

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND DISABILITY STATUS

“Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment and decent work for all”

Employment Status

POPULATION SUMMARY (15+)

195,979
Samoa Total
Population in
2016



121,200
Samoa Total
Population (15+)

118,290
Persons Without
Disability
(PWOD)



2,910
Persons With
Disability
(PWD)



Employment and Disability Status (15+)

(PWOD: 118,290)

(PWD: 2,910)

16.7%
Non-economically
Active

58.4%
Non-economically
Active

83.3%
Economically
Active

41.6%
Economically
Active

1.8%
Unemployed

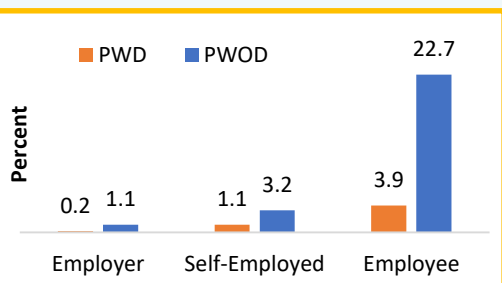
0.5%
Unemployed



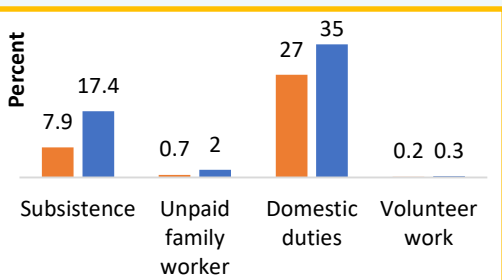
Economically Active – employed (paid and unpaid) and unemployed persons
Non-economically Active – Not in labor force

Economically Active

Paid Employment



Unpaid Employment



Employment by sex

2,910
PWD
(2%)

5%
are male
employees

3%
are female
employees



118,290
PWOD
(98%)

27%
are male
employees

19%
are female
employees



Occupational Status

PERSONS WITH OCCUPATION (15+): 55,385

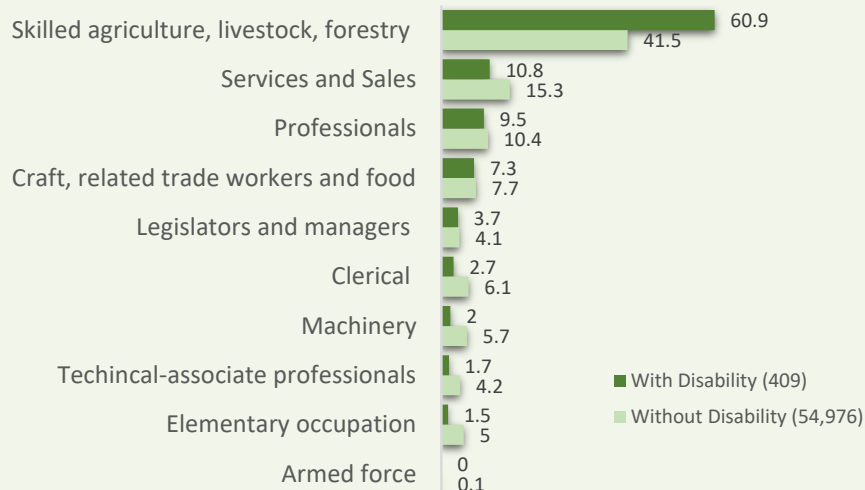
0.7%
409 PWD



99.3%
54,976 PWOD



Type of Occupation (%)



ANALYSIS:

Employment



Only 1 in 20 PWD is engaged in paid work compared to 1 in 4 PWOD.



More than half of all PWD were not economically active, with most indicating they were unable to work.



Males have a better chance of being engaged in paid work among persons with and without disabilities.

Occupation



Most PWD are categorized in the skilled agriculture, livestock and forestry.



PWD are less represented in the technical/associate professionals, clerical, machinery and elementary occupation.



The data shows almost the same proportion, no matter the Disability status, in legislators and managers as well as professionals.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE NEXT 5 YEARS:

1. Increase in awareness programs on accessibility for PWD in workplace

2. Equal social welfare protection

3. Effective consultations on ways to improve services in specific areas of profession

4. Encourage non discrimination within work services

5. Improve infrastructure for accessibility of persons with disability

6. Review Empowerment Employment policies for inclusiveness

EMPLOYMENT AND OCCUPATION