

Chapter III

3 Social Characteristics

3.1 Citizenship

Table A5. Percentage Distribution of Household Population by Citizenship and Gender for all Ages

<i>Citizenship</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Male</i>		<i>Female</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>Total</i>	1736	100	867	100	869	100
<i>NZ NIUEAN</i>	1470	84.7	712	82.1	758	87.2
<i>NZ NON – NIUEAN</i>	91	5.2	54	6.2	37	4.3
<i>Australian</i>	10	0.6	4	0.5	6	0.7
<i>Fijian</i>	25	1.4	13	1.5	12	1.4
<i>Tongan</i>	63	3.6	35	4.0	28	3.2
<i>Western Samoa</i>	10	0.6	5	0.6	5	0.6
<i>Tuvalu</i>	42	2.4	29	3.4	13	1.5
<i>Other Pacific</i>	3	0.2	2	0.2	1	0.1
<i>USA</i>	11	0.6	7	0.8	4	0.5
<i>Other South American Country</i>	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1
<i>France</i>	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1
<i>Poland</i>	1	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0
<i>UK</i>	6	0.3	4	0.5	2	0.2
<i>Other Asian</i>	2	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1

Table A5 shows the percentage distribution of population by citizenship and gender. It can be found that 84.7 of household population holds NewZealand citizenship as well as Niue citizenship. They are called NewZealand Niuean, followed by NewZealand Non-Niuean, which contributes 5.2 percent. 3.6 percent of Niue household population are Tongan where as 2.4 percent are Tuvalu and 1.4 percent are Fijians. Other citizen(i.e. Australian, Western Samoan, Other Pacific, USA, Other south American Country, France, Poland UK and Other Asian) has a percentages of less than one.

3.2 Descent/Ethnicity

Ethnicity are divided into 6 groups as follows:

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| (1) Niuean | (4) Half Niuean Half Caucasian |
| (2) Caucasian | (5) Half Niuean Half Pacific Islander and |
| (3) Pacific Islander | (6) Asian |

Table A6. Percentage Distribution of Household Population by Descent/Ethnicity and Gender for all Ages, Niue 2001

<i>Descent/Ethnicity</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Male</i>		<i>Female</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<i>Total</i>	1736	100	867	100	869	100
<i>Niuean</i>	1399	80.6	682	78.7	717	82.5
<i>Caucasian</i>	81	4.7	47	5.4	34	3.9
<i>Pacific Islander</i>	182	10.5	101	11.6	81	9.3
<i>Half Niuean Half Caucasian</i>	28	1.6	12	1.4	16	1.8
<i>Half Niuean Half Pacific Islander</i>	42	2.4	24	2.8	18	2.1
<i>Asian</i>	4	0.2	1	0.1	3	0.3

Percentage distribution of population by descent/ethnicity and gender is presented in Table A6. It shows that Niuean population constitutes 80.6 percent whereas Pacific Islander population constitutes 10.5 of the total population. Other races are less than 5 percent. Among male population 78.7 percent are Niuean and 11.6 percent are Pacific Islander, but for females these percentages are 82.5 and 9.3 respectively.

Figure 3. Population Distribution by Descent/Ethnicity, Niue, 2001

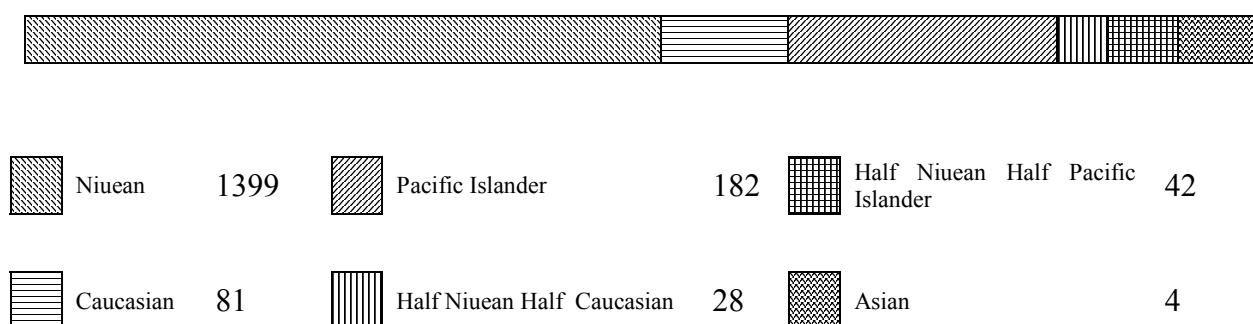


Figure 3 presents population distribution by descent/ethnicity. It shows that Niuean constitutes the highest number with a population of 1399, followed by Pacific Islander with a population of 182 and then Caucasian with a population of 81.

3.3 Religion

Religion is categorized as follows: Ekalesia Niue, Latter Day Saints, Roman Catholic, Jehovah's Witness, Seventh Day Adventist, Others, None and Not Stated

Ekalesia Niue with 62.96 percent constitutes the highest proportion of the population followed by Latter Day Saints with 9.10 percent, All the rest are less 9 percent. Religion Not Stated is high with almost 6 percent. Among male population Ekalesia Niue constitutes 63.7 followed by Latter Day Saints with 8.65, and for females these percentages are 62.26 and 9.55 respectively, Table A7 presented Percentage Distribution of Population by Religion and Gender for all ages.

Table A7. Percentage Distribution of Household Population by Religion and Gender for all Ages, Niue 2001

<i>Religion</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Male</i>		<i>Female</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>Total</i>	1736	100	867	100	869	100
<i>Ekalesia Niue</i>	1093	62.96	552	63.67	541	62.26
<i>Latter Day Saints</i>	158	9.10	75	8.65	83	9.55
<i>Roman Catholic</i>	128	7.37	57	6.57	71	8.17
<i>Jehovah's Witness</i>	43	2.48	17	1.96	26	2.99
<i>Seventh Day Adventist</i>	25	1.44	13	1.50	12	1.38
<i>Others</i>	151	8.70	68	7.84	83	9.55
<i>Not Stated</i>	138	7.95	85	9.81	53	6.10

3.4 Education Attainment

Education questions are asked to all persons five years and above.

3.4.1 School Attendance

Of all school going age 5-19 at education level (Primary, secondary and tertiary) 77.15 are attending school and 22.85 percent are not attending school. Among males these percentages are 94.12 and 19.78 respectively and among females these percentages are 73.95 and 26.05 respectively. It shows that over one fourth of females are not attending school. They are probably engaged in housework. It also shows that about 90 percent of primary and secondary students are attending school. But only about 50 percent of tertiary students are attending school. The percentage distribution of population 5 – 19 years of age by school attendance for primary, secondary and tertiary students is presented in Table A8.

Table A8. Percentage Distribution of Household Population 5-19 Years of age by School Attendance

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Attending School</i>		<i>Not Attending School</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<i>Total</i>	534	100	412	77.15	122	22.85
<i>5-9</i>	164	100	148	90.24	16	9.76
<i>10-14</i>	210	100	190	90.48	20	9.52
<i>15-19</i>	160	100	74	46.25	86	53.75
<i>Males</i>	273	100	219	80.22	54	19.78
<i>5-9</i>	85	100	80	94.12	5	5.88
<i>10-14</i>	114	100	104	91.23	10	8.77
<i>15-19</i>	74	100	35	47.30	39	52.70
<i>Females</i>	261	100	193	73.95	68	26.05
<i>5-9</i>	79	100	68	86.08	11	13.92
<i>10-14</i>	96	100	86	89.58	10	10.42
<i>15-19</i>	86	100	39	45.35	47	54.65

3.4.2 Education Level

Of all population 5 years and above 2.09 percent are not educated, 14.35 percent are in primary education level, 38.31 percent are in secondary education level and 18.39 are in tertiary education level. Among male population these percentages are 1.26, 11.95, 38.62 and 19.50 respectively and among female population these percentages are 2.92, 16.77, 37.99 and 17.28 respectively. The percentage distribution of population 10 years and above by education level is presented in Table A9.

Table A9. Percentage Distribution of Household Population 5 years and above by Education Level

<i>Education Level</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Males</i>		<i>Females</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<i>Total</i>	1582	100	795	100	787	100
<i>No Education</i>	33	2.09	10	1.26	23	2.92
<i>Primary</i>	227	14.35	95	11.95	132	16.77
<i>Secondary</i>	606	38.31	307	38.62	299	37.99
<i>Tertiary</i>	291	18.39	155	19.50	136	17.28
<i>Still at School</i>	412	26.04	219	27.55	193	24.52
<i>Not Stated</i>	13	0.82	9	1.13	4	0.51

3.4.3 Education Qualification

About two thirds of Niue population has no education qualification, this figure included primary students and some secondary students who were still in school and reported as no education qualification. This statement is also true among Niue males and females. Trade certificate education qualification with 8.5 percent constitute the second largest proportion of the population.. 7.02 percent of the population are in form 5, 6.76 percent are diploma holder, 3.29 percent is degree holder, 0.76 percent holds Master Degree and there are no Doctorate in Niue. Among male population 10.57 percent is Trade Certificate holder, 6.42 percent is Diploma holder, 3.27 percent is Degree holders and 0.88 percent is Master Degree holder. Among females these percentages are 6.48, 7.12, 3.30 and 0.64 respectively. Males trade certificate holders are nearly twice as much as females trade certificate holders. But female diploma and degree holders excess males and also male master degree holder excess female master degree holder. 0.82 percent of the total population is not stated on education qualification. Among males 1.13 percent and among females 0.51 percent is not stated. The percentage distribution of population 5 years and above by education qualification is presented in Table A10.

Table A10. Percentage Distribution of Household Population 5 years of age and above by Education Qualification

<i>Education Qualification</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Males</i>		<i>Females</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<i>Total</i>	1582	100	795	100	787	100
<i>No Qualification</i>	1015	64.16	489	61.51	526	66.84
<i>Form 5</i>	111	7.02	60	7.55	51	6.48
<i>Form 6</i>	68	4.30	33	4.15	35	4.45
<i>UE</i>	42	2.65	20	2.52	22	2.80
<i>Trade Certificate</i>	135	8.53	84	10.57	51	6.48
<i>Diploma</i>	107	6.76	51	6.42	56	7.12
<i>Degree</i>	52	3.29	26	3.27	26	3.30
<i>Masters</i>	12	0.76	7	0.88	5	0.64
<i>Doctorate</i>	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Others</i>	27	1.71	16	2.01	11	1.40
<i>Not stated</i>	13	0.82	9	1.13	4	0.51

3.5 Marital Status

Marital Status is asked to all person age 15 and above and it is categorized as follow: Never Married, Married, Widowed, Divorced, Separated and de facto.

3.5.1 Marital Status by Gender

More than one third of Niue population is never married. This is true among Niue male population. But for females never married percentage is only 28.27. More than half of Niue population are married and this is also true among Niue male population and female population. Among Niue population 5.38 percent is defacto. Among male and female population percentages of defacto are 5.20 and 5.56 respectively. Percentage distribution of marital status by gender is presented in Table A11.

Table A11. Percentage Distribution of Household Population 15 years and above by Marital Status and Gender

Marital Status	Total		Males		Females	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Total	1208	100.00	596	100.00	612	100.00
Never Married	381	31.54	208	34.90	173	28.27
Married	634	52.48	321	53.86	313	51.14
Widow	85	7.04	18	3.02	67	10.95
Divorced	20	1.66	8	1.34	12	1.96
Separated	23	1.90	10	1.68	13	2.12
De Facto	65	5.38	31	5.20	34	5.56

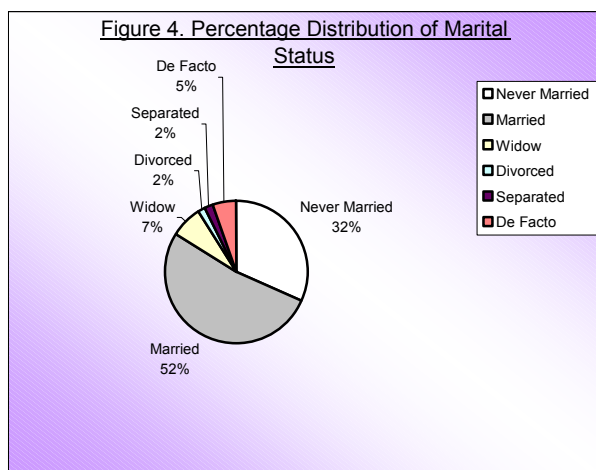


Figure 4 shows percentage distribution of Marital Status of Niue Population. It shows that 52 Percent of Niue Population are Married and 32 Percent are Never Married. Proportion widowed constitute 7 percent of the total population and 2 percent of the total population are divorced and another 2 percent are Separated. De facto constitutes 5 percent of the total population.

3.5.2 Marital Status by Five Year Age Group

Among male population 100 percent is never married at the age group 15-19 and among females this percent is 91.9 in the same age group. 78.2 percent of males are never married in the age group 20-24 where as for females this percent is only 60 in the same age group. In general as age becomes older, the proportion of never married becomes lesser and the proportion of married becomes higher. The highest proportion of de facto can be found in the age group 20-24 for both males and females. The proportion of female de facto is twice as much as male de facto in the age groups 20-24 and 35-39. But male de facto is 4 times higher than female de facto in the age group 40-44. The percentage distribution of population 15 years and above by Marital Status, Five Year Age Group and Gender is presented in Table A12.

Table A12. Percentage Distribution of Household Population 15 years and above by Marital Status, Five Year Age Group and Gender

Age Group	Marital Status												Total	
	Never Married		Married		Widow		Divorced		Separated		De Facto			
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
<i>Males</i>	208	34.9	321	53.9	18	3.0	8	1.3	10	1.7	31	5.2	596	100
<i>15-19</i>	74	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	74	100
<i>20-24</i>	43	78.2	4	7.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	14.5	55	100
<i>25-29</i>	25	41.7	27	45.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	13.3	60	100
<i>30-34</i>	15	30.6	24	49.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	1	2.0	7	14.3	49	100
<i>35-39</i>	15	28.3	32	60.4	0	0.0	1	1.9	3	5.7	2	3.8	53	100
<i>40-44</i>	11	18.6	42	71.2	0	0.0	1	1.7	0	0.0	5	8.5	59	100
<i>45-49</i>	2	3.85	46	88.5	1	1.9	1	1.9	2	3.8	0	0.0	52	100
<i>50-54</i>	4	11.4	27	77.1	1	2.9	1	2.9	1	2.9	1	2.9	35	100
<i>55-59</i>	4	9.76	31	75.6	3	7.3	1	2.4	2	4.9	0	0.0	41	100
<i>60+</i>	15	12.7	88	74.6	12	10.2	2	1.7	1	0.8	0	0.0	118	100
<i>Females</i>	171	27.94	315	51.5	67	10.9	12	2.0	13	2.1	34	5.6	612	100
<i>15-19</i>	79	91.9	3	3.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	4.7	86	100
<i>20-24</i>	30	60.0	5	10.0	1	2.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	14	28.0	50	100
<i>25-29</i>	19	40.4	23	48.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	10.6	47	100
<i>30-34</i>	6	12.0	36	72.0	0	0.0	2	4.0	1	2.0	5	10.0	50	100
<i>35-39</i>	6	12.24	35	71.4	1	2.0	1	2.0	2	4.1	4	8.2	49	100
<i>40-44</i>	2	4.1	41	83.7	1	2.0	3	6.1	1	2.0	1	2.0	49	100
<i>45-49</i>	8	11.94	50	74.6	6	9.0	0	0.0	2	3.0	1	1.5	67	100
<i>50-54</i>	2	4.7	31	72.1	8	18.6	1	2.3	1	2.3	0	0.0	43	100
<i>55-59</i>	5	14.71	21	61.8	4	11.8	2	5.9	2	5.9	0	0.0	34	100
<i>60+</i>	14	10.2	70	51.1	46	33.6	3	2.2	4	2.9	0	0.0	137	100

3.5.3 Singulate Mean Age at Marriage

In the absence of official marriage registration by the Civil Registry for most of the resident population, the average age at first marriage can only indirectly be derived from census data on marital status classified by age and sex. Table A13, presents the 'Singulate Mean Age at Marriage' SMAM (in years) of the resident population by sex in 2001.³

Singulate Mean Age at Marriage for both sexes, male and female is 26.5 years, 28.4 years and 24.5 years respectively. It means that females married earlier age than males. Calculation of Singulate Mean Age at Marriage is presented in Table A13.

Table A13. Singulate Mean Age at Marriage (SMAM), Niue 2001

Age Group	Never Married					
	Male		Female		Both Sexes	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Males	189	34.9	152	27.9	341	31.4
15-19	74	100.0	79	91.9	153	95.6
20-24	43	78.2	30	60.0	73	69.5
25-29	25	41.7	19	40.4	44	41.1
30-34	15	30.6	6	12.0	21	21.2
35-39	15	28.3	6	12.2	21	20.6
40-44	11	18.6	2	4.1	13	12.0
45-49	2	3.9	8	11.9	10	8.4
50-54	4	11.4	2	4.7	6	7.7
Sum(15-49)		301.3		232.6		268.5
1	5*Sum(15-49)	1506.3		1162.9		1342.6
2	(1)+15*100	3006.3		2662.9		2842.6
3	(NM(45-49)+NM(50-54))/2	7.6		8.3		8.0
4	50*(3)	381.3		416.0		402.4
5	(2) - (4)	2625.0		2246.9		2440.2
6	100 - (3)	92.4		91.7		92.0
	SMAM=(5)/(6)	28.4		24.5		26.5

3.5.4 Marital Status by Household Head

³ For an example of the computation of Hajnal's Singulate Mean Age at Marriage (SMAM), see the United Nations, 1983. Indirect Techniques for Demographic Estimation, Manual X, Population Studies No. 81, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, UN, New York.

Among a total of 508 households 76 percent of the household is headed by male and only 24 percent is headed by female. Never married male head of household is more than twice as much as never married female head of household. Married male household head are more than 10 times as married female head of household, but widowed female head of household is five times more than widowed male head of household. Percentage Distribution of Population 15 years and above by Marital Status and Household head is presented in Table A14

Table A14. Percentage Distribution of Household Population 15 Years and above by Marital Status and Household Head

<i>Head of Household</i>	<i>Marital Status</i>												<i>Total</i>	
	<i>Never Married</i>		<i>Married</i>		<i>Widowed</i>		<i>Divorced</i>		<i>Separated</i>		<i>De Facto</i>			
	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Num</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>Total</i>	73	14.37	318	62.60	67	13.19	13	2.56	19	3.74	18	3.54	508	100
<i>Males</i>	50	9.84	291	57.28	14	2.76	6	1.18	8	1.57	15	2.95	384	75.59
<i>Females</i>	23	4.53	27	5.31	53	10.43	7	1.38	11	2.17	3	0.59	124	24.41

3.6 Smoker/Non-Smoker and Drinker/Non-Drinker

Among population 15 years and above three fourth of them are Non-Smoker, about 15 percent are casual smoker and only 10 percent are heavy smoker. Among male population 15 years and above these percentages are 66.9,17.5 and 16.6 respectively and among female population 15 years and above these percentages are 82.8, 12.6 and 4.6 respectively. The data shows that majority of females are non-smokers.

Among population 15 years and above 53 percent is non-drinker, 43 percent is casual drinker and 4 percent is heavy drinker. Among males these percentages are 38, 54 and 8 respectively and among females two thirds of them are non-drinker, about one third of them are casual drinker and less than 0.5 percent is heavy drinker. Percentage Distribution of Population 15 Years and above by Smoker/Drinker, Non-smoker/Non-Drinker and gender are presented in Table A15.

Table A15. Percentage Distribution of Household Population 15 Years and above by Smoker/Drinker, NonSmoker / Non-Drinker and Gender

Smoking/Drinking	Total		<i>Male</i>		<i>Female</i>	
	Num	%	Num	%	Num	%
Smoking	1208	100	596	100	612	100
Non Smoker	900	74.50	393	65.94	507	82.84
Casual Smoker	181	14.98	104	17.45	77	12.58
Heavy Smoker	127	10.51	99	16.61	28	4.58
Drinking	1208	100	596	100	612	100
<i>Non Drinker</i>	636	52.65	229	38.42	407	66.50
<i>Casual Drinker</i>	524	43.38	321	53.86	203	33.17
<i>Heavy Drinker</i>	48	3.97	46	7.72	2	0.33