Money Follows the Person | Data Storytelling

HEALTHCARE ACCESS IN *American Samoa*

August 2026

1 Household Data



Total Housing Units	11,807
Total Households	10,024
Vacant Housing	1,783
Multigenerational Households	26.6%
Median Household Income	$28,352
Average Household Size	4.96

U.S. Census Data, 2020

2 Socio-Economic Data

Households with Income Below Poverty Level — **54.6%**

Households with Social Security Income — **3,134**

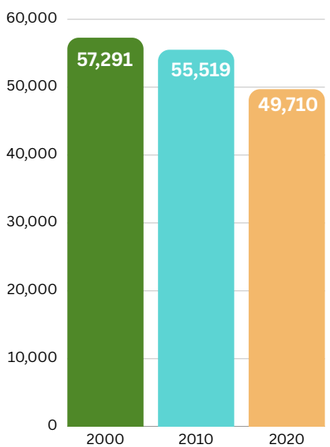
Households with Food Stamp/ SNAP Benefits — **3,258**

U.S. Census Data, 2020

In 2019, 54.6% of American Samoan residents for whom poverty status was determined lived below the poverty level.

3 Population & Out-Migration Data

American Samoa Population



U.S. Census Data, 2000, 2010, 2020

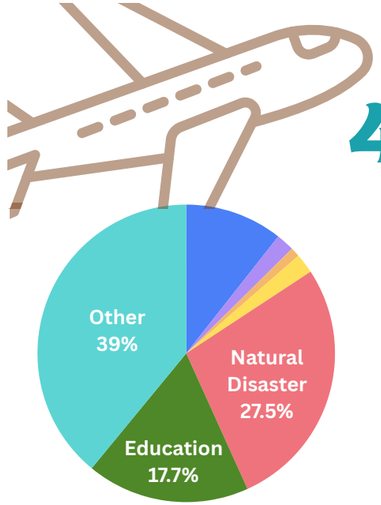
2000 - 2020

Net Population Change

-5,809 residents

Percentage of Population Decline

-10.5%



4 Reasons for Moving

39%	Other	3,678
27.5%	Natural Disaster	2,590
17.7%	Education	1,669
10.6%	Employment	1,000
2.2%	Family-Related	203
2%	Military	185
1%	Housing	96

U.S. Census Data, 2020



Healthcare is a plausible driver for some relocation, but public Census data does not isolate it as a measurable reason.

5 Travel & Relocation Costs

Passport Book Costs

Adult (First-Time)	$165
Adult (Renewal)	$130
Child (Under 16)	$135
Optional Expedited Fee	$60

U.S Department of State, 2026

Airfare Costs (One-Way)

Hawaii	$866	PPG - HNL
California	$1,135	PPG - LAX
Washington	$1,135	PPG - SEA
Oregon	$1,135	PPG - PDX
Alaska	$1,299	PPG - ANC
Manu'a	~$160	Manu'a - PPG

Alaska Airlines, 2026; Samoa Airways, 2026

Estimated Cost of Living (for a Five-Person Household)

	overall price level US = 100	overall price level US = 100	est. monthly living expenses
Hawaii	110.0	125.3	$8,050
California	110.7	154.3	$8,100
Washington	107.0	126.0	$7,830
Oregon	103.4	108.6	$7,560
Alaska	102.4	93.8	$7,490
U.S. Benchmark	100.0	100.0	$7,320

U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis Regional Price Parities, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Expenditure Survey, 2024

6 Healthcare / Specialized Care

1 MEDICAL HOSPITAL FACILITY

- LBJ Tropical Medical Center
- 150 Bed-Capacity

6 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

- Amouli
- Faga'alu
- Leone
- Ofu
- Tafuna
- Ta'u

SPECIALIZED CARE

- Physical Thearpy (PT)
- Occupational Therapy (OT)
- Speech Pathologist
- Women's Health Clinic

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