

Uganda - National Population and Housing Census 2024

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TITLE

National Population and Housing Census 2024

COUNTRY

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Uganda	UGA

STUDY TYPE

Population and Housing Census [hh/popcen]

SERIES INFORMATION

The National Population and Housing Census 2024 is the eleventh in the series of Censuses Uganda has conducted, six (6) of which were conducted in the postindependence period. Population counts were conducted in 1911, 1921 and 1931, while Scientific Censuses were conducted from 1948 to date. The African and non-African populations were enumerated separately in 1948 and 1959. During the post-independence period, Population Censuses were conducted in 1969, 1980, 1991, 2002, 2014 and 2024. These were national in nature with both Ugandan and non-Ugandan populations being enumerated simultaneously. The NPHC 2024 conducted during the period 10th – 26th May 2024, is the first digital census conducted in Uganda.

ABSTRACT

Overview of the Census

The National Population and Housing Census 2024 was conducted in line with international best practices and guided by the need to produce accurate, relevant, and timely data. Covering all households and individuals across the country, this census marks a significant milestone in Uganda's journey towards data-driven development. The specific objectives of the NPHC 2024 were:

- i) To ascertain size, structure and distribution of the population
- ii) To gather data on housing conditions and access to basic services
- iii) To monitor changes in key social and economic indicators since the previous Census
- iv) To update census maps and lists of Enumeration Areas for effective execution of the census, construction of efficient area sampling frames for subsequent surveys and geographical maps at the lowest level.
- v) To establish the statistical infrastructure for future operations at the lowest Local Government level.
- vi) To further enhance the capacity of UBOS staff to undertake future censuses and large-scale sample surveys.
- vii) Inform policies and programmes aimed at improving the quality of life of all Ugandans

Uses of National Population and Housing Censuses

The findings of the 2024 Census will be instrumental in shaping Uganda's development agenda. They provide a basis for:

- a) Planning: Facilitating evidence based National and Local Government planning processes.
- b) Resource Allocation: Enabling equitable distribution of resources across programmes and Local Governments.
- c) Program Design: Informing interventions in social services such as health, education, infrastructure, and housing, to mention a few.
- d) Monitoring Progress: Tracking Uganda's advancements towards achieving socio-economic transformation as envisioned in Vision 2040, the National Development Plans, as well as regional, continental and global development initiatives.

Key Findings

1. Population Size and Growth: Uganda's population as of May 2024 was 45,905,417 persons, reflecting an average annual growth rate of 2.9 percent since the last Census in 2014.
2. Demographic Composition: A half of the population is under the age of 18. Five in every one hundred persons are aged 60 and above.
3. Housing and Living Conditions:
 - i) Eight in ten (81.1%) households have access to improved water sources
 - ii) Slightly over a half (53.4%) of households have access to electricity (25.3% from grid and 28.1% from solar).
4. Literacy: Seventy four percent of persons aged 10 and above were able to read and write meaningfully in any language.

5. Well-being and Health:

- i) One third (33.1%) of the households were in subsistence economy.
- ii) Twelve percent of persons aged 10 and above had experienced at least some form of probable general psychological distress.

6. Labour Force (15 years and above):

- i) The working age group was 25,494,490 persons (57.4% of the population).
- ii) The unemployment rate was 12.3 percent.
- iii) The share of Youth (15-24 years) Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) was 4,001,528 persons (42.6%)

KIND OF DATA

Census/enumeration data [cen]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS

The units of analysis for the NPHC 2024 include;

- Individuals
- Households
- Housing

Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION

- v1.2: Edited data, second version, for internal use only.

VERSION DATE

2024-12-31

Scope

NOTES

The scope of the National Population and Housing Census includes:

- **HOUSEHOLD:** Population characteristics, household and housing characteristics, education and literacy, information and communication technology, health, fertility, mortality, migration and forced displacements, labour force, government programmes, subsistence economy and household welfare, access to and use of financial services, household waste management, disability, children characteristics, adults and youth characteristics, older persons characteristics, agriculture and food security .

- **INSTITUTION:** Characteristics of institution members.

TOPICS

Topic	Vocabulary
Agriculture & Rural Development	World Bank
Education	World Bank
Energy & Mining	World Bank
Environment	World Bank
Health	World Bank
Infrastructure	World Bank
Public Sector	World Bank

KEYWORDS

Keyword
Agriculture & Rural Development
Education

Energy & Mining
Environment
Health
Infrastructure
Public Sector

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National coverage

UNIVERSE

The census was done on a de facto basis i.e. every person was enumerated where he/she spent the Census Reference Night of 9th May 2024.

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name	Affiliation
Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS)	Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

PRODUCERS

Name	Affiliation	Role
United Nations Economic Commission for Africa - Africa Centre for Statistics	United Nations	Technical assistance in preparation for the census

FUNDING AGENCY/SPONSOR

Name	Abbreviation	Role
Government of Uganda	GOU	Funding 98% of the NPHC 2024
United Nations Population Fund	UNFPA	Co-funding 2% of the NPHC 2024
United Nations High Commission for Refugees	UNHCR	Co-funding 2% of the NPHC 2024
United Nations Children's Fund	UNICEF	Co-funding 2% of the NPHC 2024
World Food Programme	WFP	Co-funding 2% of the NPHC 2024
United Nations Development Programme	UNDP	Co-funding 2% of the NPHC 2024

OTHER IDENTIFICATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Name	Affiliation	Role
Local Governments	Government of Uganda	Undertaking the census in their respective jurisdictions
Civil Society Organisations	Civil Society	
Academia	Academia	Participation in data collection
Media	Media	Publicity of the census
National Census Committee	Government of Uganda	
National Census Steering Committee	Government of Uganda	
Board Census Committee	UBOS Board of Directors	

Census Management Team	UBOS	
City/District Census Committees		
UBOS Staff	UBOS	
Enumerators		

Data Collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2024-05-10	2024-05-19

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Computer Assisted Personal Interview [capi]

DATA COLLECTION NOTES

1. The Census Reference Night was the night of 9th May 2024. The enumeration was done on a de facto basis i.e. every person was enumerated where he/she spent the Census Reference Night.
2. Identification of the enumeration areas using digital maps was based on the Global Positioning System (GPS) location.
3. The enumeration started on 10th May and continued to 19th May 2024. However, in some areas of Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area and some districts that started late, an extra seven (7) days (20th – 26th May) were added to complete the enumeration exercise.
4. The enumeration process was a door-to-door exercise, using tablets loaded with the Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) application. The field management processes, including monitoring of data, field staff performance and other quality control processes were also automated.
5. Access to the enumeration application was by use of login credentials generated through the e-recruitment system.
6. Trained enumerators moved from door-to-door within the assigned parish/ward and administered the questionnaire to the Head of household or any other knowledgeable household member. The enumerators also visited the respective institutions and accommodation facilities within the parish/ward while enumerating the population.
7. Special arrangements were made to enumerate the institution and floating populations, as well as guests in accommodation facilities. The floating population was enumerated on the night of 9th May 2024.
8. Phone numbers of selected Census staff were circulated to all Higher Local Governments to provide quick solutions to various problems arising at the field level during data collection and to ensure direct interaction between Bureau staff and the public.
9. Supervision areas for IT and Data Management staff were created. UBOS deployed IT staff to manage the sub Regions by supporting all the CCRs and District/City/Special area staff.
10. During enumeration, upon completion of an interview, the enumerators would immediately send data directly (synchronize) to the server, from their tablets. The data was downloaded daily for all questionnaires. A Network Operations Centre (NOC), referred to as a situation room, was set up for real-time monitoring of the progress on data collection, and to monitor the daily spatial coverage. This played a significant role in ensuring data quality and coverage. The use of digital equipment through which each enumerator synchronized data straight to the head office, eliminated the data entry and preliminary editing processes, and facilitated timely compilation of the preliminary results.

DATA COLLECTORS

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation
Uganda Bureau of Statistics	UBOS	Government of Uganda

Questionnaires

QUESTIONNAIRES

The questionnaires for the National Population and Housing Census 2024 structured and included:

- HOUSEHOLD: Characteristics of household members, housing and household characteristics, agriculture, deaths in the household, and information on physical address.

-INSTITUTION: Characteristics of institution members.

Access policy

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Confidentiality of respondents is guaranteed by the Uganda Bureau of Statistics Act 1998.

ACCESS CONDITIONS

Access to the NPHC 2024 dataset is restricted.

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