

BIRTHS.

The births of 1,408 living children were registered during 1929, giving a birth-rate per 1,000 of mid-year population of 34·94. For 1928, 1927, and 1926 the figures were 863, 1,636, and 1,965, the birth-rates being 21·82, 42·37, and 52·62 respectively. Here there is a very satisfactory increase, and evidently registration is being taken more seriously.

Births by Months, 1929.

—	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Males ..	72	67	54	66	36	33	98	57	48	86	50	48	715
Females	55	45	70	67	54	44	96	58	54	77	47	26	693
Totals..	127	112	124	133	90	77	194	115	102	163	97	74	1,408

STILL-BIRTHS.

There were 13 still-births reported, which are not included either as births or deaths in the various figures and rates given in this report. The still-birth rate per 100 live births for the last four years is as follows: 1926, 2·44; 1927, 1·53; 1928, 1·04; 1929, 0·92.

Deaths.

During the year 599 deaths were registered, giving a death-rate per 1,000 of mid-year population of 14·86, whereas during 1928, 1927, and 1926 the deaths registered numbered 219, 495, and 723, with death-rates of 5·53, 12·82, and 19·36 respectively. An increased desire to register is shown here too and is very satisfactory.

Deaths by Months, 1929.

—	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Males ..	14	13	11	20	20	22	49	42	28	38	32	27	316
Females	10	13	11	23	16	24	52	42	27	23	27	15	283
Totals..	24	26	22	43	36	46	101	84	55	61	59	42	599

Ages at Death (Samoans), 1929.

—	0-1 Day.	1-2 Days.	2-3 Days.	3-4 Days.	4-5 Days.	5-6 Days.	6-7 Days.	Total 0-1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total 0-1 Month.	1-3 Months.	3-6 Months.	6-12 Months.	Total under 1 Year.	1-2 Years.	2-3 Years.	3-4 Years.	4-5 Years.	5-10 Years.	Over 10 Years	Total.
Males ..	2	1	1	4	3	1	1	13	5	18	9	11	12	50	50	15	5	10	23	163	316
Females ..	5	3	1	1	..	10	6	3	..	19	10	8	11	48	46	15	4	3	13	154	283
Totals ..	7	4	2	4	3	2	1	23	11	3	..	37	19	19	23	98	96	30	9	13	36	317	599

The infant-mortality rate for the year 1929 is 70 per 1,000 registered births, as against 58 for 1928 and 101 for 1927.

This figure more closely approaches the normal average for some years past.

Percentages of Deaths at Different Ages to Total Deaths.

—	Number of Deaths.			Percentage of Total Deaths.		
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1927.	1928.	1929.
Under 1 week ..	16	9	23	3·23	4·11	3·84
From 1 week to 1 month ..	15	12	14	3·03	5·48	2·34
From 1 month to 3 months ..	16	2	19	3·23	0·91	3·17
From 3 months to 6 months ..	27	10	19	5·46	4·57	3·17
From 6 months to 12 months ..	91	17	23	18·38	7·77	3·84
From 1 year to 2 years ..	55	10	96	11·11	4·57	16·03
From 2 years to 3 years ..	10	4	30	2·02	1·82	5·01
From 3 years to 4 years ..	8	5	9	1·62	2·28	1·5
From 4 years to 5 years ..	4	4	13	0·81	1·82	2·17
From 5 years to 10 years ..	18	10	36	3·63	4·57	6·01
Over 10 years ..	235	136	317	47·48	62·1	52·92
Totals ..	495	219	599	100·00	100·00	100·00