

Deaths of Samoans in Western Samoa during 1923.

Place.	Male or Female.	Still-births.	Age in Weeks.				Age in Months.											Total, 1 to 11 Months.
			1.	2.	3.	4.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	
Savai'i	Male ..	4	5	..	..	1	4	4	3	5	3	13	8	9	9	5	6	69
	Female ..	..	4	..	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	4	2	12	8	3	7	47
	Total	4	9	..	1	3	6	7	5	7	5	17	10	21	17	8	13	116
Upolu	Male ..	10	17	..	2	3	1	8	5	8	11	14	13	10	19	12	26	127
	Female ..	7	8	3	3	4	..	5	5	6	14	7	15	10	17	13	14	106
	Total	17	25	3	5	7	1	13	10	14	25	21	28	20	36	25	40	233
Total Western Samoa	Male ..	14	22	..	2	4	5	12	8	13	14	27	21	19	28	17	32	196
	Female ..	7	12	3	4	6	2	8	7	8	16	11	17	22	25	16	21	153
	Total	21	34	3	6	10	7	20	15	21	30	38	38	41	53	33	53	349

Place.	Male or Female.	Age in Years—1 Year to 10 Years.										Total, 1 to 10 Years.	Deaths over 10 Years of Age.	Age not stated.	Total Number of Deaths.
		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.				
Savai'i	Male ..	73	18	5	2	1	1	4	3	2	..	109	91	8	283
	Female ..	42	15	14	5	1	4	3	..	2	2	88	80	4	226
	Total ..	115	33	19	7	2	5	7	3	4	2	197	171	12	509
Upolu	Male ..	119	30	9	10	4	8	4	3	3	2	192	124	7	472
	Female ..	82	33	15	5	7	11	8	9	2	3	175	106	11	416
	Total ..	201	63	24	15	11	19	12	12	5	5	367	230	18	888
Total Western Samoa	Male ..	192	48	14	12	5	9	8	6	5	2	301	215	15	755
	Female ..	125	48	29	10	8	15	11	9	4	5	264	186	15	643
	Total	317	96	43	22	13	24	19	15	9	7	565	401	30	1,398

DEATHS BY MONTHS.

—	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Males ..	72	67	54	58	71	104	112	68	41	44	37	27	755
Females ..	56	51	62	44	63	91	92	51	32	31	40	30	643
Total ..	128	118	116	102	134	195	204	119	73	75	77	57	1,398

Of the thirty-four deaths shown as occurring during the first week after birth, the majority occurred during the first few hours of life, and must be regarded as the natural result of Native methods of midwifery in cases of difficult labour.

It will be noticed that of the 1,398 deaths, 719 were of children who had not reached the age of two years. This is again referred to elsewhere in this report.

Nine women died in childbirth.

Epidemic Years.—A comparison of the returns for 1923 with other years when the country suffered from epidemics may be of interest :—

Year.	Population.	Births.	Deaths.	Excess of Births over Deaths.	Excess of Deaths over Births.	Epidemic.
1907	33,354	1,389	1,564	..	175	Dysentery.
1911	33,639	1,453	1,827	..	374	Dysentery and measles.*
1915	35,554	1,611	1,451	160	..	Measles.
1918	38,093†	1,509	8,437†	..	6,928	Influenza.
1923	33,685	1,701	1,398	303	..	Dysentery (<i>shiga</i>).

* Measles first visited Samoa in 1893, and caused a large number of deaths, but as records were not kept at that time, no definite figures are available. Its second appearance was in 1911.

† As far as can be judged from the records available, both these figures are considerably overestimated, the figure for deaths being approximately 1,300.

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