

XIII. DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, IMMIGRATION, AND EMIGRATION.

Return showing the Births, Deaths, and Marriages, also Immigration and Emigration, for the Year ended 31st March, 1924.

—				Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Immigration.	Emigration.
Native Samoans	..	..	..	1,701	1,398	153	794	982
Europeans and half-castes	..	..	..	107	20	21	448	505
Chinese labourers	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	434
Melanesian labourers	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..
Totals	..	..	..	1,808	1,432	174	1,242	1,921

APPENDIX A.

VITAL STATISTICS (SAMOAN).

(In answer to Question IX, 6, of Questionnaire.)

THE Native population of Western Samoa at the census of 17th April, 1921, was 32,601. By the 31st December, 1922, the population had increased to 33,685 (estimated).

During 1923, 1,701 live births were reported, and 1,398 deaths, giving an excess of births over deaths of 303.

The departures from Western Samoa (982) exceeded the arrivals (794) by 188. The population at the 31st December, 1923, was therefore 33,800, a net increase of 115 for the year. The mean population for the year was estimated to be 33,685.

BIRTHS.

The births of 1,701 living children (Samoan) were registered in Western Samoa during 1923, as against 1,622 in 1922. The birth-rate is thus 50·49 per 1,000 of mean population, as against 48·52 per 1,000 for 1922. The number of live births in 1923 is the second highest recorded, the highest being 1,792 for 1912, with a population of 34,239. (Note: Still-births, of which twenty-one were registered during the year, are not included either as births or deaths in the various number and rates given in this report.) Sixteen pairs of twins were registered, of which both were males in seven instances, both females in six, and in three instances one male and one female.

Births of Samoans, Western Samoa, 1923.

				Males.	Females.	Total.
Savai'i	..	..	..	301	296	597
Upolu	..	..	..	557	547	1,104
				858	843	1,701

Births by Months.

		Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.	
January	..	71	71	142	August	..	69	61	130
February	..	58	55	113	September	..	71	76	147
March	..	84	73	157	October	..	78	56	134
April	..	67	66	133	November	..	86	65	151
May	..	79	82	161	December	..	52	67	119
June	..	66	81	147					
July	..	77	90	167					
						858	843	1,701	