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2009 Census

Household Listing Counts

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Total population by sex, 2009

Area	Males	Females	Total	Households	Average Household size	Av. annual Pop growth rate (%)	Sex ratio (males per 100 females)	% of total
Rural	94,030	90,096	184,126	34,887	5.3	2.4	104.4	75.7
Urban	30,707	28,471	59,178	11,142	5.3	4.1	107.9	24.3
Total	124,737	118,567	243,304	46,029	5.3	2.8	105.2	100.0

Rural population by province and sex, 2009

Province	Males	Females	Total	Households	Average Household size	Av. annual Pop growth rate (%)	Sex ratio (males per 100 females)	% of total
TORBA	4,296	4,159	8,455	1,585	5.3	0.9	103.3	4.6
SANMA	17,842	16,546	34,388	6,639	5.2	3.2	107.8	18.7
PENAMA	16,282	15,570	31,852	6,577	4.8	1.9	104.6	17.3
MALAMPA	19,350	18,811	38,161	7,771	4.9	1.6	102.9	20.7
SHEFA	19,438	18,531	37,969	6,911	5.5	4.4	104.9	20.6
TAFEA	16,822	16,479	33,301	5,404	6.2	1.4	102.1	18.1
Total	94,030	90,096	184,126	34,887	5.3	2.4	104.4	100.0

Urban population by sex, 2009

Urban area	Males	Females	Total	Households	Average Household size	Av. annual Pop growth rate (%)	Sex ratio (males per 100 females)	% of total
Port Vila	23,803	21,891	45,694	8,637	5.3	4.7	108.7	77.2
Luganville	6,904	6,580	13,484	2,505	5.4	2.4	104.9	22.8
Total	30,707	28,471	59,178	11,142	5.3	4.1	107.9	100.0

Note: These counts are from the 2009 Household Listing exercise which took place from May to August 2009. The figures are the actual counts and no imputation has been used for areas not visited, estimated to be one percent (1%) of the population. Minimal editing has been completed as these counts will be used to derive workloads, logistics and form registration for the actual Census on 16th of November 2009. Urban includes the main urban centres of Port Vila and Luganville. Totals include institutions or group living quarters such as boarding schools, hospitals, guest houses, prisons and so on.

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During the four months from May to August 2009, Census interviewers visited almost all of the households in Vanuatu and counted the number of people who usually live there. They also used GPS units to obtain information on the location of the household¹. This was the first major undertaking of the 2009 Census.

The listing is the foundation of the Census on 16 November. The Listing Results are used to determine how many Census forms have to be printed; interviewer work loads; the complex logistical arrangements for the delivery of field materials; as well as providing the basis for the mapping of the Census results through the GPS information.

So, for example, for the province of Penama the Census project will be organising the delivery of approximately 6,600 household questionnaires to the main islands of Ambae, Pentecost and Maewo where field staff supervisors will organise the delivery of the forms to the interviewers. The Preliminary Counts also show that the average number of people per household in Penama was 4.8; with slightly more males than females in total (104.6 males for every 100 females). This information will form the basis of quality control measures at the time of the Census to ensure that everyone is counted.

The Census 2009 Preliminary Counts show that since the last Census in 1999 the population of Vanuatu has grown by 2.8% a year, with the urban centres of Port Vila and Luganville increasing by 4.1% a year with the highest annual growth rates in Port Vila at 4.7%.

The next major activities for the 2009 Census are the training of field staff – Area managers, supervisors and interviewers – to enable them to interview all men and women, young and old, in Vanuatu on 16 November 2009.

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For more information please contact the 2009 Census Project on telephone 25614 or censusadmin@vanuatu.gov.vu.

¹ A household is defined as 'those who usually eat together and share the work of preparing the food and/or the cost of work of providing it'.