

Country Profile: Samoa

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Topographic

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Samoa 1:20,000 Scale Topographic Maps	SDLS	1:20,000	1961 - 1971	28
Samoa 1:50,000 Scale Topographic Maps	DLSES	1:50,000	2000	6
Samoa 1:50,000 Scale Topographic Maps (EVMap50-WSM)	EVG	1:50,000	2020	16

Thematic

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
The World 1:30,000,000 Scale Topographic Map Series 1145 (NGA)	DMA	1:30,000,000		2

Global Census Archive: GIS Census Data

Year	Questions / Answers	ADM Level	Polygons at ADM	Data Points
2016	126 / 843	2	43	36,249
2016	4 / 23	3	324	7,452

Global Geography Library

Collection Name	Item Count	Published	Index Map / Title List
Samoa Topographic 50K (EV Map)	16	2020	index map / title list

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Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Soviet Military City Plans	VTU GSh	Varies	1944 - 2003	3,020
Soviet Military 1:100,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:100,000	1947 - 1999	24,897
Soviet Military 1:200,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:200,000	1949 - 2009	17,799
Soviet Military 1:500,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:500,000	1953 - 1998	3,093

Nautical

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
NGA Nautical Charts POD Certified (All Scales)	NGA	Varies	1943 - 2013	4,517

Aeronautical

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Joint Operations Graphic (JOG 1501A) 1:250,000 - Aeronautical	DMA	1:250,000	1958 - 2007	4,204
Tactical Pilotage Chart (TPC) 1:500,000 Scale - Aeronautical	DMA	1:500,000	1967 - 2006	598
Operational Navigation Chart (ONC) 1:1,000,000 Scale - Aeronautical	DMA	1:1,000,000	1969 - 2001	243
Jet Navigation Chart (JNC) 1:2,000,000 Scale - Aeronautical	DMA	1:2,000,000	1971 - 1999	117

Global Navigation and Planning Chart (GNC) 1:5,000,000 Scale – Aeronautical	DMA	1:5,000,000	1981 – 1999	27
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Geoscientific

Series	Publisher	Scale	Years	Sheets
Soviet Military 1:1,000,000 Scale Topographic Maps	VTU GSh	1:1,000,000	1948 – 1994	1,089

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The western part of the Samoan islands gained independence from New Zealand in 1962 and comprises the two main islands, Savai’i and Upolu. The first modern mapping of Samoa was carried out by the **New Zealand Mapping Service** (now **Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)**) and **Terra-link** in 1954. Twenty-eight six-color 1:20,000 scale sheets were published between 1963 and 1971. This map is on the Cassini-Soldner projection, International ellipsoid, and includes the UTM grid with relief shown by 50 ft contours. Responsibility for maintaining topographic map passed to the national mapping agency in Apia, the **Department of Lands and Surveys**, now the **Department of Lands and Environment (SDLE)**. Smaller scales include a 1:250,000 scale map in the *Infomap* series from **Terralink**, and monochrome 1:100,000 scale coverage of each main island. A town map of Apia was compiled by **SDLE** in 1980.

Soviet military topographic mapping of Samoa is available at the following scale: 1:1,000,000 (1 sheet, complete coverage, published in 1965). This product is available in print, digital raster and digital vector GIS formats from **East View Geospatial**.

Thematic

New Zealand agencies have also been involved in the thematic mapping of Samoa. The **New Zealand Geological Survey** (now **Institute for Geological and Nuclear Sciences (IGNS)**) produced geological, hydrological and bathymetric mapping in the late 1950s. The **New Zealand Soil Bureau** (now **Landcare Research**) also carried out soil and land use mapping of the islands at this time, resulting maps were issued with explanatory text in 1963. These comprised a 1:40,000 scale soil map of Upolu in eight sheets on an orthophoto base, and 1:95,040 scale coverage.

Three thematic series were compiled at the end of the 1980s and published in six sheets each to cover the whole of Savaii and Upolu. Coverage includes soils, land capability, land use and tenure.

More recent mapping activity has been sponsored by the **South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC)** who recently issued coastal mapping of Upolu and a bathymetric chart of the islands’ Exclusive Economic Zone.

Tourist/Reference

Samoa is mapped on commercial products by **Hema**, **Universal**, and **University of Hawaii Press**.

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