surrounding it; 2) Upolu covers the remainder of the island of Upolu (where Apia is located) and the two small islands of Manono and Apolima; and 3) Savai'i consists of Savai'i, the other large island in Western Samoa.

The American Samoa Advisory Council on Vocational Education has funded the writing of Part II of this report. A section in Chapter IX has been included to aid the council in assessing some of the problems facing American Samoans in the labor force; many of the other tables in Part I and text tables in Part II have also been prepared to help identify areas of current and potential change in demography, education, and employment. The support of the Advisory Council is gratefully acknowledged.

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