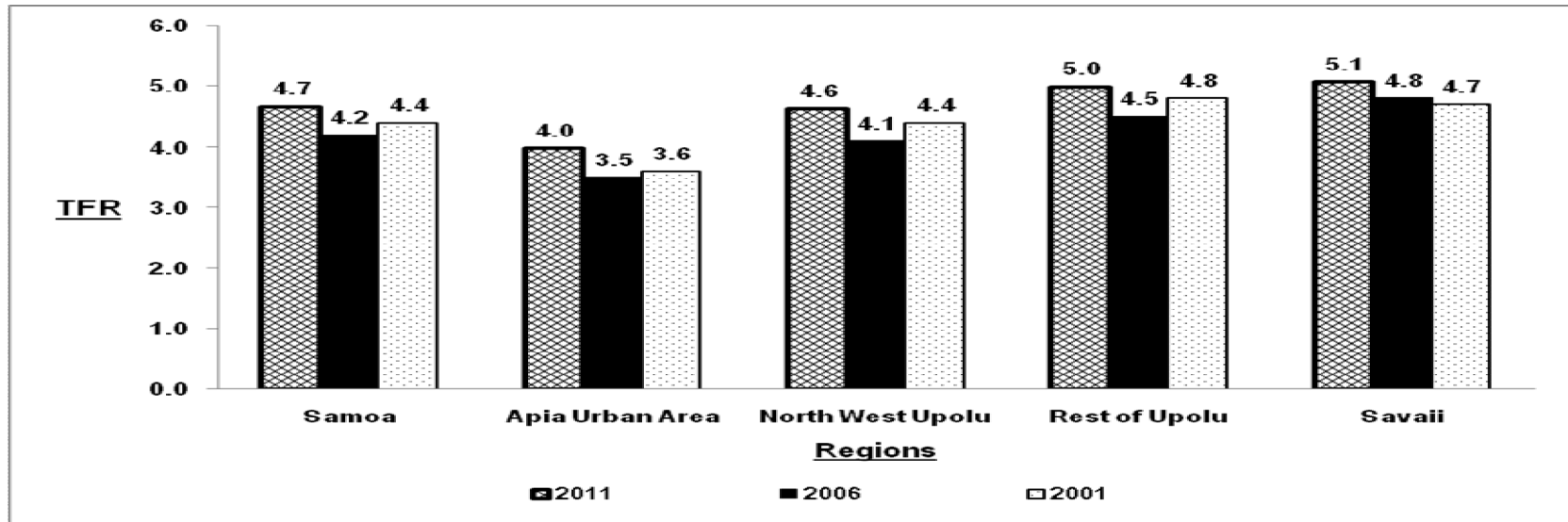




## Total Fertility Rate(TFR) for Census 2001-2011



**Fertility** is an important factor of human reproduction. It refers to the actual reproductive performance of a population or the number of live births occurring in a population. **Total Fertility Rate (TFR)** is one of the measures for fertility and it is defined as the total number of children a woman would have by the end of her reproductive years at the rates specified by the schedule of age specific fertility rate for a particular year. The rate is normally expressed on a per woman basis instead of per 1000 women. Figure above shows the TFR in the last three censuses from 2001, 2006 and 2011 as well as the four Statistical Regions namely Apia Urban Area (AUA), North West Upolu (NWU), Rest of Upolu(ROU) and Savaii. Samoa's TFR from Census of population 2011 was estimated at **4.7 children per woman** and in comparison to the 2006 and 2011 censuses, the TFR did not change much when compared to **4.2 in 2006** and **4.4 in 2001**. Regional TFR in the last three censuses shows that **Apia Urban Area** continued to have the **lowest TFR** in all regions, while **Savaii** continued to have the **highest rate**.

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