

INFANT MORTALITY.  
*Deaths (Samoans) at Different Ages.*

	Number of Deaths.			Percentage of Total Deaths.		
	1938.	1939.	1940.	1938.	1939.	1940.
Under 1 week .. .. .	14	28	25	1·89	3·52	3·37
From 1 week to 1 month .. .. .	19	11	15	2·57	1·39	2·01
From 1 month to 3 months .. .. .	23	22	25	3·11	2·78	3·37
From 3 months to 6 months .. .. .	34	35	29	4·60	4·41	3·91
From 6 months to 12 months .. .. .	71	85	68	9·61	10·70	9·14
From 1 year to 2 years .. .. .	71	73	86	9·61	9·19	11·57
From 2 years to 3 years .. .. .	32	55	44	4·33	6·93	5·93
From 3 years to 4 years .. .. .	20	21	23	2·71	2·65	3·10
From 4 years to 5 years .. .. .	20	20	9	2·71	2·52	1·21
From 5 years to 10 years .. .. .	49	58	51	6·63	7·30	6·86
Over 10 years .. .. .	386	386	368	52·23	48·61	49·53
Totals .. .. .	739	794	743	100·00	100·00	100·00

The infant-mortality rates per 1,000 registered births have been as follows:—

Year.	Rate.	Year.	Rate.	Year.	Rate.
1925 .. ..	186	1931 .. ..	111	1936 .. ..	291·77
1926 .. ..	106	1932 .. ..	121	1937 .. ..	89·30
1927 .. ..	101	1933 .. ..	114	1938 .. ..	73·79
1928 .. ..	58	1934 .. ..	104·8	1939 .. ..	83·56
1929 .. ..	70	1935 .. ..	97·0	1940 .. ..	73·80
1930 .. ..	61				

It is gratifying to note that the infant-mortality figure for 1940 has returned to the level of 1938.

XVIII.—LAND TENURE.

The system of land tenure is fully described in last year's report.

XIX.—POPULATION.

Statistics for the year ending 31st March, 1941, are given in the following table:—

Designation.	As at 31st March, 1940.		Births.		Deaths.		Arrivals.		Departures.		As at 31st March, 1941.		Grand Totals.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Europeans .. .. .	255	138	4	3	2	..	88	41	112	54	233	128	361
Persons of part-Samoan blood .. .. .	1,581	1,422	67	56	4	3	76	93	126	107	1,594	1,461	3,055
Natives .. .. .	28,975	28,147	1,231	1,025	414	380	249	190	312	245	29,729	28,737	58,466
Chinese labourers .. .. .	324	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	317	..	317
Other Chinese .. .. .	7	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	3	10
Melanesian labourers .. .. .	77	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	77	1	78
	31,219	29,711	1,302	1,084	427	383	413	324	550	406	31,957	30,330	62,287
Totals .. .. .	60,930		2,386		810		737		956		62,287		

XX.—PUBLIC WORKS.

Owing to the prevailing financial stringency, the construction programme of the Public Works Department was considerably curtailed. A concrete dispensary was erected at Salailua (Savai'i) and a new staff *fale* for Native nurses at Apia Hospital was completed.

*Roads.*—Some 2,000 ft. of the main Apia-Mulifanua Road was reformed and sealed with bitumen. Other arterial roads received maintenance attention.

*Sea Walls.*—The main sea wall extending from the Customhouse to the Vaisigano River was repaired and extended.

*Waterworks.*—In several Savai'i villages galvanized-iron tanks of up to 800 gallons capacity have been installed. Cement has also been issued to enable villages to improve their drinking-wells and bathing-pools.