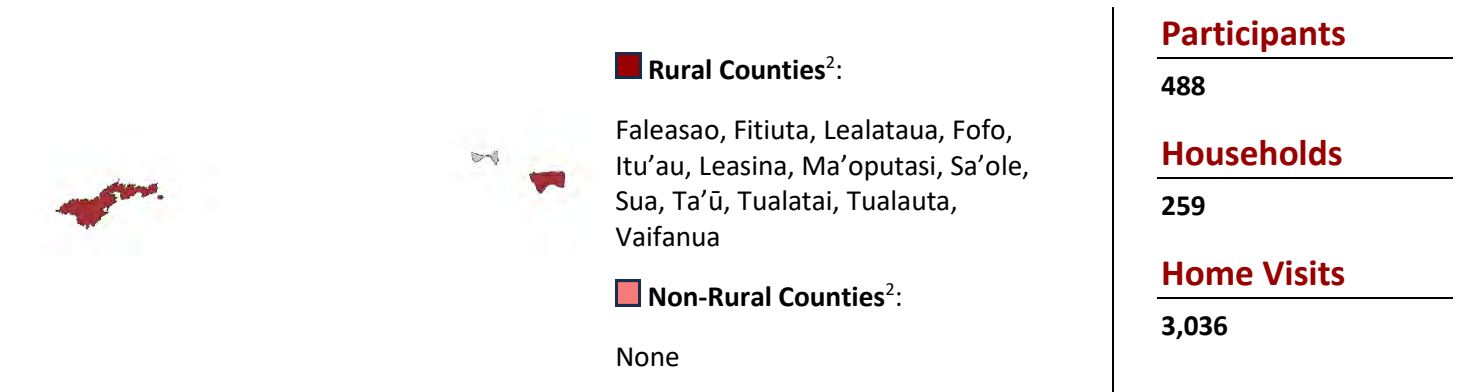


## HRSA's Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

supports the [American Samoa Home Visiting Program](#) and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs for expectant and new parents with children through kindergarten entry age living in communities that are at-risk for poor maternal and child health outcomes<sup>1</sup>.

Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models in American Samoa: [Healthy Families America \(HFA\)](#)

## American Samoa MIECHV Program At-a-Glance



## American Samoa Prioritizes Community Needs

MIECHV Program awardees tailor their programs to serve populations of need within their state. In American Samoa:

- **99.2%** of households were at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines and **97.3%** were at or below 100% of those guidelines.
- **6.2%** of households included a pregnant enrollee under age 21

## American Samoa Performance Highlights

MIECHV Program awardees track and report improvements in MIECHV benchmark areas every year. Awardees are required by authorizing statute to demonstrate improvement in benchmark areas every three years. In the most recent assessment following FY 2023, the American Samoa MIECHV program successfully met the requirements for demonstration of improvement by improving in 5 of the 6 [benchmark areas](#).

### FY 2023 Performance Highlights Include:

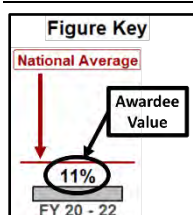
- **Service Expansion:** In partnership with the Ta'u, Manu'a community, American Samoa's MIECHV Program expanded to initiate services to the Manu'a island, with the shared goal of improving maternal and child health.
- **Breastfeeding:** 97.9% of infants enrolled in home visiting aged 6-12 months (among mothers who enrolled in home visiting prenatally) were breastfed any amount at 6 months of age. Breast milk is the best source of nutrition for most infants and breastfeeding can help protect the infant and mother against certain illnesses and long-term diseases.

<sup>1</sup> HRSA awarded ARP ([American Rescue Plan Act](#)) funds to current MIECHV awardees to address the needs of families in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<sup>2</sup> These counties were served by MIECHV formula funds, ARP funds, or both.

# American Samoa MIECHV Performance Data Compared to National MIECHV Averages

## Benchmark Area 1: Maternal and Newborn Health Outcomes



### Preterm Birth

National: 11.7% National: 11.9%

3.1% 1.7%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

Direction of improvement is downwards.

### Breastfeeding

National: 41.8% National: 43.5%

97.3% 97.9%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

### Depression Screening

National: 80.9% National: 79.8%

87.1% 92.1%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

### Well Child Visit

National: 68.3% National: 71.2%

88.2% 88.2%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

### Postpartum Care

National: 67.5% National: 74.4%

80.7% 79.7%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

### Tobacco Cessation Referrals

National: 47.0% National: 43.1%

88.9% 100%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

## Benchmark Area 2: Child Injuries, Maltreatment, and Emergency Department Visits

### Safe Sleep

National: 62.8% National: 65.5%

76.6% 79.5%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

### Child Injury

National: 0.03 National: 0.03

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FY 20 - 22 FY 23

Direction of improvement is downwards. Reported as a rate.

### Child Maltreatment

National: 7.0% National: 6.0%

0.1% 0.4%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

Direction of improvement is downwards.

## Benchmark Area 3: School Readiness and Achievement

### Parent Child Interaction

National: 62.4% National: 64.2%

92.5% 93.5%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

### Early Language and Literacy Activities

National: 79.2% National: 81.6%

100% 100%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

### Developmental Screening

National: 73.4% National: 77.4%

99.8% 100%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

### Behavioral Concern Inquiries

National: 93.0% National: 93.0%

79% 90.5%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

## Benchmark Area 4: Crime or Domestic Violence

### IPV Screening

National: 77.9% National: 81.4%

87.8% 87.7%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

## Benchmark Area 5: Family Economic Self Sufficiency

### Primary Caregiver Education

National: 30.4% National: 32.3%

83.3% 7.3%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

### Continuity of Insurance Coverage

National: 81.7% National: 81.9%

80.4% 77.7%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

## Benchmark Area 6: Coordination and Referrals

### Completed Depression Referrals

National: 40.4% National: 49.1%

NA NA

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

NA = None eligible in the denominator

### Completed Developmental Referrals

National: 58.8% National: 66.5%

100% 100%

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

### Completed IPV Referrals

National: 42.4% National: 48.2%

NA NA

FY 20 - 22 FY 23

NA = None eligible in the denominator