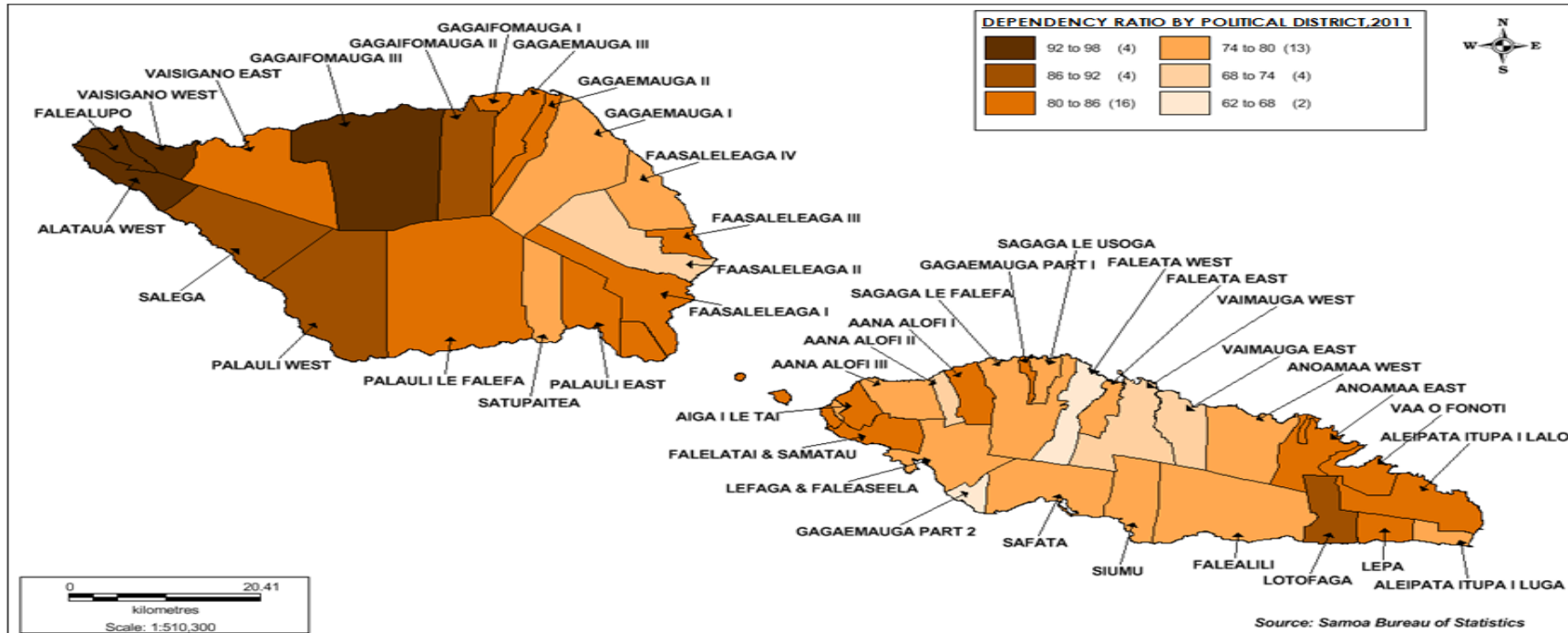


SAMOA'S DEPENDENCY RATIO BY POLITICAL DISTRICT, 2011



The total age **Dependency ratio** is expressed as the total number of the **Child dependents aged (0-14)** plus the **Old age dependents aged (65 years and over)** divided by the **Working population aged (15-64)**. From the Population and Housing Census 2011, the total number of people recorded was **187,820** in which **81,175** were children and old age but the working age population was **106,615**. There were **30** persons that did not state their age during census period so these were excluded for the calculation of the dependency ratio. In Samoa the dependency ratio was **76**, meaning that for every **100 persons** in the working age population, **76 were dependents**.

The map shows the dependency ratio by political districts and the first colour (dark brown) tells that there are **4 political districts** with very high dependency ratio ranging from **92-98**. The last colour (light brown) shows that there are **2 political districts** with the lowest dependency ratio of **62-68**. Overall, Upolu (including Manono and Apolima) has a total of **60,864** children and old age population compared to **82,526** of working age population, therefore the dependency ratio was **73**. For Savaii a total of **20,311** was recorded for children and old age people but **24,089** for the working age so the dependency ratio was **84**. The higher the dependency ratio, the higher the number of dependents to be cared for by the working population particularly the income earners.

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