



LIFE-TIME MIGRATION, 2011

Migration involves the movement of people from one place, region, or country to another, particularly with the intention of making permanent settlement in a new location. Census is a reliable source for measuring internal migration but not the international migration. **Table A & B** are only focus on the **Internal Migration** of a life-time migrant. **Life-time migrant** is the one who has moved from his place of birth to the present place of destination where he is enumerated at the time of the census irrespective of the number of times he migrates. The four statistical regions of Samoa namely Apia Urban Area (**AUA**), North West Upolu (**NWU**), Rest of Upolu (**RoU**) and **Savaii** have been selected to provide summary data and to trace the levels and migration flows.

Table A tells that at the time of the enumeration, **69percent or 130340** of Samoa's population did not move or still lived at their place of birth, **28 percent or 52262** had changed their place of residence from place of birth while other **3percent or 5006** were overseas born who were enumerated in Samoa.

Table B illustrates that the regions of AUA and NWU had gained **6243 and 11950 life-time migrants** respectively while the regions of ROU and Savaii have experienced net losses of **3510 and 9470** lifetime-migrants. The **Net life-time migration rate** for AUA was positive at **17percent**, indicating that for every 100persons in the population of AUA, 17 were **life-time migrants** .Similarly for every 100 persons in NWU **19persons were life-time migrants**. On the other hand the region of ROU and Savaii have experienced negative lifetime migration rates of **(-8)** and **(-21) percent** respectively.

The higher employment opportunities and better socio-economic services available in the urban areas were the major push-pull factors that attracted people to move towards the urban and neighboring areas to seek better life opportunities.

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Table A-Population of lifetime-migrants and non migrants by place of birth,2011

| Place of Birth | Total Population | Non-Migrants | Out-Migrants | Overseas | NotStated |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Samoa | 187820 | 130340 | 52267 | 5006 | 207 |
| AUA | 30492 | 22818 | 7674 | | |
| NWU | 50440 | 39856 | 10584 | | |
| RoU | 47803 | 34230 | 13573 | | |
| Savaii | 53872 | 33436 | 20436 | | |
| Overseas | 5006 | - | - | 5006 | |
| NotStated | 207 | - | - | - | 207 |

Table B:Life-time migrants by place of birth and place of enumeration by regions,2011

| Residence | Place of enumeration at time of census | Place of Births | Non-migrants | In-Migrants | Out-Migrants | Net-Migrants | Net-migration rate |
|-----------|--|-----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Samoa | 187820 | 187820 | 130340 | 57480 | 57480 | 0 | |
| AUA | 36735 | 30492 | 22818 | 13917 | 7674 | 6243 | 17.0 |
| NWU | 62390 | 50440 | 39856 | 22534 | 10584 | 11950 | 19.2 |
| RoU | 44293 | 47803 | 34230 | 10063 | 13573 | -3510 | -7.9 |
| Savaii | 44402 | 53872 | 33436 | 10966 | 20436 | -9470 | -21.3 |
| Overseas | | 5006 | | | 5006 | | |
| NotStated | | 207 | | | 207 | | |

