

# 2022 Samoa Labour Force and Child Labour Survey (2022 SLFCLS)



## KEY FINDINGS



Pacific  
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## **WORKIING AGE POPULATION (WAP) - (all those aged 15 years and above)**



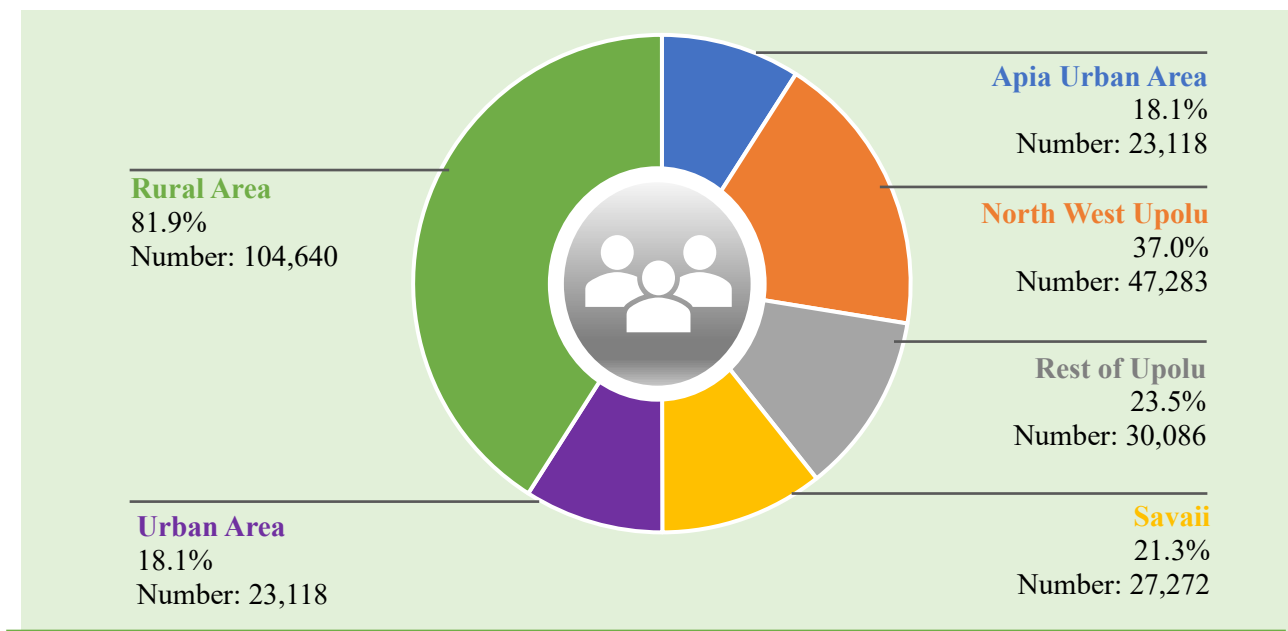
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Percentage: 61.5%  
Number: 127,758



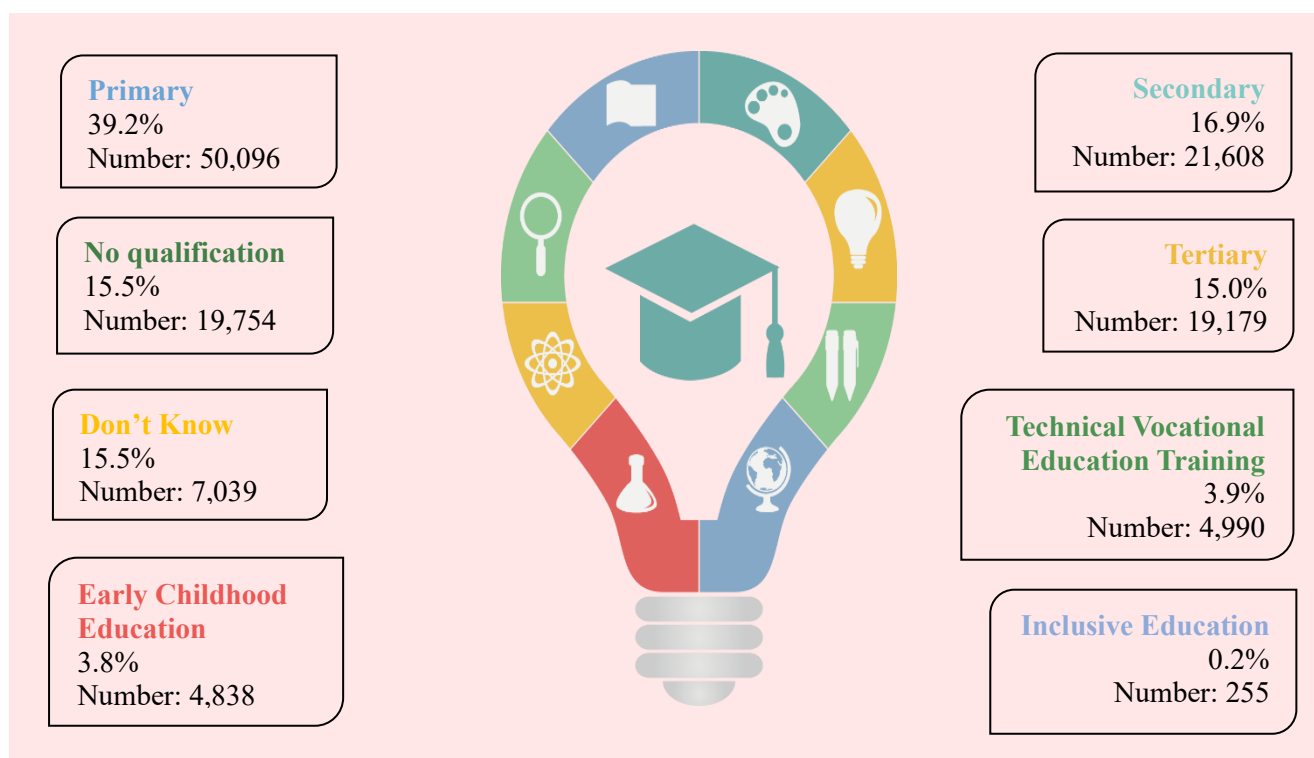
Percentage: 49.2%  
Number: 62,871



Percentage: 50.8%  
Number: 64,887



## ***HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION COMPLETED***



# ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

## LABOR FORCE



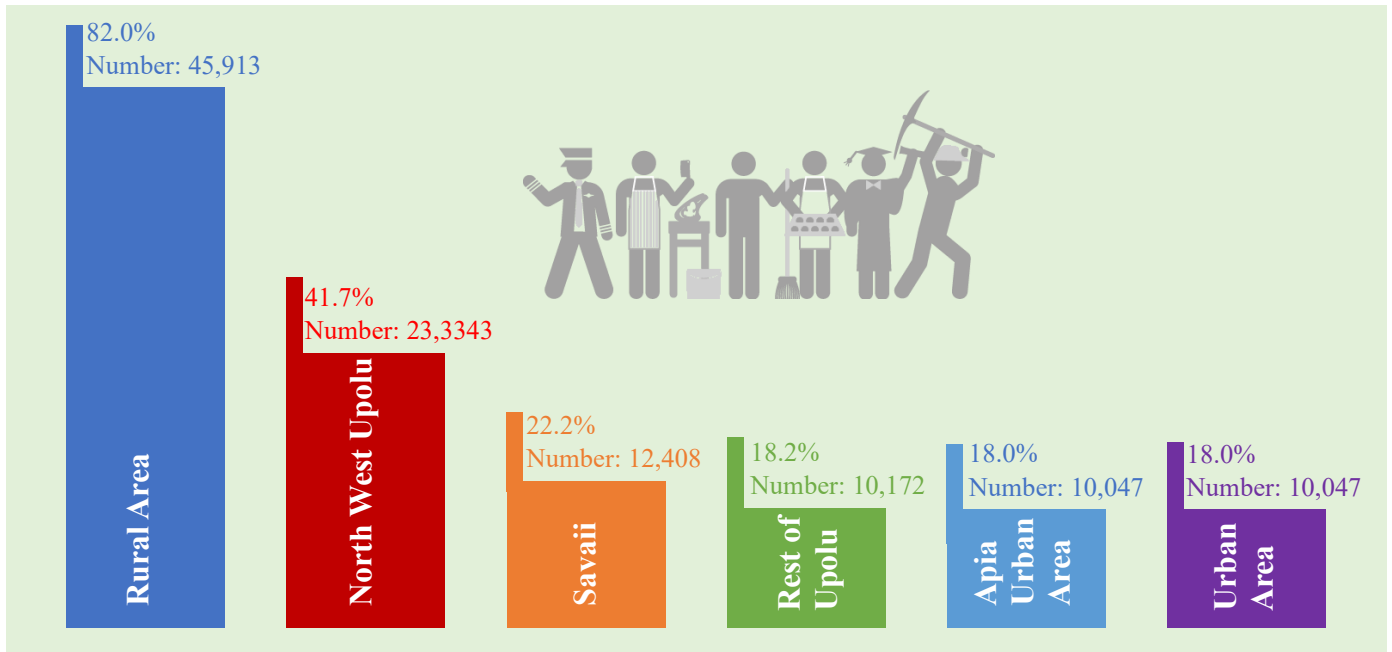
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Number: 35,580



Percentage:  
36.4%  
Number: 20,380

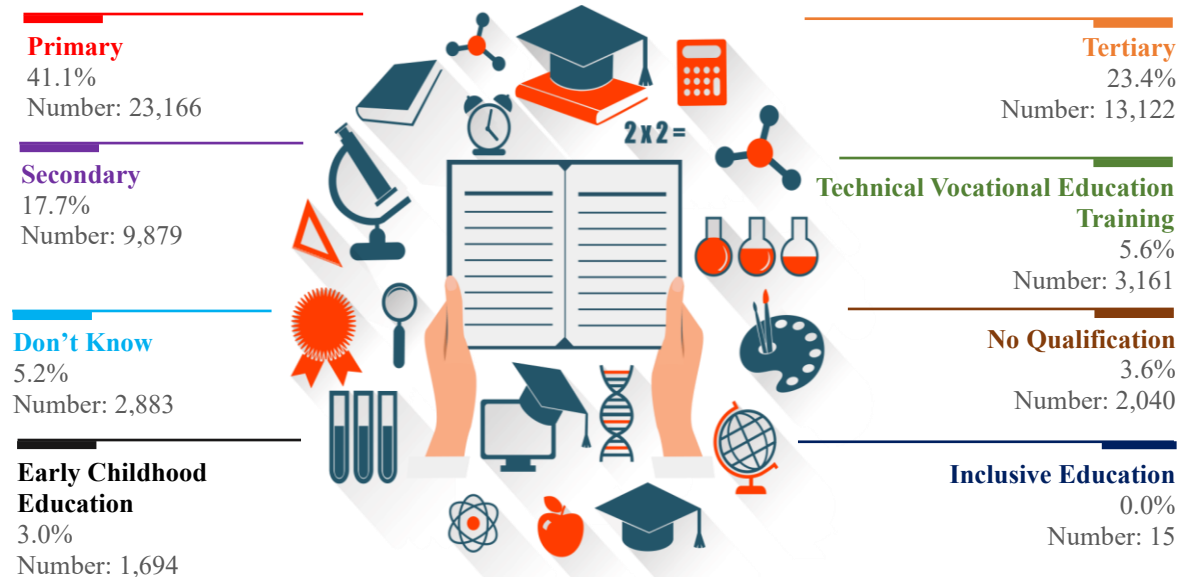


## HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION COMPLETED

Number  
55,960



Percentage  
43.8%



ECONOMIC ACTIVITY		NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE	<b>Total</b>	<b>55,960</b>	<b>43.8</b>
	Male	35,580	56.6
	Female	20,380	31.4
	Apia Urban Area	10,047	43.5
	North West Upolu	23,334	49.3
	Rest of Upolu	10,172	33.8
	Savaii	12,408	45.5
	Urban Area	10,047	43.5
	Rural Area	45,913	43.9
	<b>Highest Level of Education Completed</b>	<b>55,960</b>	<b>43.8</b>
	No qualification	2,040	10.3
	Early Childhood Education	1,694	35.0
	Primary	23,166	46.2
	Secondary	9,879	45.7
	Technical Vocational Education Training	3,161	63.3
	Tertiary	13,122	68.4
	Inclusive Education	15	5.7
	Don't know	2,883	41.0
POPULATION OUTSIDE THE LABOR FORCE	<b>Total</b>	<b>71,799</b>	<b>56.2</b>
	Male	27,291	43.4
	Female	44,507	68.6
	Apia Urban Area	13,072	56.5
	North West Upolu	23,949	50.7
	Rest of Upolu	19,914	66.2
	Savaii	14,864	54.5
	Urban Area	13,072	56.5
	Rural Area	58,727	56.1
EMPLOYMENT	<b>Total</b>	<b>53,135</b>	<b>41.6</b>
	Male	34,338	64.6
	Female	18,797	35.4
	<b>Highest Level of Education Completed</b>	<b>53,135</b>	<b>100.0</b>
	No qualification	1,810	3.4
	Early Childhood Education	1,662	3.1
	Primary	21,957	41.3
	Secondary	9,188	17.3
	Technical Vocational Education Training	2,988	5.6
	Tertiary	12,713	23.9
	Inclusive Education	15	0
	Don't know	2,802	5.3

<b>EPR (EMPLOYMENT TO POPULATION RATIO)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>53,135</b>	<b>41.6</b>
	Male	34,338	54.6
	Female	18,797	29.0
	Apia Urban Area	9,807	42.4
	North West Upolu	21,418	45.3
	Rest of Upolu	9,768	32.5
	Savaii	12,142	44.5
	Urban Area	9,807	42.4
	Rural Area	43,328	41.4
<b>INFORMAL EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>13,447</b>	<b>25.3</b>
	Male	9,025	67.1
	Female	4,423	32.9
	Apia Urban Area	3,191	23.7
	North West Upolu	5,741	42.7
	Rest of Upolu	1,703	12.7
	Savaii	2,812	20.9
	Urban Area	3,191	23.7
	Rural Area	10,256	76.3
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,825</b>	<b>5.0</b>
	Male	1,242	3.5
	Female	1,583	7.8
	Apia Urban Area	240	2.4
	North West Upolu	1,916	8.2
	Rest of Upolu	404	4.0
	Savaii	265	2.1
	Urban Area	240	2.4
	Rural Area	2,585	5.6
	<b>Highest Level of Education Completed</b>	<b>2,825</b>	<b>5.0</b>
	No qualification	230	8.2
	Early Childhood Education	32	1.1
	Primary	1,209	42.8
	Secondary	691	24.4
	Technical Vocational Education Training	173	6.1
	Tertiary	409	14.5
	Inclusive Education	0	0
	Don't know	81	2.9

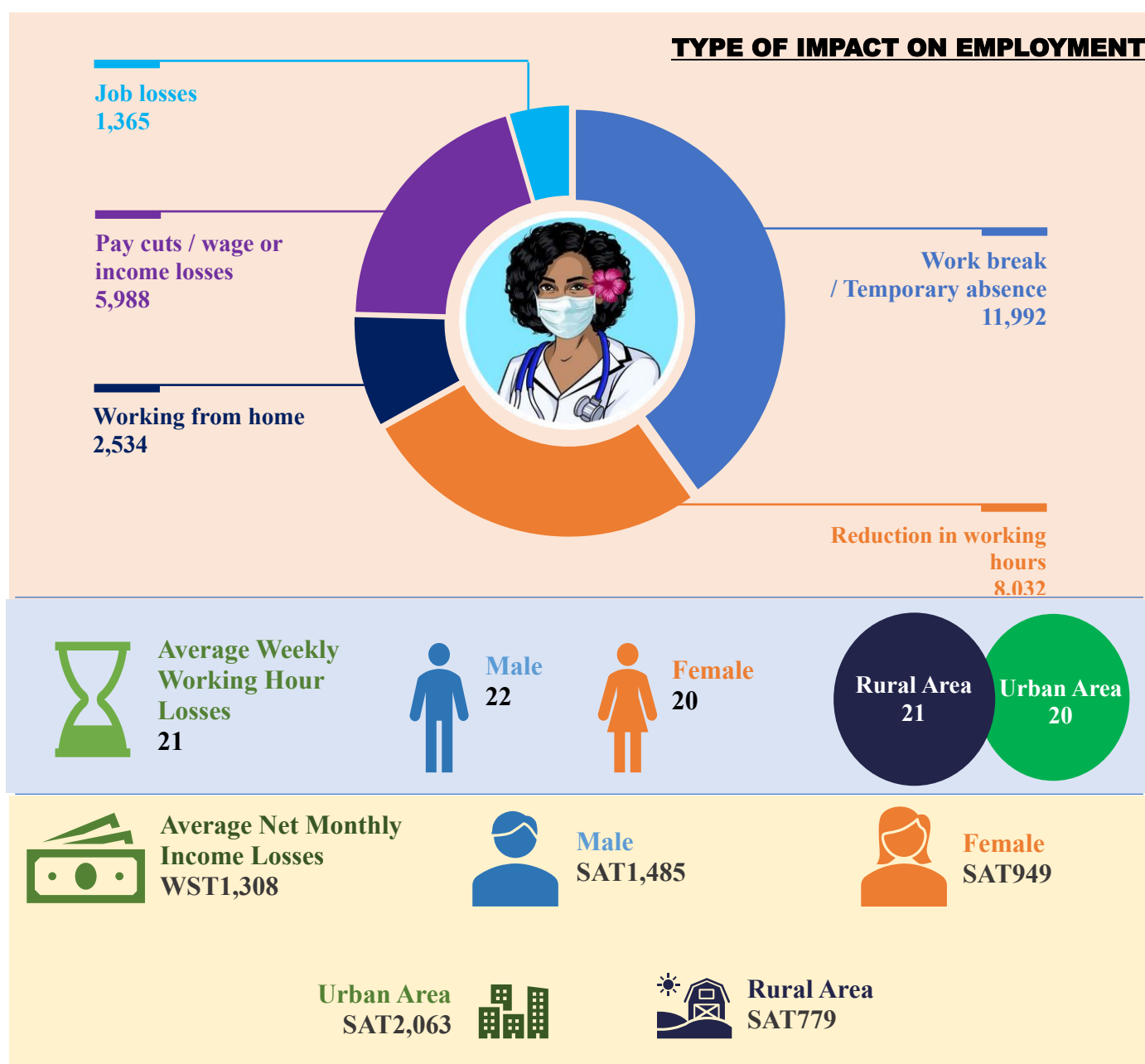


	<b>Youth</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>13.4</b>
	Male	548	8.3
	Female	795	23.3
	Apia Urban Area	144	8.7
	North West Upolu	880	19.9
	Rest of Upolu	206	12.6
	Savaii	114	4.9
	Urban Area	144	8.7
	Rural Area	1,200	14.3
<b>WAGES AND HOURS OF WORK</b>	<b>Average Gross Monthly Income (SAT)</b>	<b>1,620</b>	
	Male	1,587	
	Female	1,670	
	Apia Urban Area	1,930	
	North West Upolu	1,487	
	Rest of Upolu	1,628	
	Savaii	1,444	
	Urban Area	1,930	
	Rural Area	1,501	
	<b>Average Hours of Work per Week</b>	<b>40</b>	
	Male	40	
	Female	40	
	Apia Urban Area	43	
	North West Upolu	40	
	Rest of Upolu	46	
	Savaii	34	
	Urban Area	43	
	Rural Area	39	
<b>LABOR UNDERUTILIZATION</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,745</b>	<b>6.6</b>
	Male	1,697	4.7
	Female	2,049	9.9
	Apia Urban Area	315	3.1
	North West Upolu	2,364	10.0
	Rest of Upolu	470	4.6
	Savaii	596	4.7
	Urban Area	315	3.1
	Rural Area	330	7.4

	Youth	1,727	16.6
	Male	805	11.7
	Female	922	26.1
	LU 1 (Labor Underutilization 1)	2,825	5.0
	LU 2 (Labor Underutilization 2)	2,952	5.3
	LU 3 (Labor Underutilization 3)	3,618	6.5
	LU (Labor Underutilization)	3,745	6.6

## **COVID-19**

### ***IMPACTS OF COVID-19***



YOUTH (Aged 15- 24 years)			NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
YOUTH	<b>Total</b>		<b>34,365</b>	<b>16.6</b>
	Male		17,710	51.5
	Female		16,655	48.5
	15-19 years		19,243	56.0
	20-24 years		15,122	44.0
	<b>Labor Force</b>		<b>10,033</b>	<b>29.2</b>
	15-19 years		3,430	17.8
	20-24 years		6,604	43.7
	<b>Employed</b>		<b>8,690</b>	<b>86.8</b>
	15-19 years		2,885	84.1
	20-24 years		5,804	87.9
	<b>Unemployed</b>		<b>1,344</b>	<b>13.4</b>
	15-19 years		544	15.9
	20-24 years		799	12.1
	<b>NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,340</b>	<b>30.1</b>
		15-19 years	3,403	17.7
		20-24 years	6,937	45.9
		Male	4,890	27.6
		Female	5,450	32.7
		Apia Urban Area	1,586	25.3
		North West Upolu	4,375	33.1
		Rest of Upolu	2,352	29.4
		Savaii	2,027	29.4
		Apia Urban Area	1,586	25.3
		Rural Area	8,755	31.2
		<b>Distribution</b>	<b>10,340</b>	<b>30.1</b>
		Never attended school	334	3.2
		Left school before graduation	8,054	77.9
		Completed school	1,952	18.9



CHILD LABOR		NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
CHILD LABOR (5-17 years)	Total	63,227	30.5
	Male	32,841	51.9
	Female	30,386	48.1
	Apia Urban Area	10,371	16.4
	North West Upolu	22,716	35.9
	Rest of Upolu	15,568	24.6
	Savaii	14,573	23.0
	Urban Area	10,371	16.4
	Rural Area	52,856	83.6
	Prevalence Rate	7,255	11.5
	Male	4,682	14.3
	Female	2,573	8.5
	5-11 years	3,800	9.9
	12-14 years	1,106	8.0
	15-17 years	2,349	20.9
	Time Intensity (hrs)	12	
	5-14 years	6	
	15-17 years	26	
	Unpaid Domestic Work/ Household Chores	39,014	61.7
	Male	20,048	61.0
	Female	18,966	62.4
	Apia Urban Area	7,056	68.0
	North West Upolu	13,661	60.1
	Rest of Upolu	6,526	41.9
	Savaii	11,770	80.8
	Urban Area	7,056	68.0
	Rural Area	31,958	60.5

## **SAMOAN RETURNED MIGRANT WORKER**



**TOTAL: 2,546**

**Male**  
81.3%

Number: 2,069



**Female**

18.7%

Number: 477

**Rural Area**  
95.0%  
Number: 2,418

**Urban Area**  
5.0%  
Number: 128

### ***HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION COMPLETED***

**Primary**

39.4%

Number: 1,003

**Tertiary**

17.7%

Number: 450

**Don't Know**

5.2%

Number: 132

**Early Childhood Education**

2.0%

Number: 51



**Secondary**

22.3%

Number: 567

**Technical Vocational  
Education Training**

10.0%

Number: 254

**No qualification**

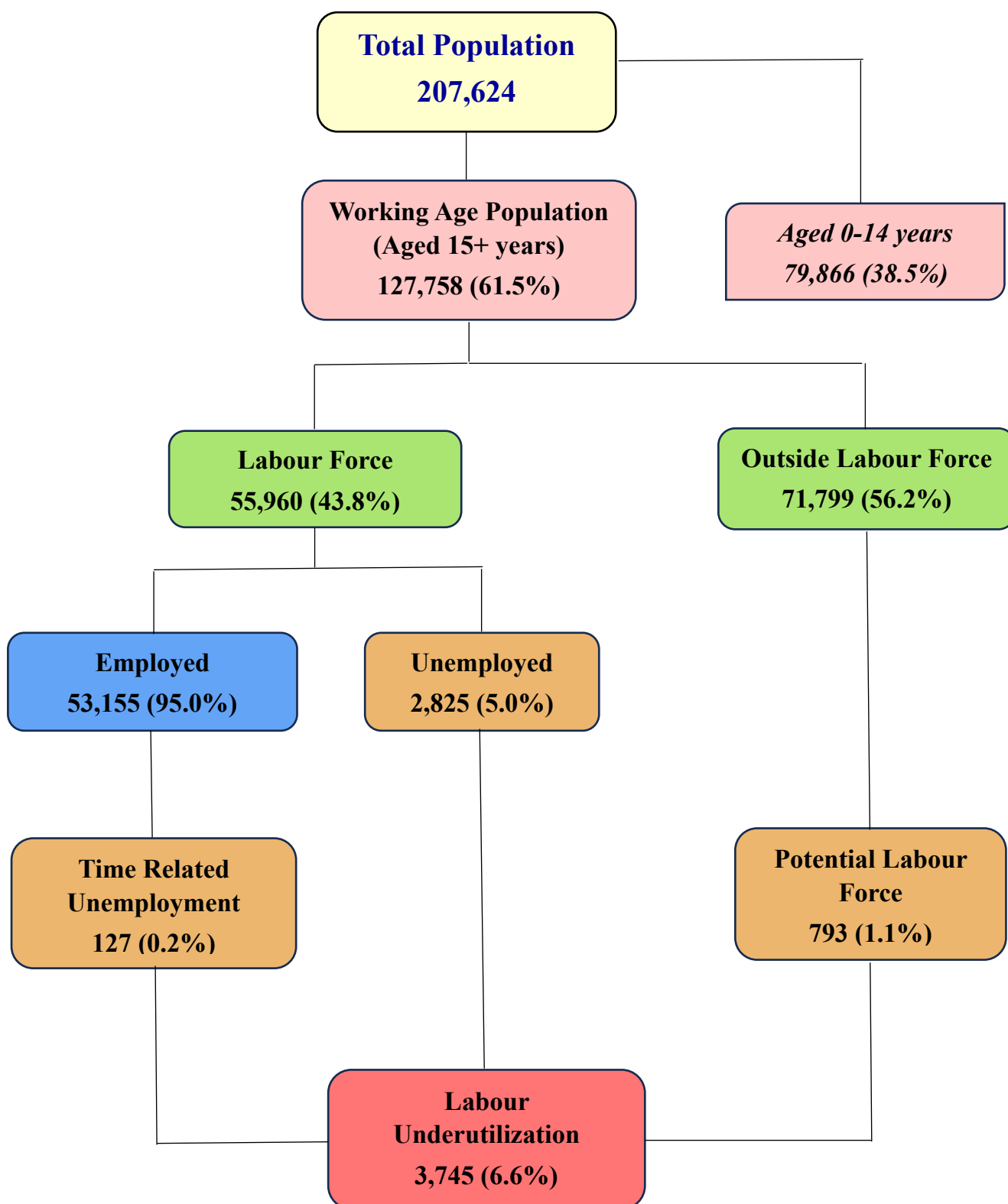
3.5%

Number: 89

HOUSEHOLD CARE WORK		NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
HOUSEHOLD CARE WORK (AGED 5 YEARS AND OLDER)	Providing Household Care Work to Household Members aged 18 Years & Older	26,112	14.5
	Male	11,035	12.3
	Female	15,077	16.8
	Urban Area	3,731	11.9
	Rural Area	22,380	15.1
	Providing Household Care Work to Household Members aged 17 years & Younger	50,208	27.9
	Male	18,537	20.6
	Female	31,671	35.3
	Urban Area	10,377	33.0
	Rural Area	39,831	26.9
	Performing Unpaid Domestic Work/ Household Chores	136,562	76.0
	Male	67,531	75.1
	Female	69,031	76.9
	Urban Area	31,431	80.0
	Rural Area	148,315	75.1
	Own Use Production Work	62,978	35.0
	Male	36,357	40.4
	Female	26,621	29.6
	Urban Area	7,225	23.0
	Rural Area	55,753	37.6

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES		NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (AGED 15 YEARS AND OLDER)	Total	5,479	100.0
	Male	2,586	47.2
	Female	2,894	52.8
	Urban Area	1,041	19.0
	Rural Area	4,438	81.0
	LFPR (Labor Force Participation Rate)	688	12.6
	Male	458	17.7
	Female	230	8.0
	Urban Area	74	7.1
	Rural Area	614	13.8
	Employed	679	100.0
	Male	458	67.5
	Female	221	32.5
	Urban Area	65	9.6
	Rural Area	614	90.4
	Average Gross Monthly Income	SAT699	
	Male	SAT476	
	Female	SAT1,160	
	Urban Area	SAT649	
	Rural Area	SAT704	

## **FLOW CHART OF SAMOA'S LABOUR FORCE, 2022**



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030

SDG INDICATOR	2012	2017	2022
5.4.1: Proportion of those aged 5 years and above engaged in <sup>(1)</sup>			
(a) Unpaid domestic work by sex:	NA	NA	76.0%
(Male)	NA	NA	75.1%
(Female)	NA	NA	76.9%
(b) Unpaid domestic care work by sex:			
(i) looking after those aged 17 years and below	NA	NA	27.9%
(Male)	NA	NA	20.6%
(Female)	NA	NA	35.3%
(ii) looking after those aged 18 years and above	NA	NA	14.5%
(Male)	NA	NA	12.3%
(Female)	NA	NA	16.8%
5.5.2: Proportion of women in managerial positions	9.0%	8.2%	12.6%
8.3.1: Proportion of informal employment in total employment by sex		37.3%	25.3%
(Male)	NA	42.4%	26.3%
(Female)	NA	27.0%	23.5%
8.5.1 Average monthly earnings of employees (SAT) -	NA	1,268	1,620
(a) Average gross monthly income for paid employees			
(Male)	NA	1,219	1,587
(Female)	NA	1,351	1,670
(b) Average gross monthly income for paid employees with disabilities	NA	1,653	699
(Male)	NA	1,507	476
(Female)	NA	1,806	1,106
8.5.2: Unemployment rate, by sex, age and persons with disabilities	NA	10.8%	1.4%
(Male)	NA	11.1%	0.0
(Female)	NA	10.5%	1.4%
8.6.1: Proportion of youth (aged 15-24 years) not in education, employment or training (NEET)	35.0%	37.9%	30.1%
8.7.1 Proportion and number of children aged 5–17 years engaged in child labor, by sex and age	NA	NA	11.5%
(Male)	NA	NA	14.3%
(Female)	NA	NA	8.5%
9.2.2: Manufacturing employment as share of total employment	6.8%	6.8%	6.0%

(1) Proxy indicator