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# American Samoa

**Securing Land and Property Rights**

Property rights are a cornerstone of economic development and social justice. One fundamental way of understanding their strength is to ask people how secure they feel in these rights.

## 1 LEVELS OF INSECURITY

The percentage of the adult population that feels insecure in their property rights

■ Secure ■ Insecure ■ No Answer

## 2 WHO FEELS INSECURE

Insecurity by gender, population density, or tenure type



Renters



Owners



Rural



Urban



Men



Women

■ Insecure ■ Secure ■ No Answer

3 WHY PEOPLE FEEL INSECURE

The reasons cited by those who feel insecure

4 DOCUMENTATION

Types of property documentation held by people,  
broken down by tenure arrangements

■ Formal Documents ■ Informal Documents ■ No Documents

**Methodology** A nationally representative sample of adults 18 years or older in American Samoa were asked about their perceptions and experiences with property rights and tenure security. For the full list of which documents are considered as Formal Documents and Informal Documents in American Samoa please visit [www.prindex.net/documentation](http://www.prindex.net/documentation)

**Prindex** is a global survey measuring perceptions of land and property rights. By developing a deeper understanding of how they work in practice, Prindex is helping build a world where everyone feels secure in their right to their home and land.



**Prindex**, an initiative of Global Land Alliance and Overseas Development Institute with support from DFID and Omidyar Network, is the first global measurement of peoples' perceptions of their property rights.