



SIERRA LEONE 2015 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS

PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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BACKGROUND

The Sierra Leone 2015 Population and Housing Census (PHC) was designed to deepen our democracy by providing data, which the National Election Commission would use in the demarcation of constituencies/wards and the allocation of representation on governing bodies. Census data also play an indispensable role in ensuring equitable allocation of national funds and services. The census also provides data for the calculation of social indicators, particularly those that are needed for small areas or small population groups as well as those that may be observed infrequently in the population.

The 2015 Census questionnaires collected a wide range of demographic and socioeconomic data (age-sex composition, economic characteristics, education, fertility etc.), and for the first time in the history of Sierra Leone data on maternal mortality and Ebola socioeconomic impacts.

The Census has three distinct phases namely the Preparatory Phase, the Enumeration Phase and the Post Enumeration Phase. The Preparatory work for the 2015 PHC started in 2012. The major activities in this phase were questionnaire design, census mapping, and conducting of the pilot census. The development of the Census questionnaire was highly consultative in an effort to accommodate the views of the various stakeholders. This involves the organization on consultative meetings to collect views on the data requirements from various categories of data users, including Central Government, Local Governments, Civil Society and Development Partners.

The second phase is Enumeration which involved recruitment and training of about 16,000 field staff. The main census enumeration was initially planned in December 2014, but was postponed first to April 2016 then to December 2016, due the unprecedented Ebola outbreak in the country.

All Field staff underwent mandatory training ranging from 5 to 7 days on Census concepts and procedures. The training was cascaded from the training of Trainers on to the training of Enumerators. The Census reference night was the night of 4th to 5th December 2015. The enumeration was done on de facto basis i.e. every person was enumerated where he/she spent the Census reference night.

Trained enumerators moved from household to household within the assigned Enumeration Areas (EAs) and administered the questionnaire to the head of household or any other knowledgeable household members. Special arrangements were made to enumerate institutional and homeless populations as well as guests in accommodation facilities.

The third phase is the Post enumeration activities, which includes data processing, the Post Enumeration Survey (PES), the data analysis and data dissemination. The PES data collection was conducted from February 27th to March 4th, 2016.

The implementation of the census is being carried out within a robust governance frame work that involves various committees like the National Advisory Committee (responsible for policy direction) and the technical committee (responsible for all technical guidance, vetting all census instruments). The 2015 Census is also supported by UNFPA, DFID, Irish Aid and UNDP.

This document presents the 2015 census provisional results. These provisional results are based on information from the EA summary sheets compiled by the field staff. More detailed findings from the Sierra Leone 2015 PHC will be released in December 2016.

TABLE 1: DISTRIBUTION OF CHIEFDOMS AND ENUMERATION AREAS BY ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS, 2015 CENSUS (PROVISIONAL RESULTS)

PROVINCE	DISTRICT	CHIEFDOMS/WRDS	ENUMERATION AREAS
EASTERN	Kailahun	14	891
	Kenema	17	1,118
	Kono	15	787
	Total	46	2796
NORTHERN	Bombali	14	984
	Kambia	7	576
	Koinadugu	11	747
	Port Loko	11	1,153
	Tonkolili	11	1,068
	Total	54	4528
SOUTHERN	Bo	16	1,030
	Bonthe	12	461
	Moyamba	14	616
	Pujehun	12	582
	Total	54	2,689
WESTERN	Western Area Rural	4	700
	Western Area Urban	8	2,139
	Total	12	2,839
SIERRA LEONE		166	12,852

TABLE 2: DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION (1963 TO 2015) BY ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS

ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT	1963 POPULATION			1974 POPULATION			1985 POPULATION			2004 POPULATION			2015 POPULATION		
	N	%	SEXR	N	%	SEXR	N	%	SEXR	N	%	SEXR	N	%	SEXR
Kailahun District	150,236	6.9	87	180,365	6.6	92	233,839	6.7	96	358,190	7.2	94	525,372	7.4	98
Kenema District	227,428	10.4	117	266,636	9.8	105	337,055	9.6	104	497,948	10.0	102	609,873	8.6	97
Kono District	167,915	7.7	118	328,930	12.0	126	389,657	11.1	112	335,401	6.7	106	505,767	7.2	99
Bombali District	198,776	9.1	85	233,626	8.5	88	317,729	9.0	92	408,390	8.2	93	606,183	8.6	95
Kambia District	137,806	6.3	92	155,341	5.7	91	186,231	5.3	91	270,462	5.4	90	343,686	4.9	91
Koinadugu District	129,061	5.9	93	158,626	5.8	92	183,286	5.2	92	265,758	5.3	88	408,097	5.8	99
Port Loko District	247,463	11.4	95	292,244	10.7	93	329,344	9.4	92	453,746	9.1	88	614,063	8.7	92
Tonkolili District	184,460	8.5	89	206,321	7.5	91	243,051	6.9	96	347,197	7.0	87	530,776	7.5	98
Bo District	209,754	9.6	104	217,711	8.0	95	268,671	7.6	97	463,668	9.3	96	574,201	8.1	95
Bonthe District	80,139	3.7	95	87,561	3.2	95	105,007	3.0	97	139,687	2.8	93	200,730	2.8	97
Moyamba District	167,425	7.7	94	188,745	6.9	94	250,514	7.1	94	260,910	5.2	90	318,064	4.5	93
Pujehun District	84,869	3.9	89	102,741	3.8	90	117,185	3.3	92	228,392	4.6	93	345,577	4.9	95
Western Rural	67,106	3.1	113	40,065	1.5	105	84,467	2.4	107	174,249	3.5	95	442,951	6.3	98
Western Urban	127,917	5.9	111	276,247	10.1	112	469,776	13.4	108	772,873	15.5	98	1,050,301	14.8	99
SIERRA LEONE	2,180,355	100.0	98	2,735,159	100.0	99	3,515,812	100.0	99	4,976,871	100	94	7,075,641	100.0	96

N=Number of Persons

% = Percentage Distribution of Total Population

SEXR=Number of Males per 100 Female

TABLE 3: DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY SEX AND ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS, 2004/2015

DIVISIONS	2004 CENSUS				2015 CENSUS			
	TOTAL POPULATION	MALES	FEMALES	SEX-RATIO	TOTAL POPULATION	MALES	FEMALES	SEX-RATIO
SIERRA LEONE	4,976,871	2,420,218	2,556,653	94.7	7,075,641	3,473,991	3,601,650	96.5
<i>Eastern Province</i>	1,191,539	598,304	593,235	100.9	1,641,012	811,865	829,147	97.9
Kailahun District	358,190	173,222	184,968	93.6	525,372	259,435	265,937	97.6
Kenema District	497,948	252,410	245,538	102.8	609,873	300,660	309,213	97.2
Kono District	335,401	172,672	162,729	106.1	505,767	251,770	253,997	99.1
<i>Northern Province</i>	1,745,553	823,847	921,706	89.4	2,502,805	1,219,828	1,282,977	95.1
Bombali District	408,390	196,628	211,762	92.9	606,183	295,920	310,263	95.4
Kambia District	270,462	127,816	142,646	89.6	343,686	164,071	179,615	91.3
Koinadugu District	265,758	124,636	141,122	88.3	408,097	202,814	205,283	98.8
Port Loko District	453,746	212,948	240,798	88.4	614,063	294,707	319,356	92.3
Tonkolili District	347,197	161,819	185,378	87.3	530,776	262,316	268,460	97.7
<i>Southern Province</i>	1,092,657	528,395	564,262	93.6	1,438,572	700,732	737,840	95.0
Bo District	463,668	227,499	236,169	96.3	574,201	280,097	294,104	95.2
Bonthe District	139,687	67,102	72,585	92.4	200,730	98,770	101,960	96.9
Moyamba District	260,910	123,681	137,229	90.1	318,064	153,354	164,710	93.1
Pujehun District	228,392	110,113	118,279	93.1	345,577	168,511	177,066	95.2
<i>Western Area Province</i>	947,122	469,672	477,450	98.4	1,493,252	741,566	751,686	98.7
Rural District	174,249	86,094	88,155	97.7	442,951	219,542	223,409	98.3
Urban District	772,873	383,578	389,295	98.5	1,050,301	522,024	528,277	98.8

TABLE 4: POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY CHIEFDOMS AND SEX, 2015 CENSUS

CHIEFDOM	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	SEX-RATIO
SIERRA LEONE	7,075,641	3,473,991	3,601,650	96.5
EASTERN PROVINCE	1,641,012	811,865	829,147	97.9
<u>Kailahun</u>	525,372	259,435	265,937	97.6
Dea	13,257	6,580	6,677	98.5
Jawie	50,779	24,742	26,037	95.0
Kissi Kama	20,200	10,083	10,117	99.7
Kissi Teng	45,109	23,112	21,997	105.1
Kissi Tongi	50,659	25,680	24,979	102.8
Kpeje Bongre	25,011	11,953	13,058	91.5
Kpeje West	27,553	14,076	13,477	104.4
Luawa	81,610	38,778	42,832	90.5
Malema	37,042	18,927	18,115	104.5
Mandu	30,829	14,635	16,194	90.4
Njaluahun	61,128	30,707	30,421	100.9
Penguia	26,291	13,120	13,171	99.6
Upper Bambara	26,712	12,699	14,013	90.6
Yawei	29,192	14,343	14,849	96.6
<u>Kenema</u>	609,873	300,660	309,213	97.2
Dama	30,750	14,683	16,067	91.4
Dodo	23,221	11,848	11,373	104.2

TABLE 4: CONT'D

CHIEFDOM	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	SEX-RATIO
Gaura	18,216	8,696	9,520	91.3
Gorama Mende	43,346	21,582	21,764	99.2
Kandu Leppiama	18,143	9,328	8,815	105.8
Koya	13,478	6,720	6,758	99.4
Langrama	3,549	1,633	1,916	85.2
Lower Bambara	76,327	38,949	37,378	104.2
Malegohun	20,438	10,041	10,397	96.6
Niawa	7,772	3,631	4,141	87.7
Nomo	5,436	2,797	2,639	106.0
Nongowa	45,502	21,969	23,533	93.4
Simbaru	17,431	8,686	8,745	99.3
Small Bo	29,502	14,181	15,321	92.6
Tunkia	36,074	17,766	18,308	97.0
Wandor	20,334	10,279	10,055	102.2
Kenema City	200,354	97,871	102,483	95.5
<u>Kono</u>	505,767	251,770	253,997	99.1
Fiama	15,413	7,476	7,937	94.2
Gbane	24,355	12,147	12,208	99.5
Gbane Kandor	11,907	5,728	6,179	92.7
Gbense	15,771	7,608	8,163	93.2
Gorama Kono	18,303	9,189	9,114	100.8

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CHIEFDOM	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	SEX-RATIO
Kamara	19,355	10,242	9,113	112.4
Lei	26,941	12,998	13,943	93.2
Mafindor	13,680	6,630	7,050	94.0
Nimikoro	61,179	31,828	29,351	108.4
Nimiyama	28,139	14,522	13,617	106.6
Sandor	89,883	44,230	45,653	96.9
Soa	39,249	19,048	20,201	94.3
Tankoro	8,518	4,282	4,236	101.1
Toli	5,000	2,378	2,622	90.7
Koidu City	128,074	63,464	64,610	98.2

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CHIEFDOM	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	SEX-RATIO
NORTHERN PROVINCE	2,502,805	1,219,828	1,282,977	95.1
<u>Bombali</u>	606,183	295,920	310,263	95.4
Biriwa	47,274	22,569	24,705	91.4
Bombali Seborá	36,407	17,748	18,659	95.1
Gbanti Kamaranka	28,323	13,650	14,673	93.0
Gbendembu Ngowahun	38,746	18,502	20,244	91.4
Libeisyagahun	16,170	7,778	8,392	92.7
Magbaimba Ndorwahun	12,672	6,295	6,377	98.7
Makari Gbanti	81,344	39,712	41,632	95.4
Paki Masabong	19,868	9,522	10,346	92.0
Safroko Limba	31,126	14,668	16,458	89.1
Sanda Loko	45,079	22,311	22,768	98.0
Sanda Tendaran	26,183	13,215	12,968	101.9
Sella Limba	58,431	28,509	29,922	95.3
Tambakha	38,501	19,255	19,246	100.0
Makeni City	126,059	62,186	63,873	97.4
<u>Kambia</u>	343,686	164,071	179,615	91.3
Bramaia	36,667	17,179	19,488	88.2
Gbinle Dixing	22,633	10,827	11,806	91.7
Magbema	91,806	44,183	47,623	92.8

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CHIEFDOM	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	SEX-RATIO
Mambolo	37,890	17,677	20,213	87.5
Masungbala	31,754	14,774	16,980	87.0
Samu	64,572	30,752	33,820	90.9
Tonko Limba	58,364	28,679	29,685	96.6
<u>Koinadugu</u>	408,097	202,814	205,283	98.8
Dembelia-Sinkunia	21,227	10,790	10,437	103.4
Diang	28,739	14,623	14,116	103.6
Folosaba Dembelia	20,544	10,276	10,268	100.1
Kasunko	24,682	11,754	12,928	90.9
Mongo	47,734	23,347	24,387	95.7
Neya	43,228	21,861	21,367	102.3
Nieni	77,960	38,396	39,564	97.0
Sengbe	38,050	18,571	19,479	95.3
Sulima	35,571	18,552	17,019	109.0
Wara Wara Bafodia	34,521	16,847	17,674	95.3
Wara Wara Yagala	35,841	17,797	18,044	98.6
<u>Port Loko</u>	614,063	294,707	319,356	92.3
Bureh Kasseh Makonteh	40,089	19,104	20,985	91.0
Buya Romende	34,235	16,662	17,573	94.8
Dibia	15,477	7,261	8,216	88.4

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CHIEFDOM	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	SEX-RATIO
Kaffu Bullom	119,902	58,543	61,359	95.4
Koya	85,206	40,120	45,086	89.0
Lokomasama	78,013	37,100	40,913	90.7
Maforki	86,810	41,418	45,392	91.2
Marampa	59,347	28,708	30,639	93.7
Masimera	40,861	19,671	21,190	92.8
Sanda Magbolont	23,597	11,120	12,477	89.1
TMS	30,526	15,000	15,526	96.6
<u>Tonkolili</u>	530,776	262,316	268,460	97.7
Gbonkolenken	67,659	33,228	34,431	96.5
Kafe Simiria	36,444	18,296	18,148	100.8
Kalansogoia	35,380	17,678	17,702	99.9
Kholifa Mabang	16,682	7,960	8,722	91.3
Kholifa Rowala	66,197	32,877	33,320	98.7
Kunike Barina	25,145	13,009	12,136	107.2
Kunike	75,144	37,807	37,337	101.3
Malal Mara	30,754	15,153	15,601	97.1
Sambaya	32,163	15,865	16,298	97.3
Tane	33,276	16,312	16,964	96.2
Yoni	111,932	54,131	57,801	93.7

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CHIEFDOM	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	SEX-RATIO
SOUTHERN PROVINCE	1,438,572	700,732	737,840	95.0
<u>Bo</u>	574,201	280,097	294,104	95.2
Badjia	8,131	3,932	4,199	93.6
Bagbo	25,912	12,807	13,105	97.7
Bagbwe(Bagbe)	20,951	10,415	10,536	98.9
Boama	45,784	22,379	23,405	95.6
Bumpe Ngao	44,128	21,575	22,553	95.7
Gbo	5,410	2,710	2,700	100.4
Jaiama Bongor	31,260	15,175	16,085	94.3
Kakua	51,015	24,409	26,606	91.7
Komboya	15,608	7,707	7,901	97.5
Lugbu	25,347	12,525	12,822	97.7
Niawa Lenga	13,916	6,714	7,202	93.2
Selenga	9,153	4,357	4,796	90.8
Tikonko	52,915	25,985	26,930	96.5
Valunia	35,501	18,093	17,408	103.9
Wonde	15,265	7,236	8,029	90.1
Bo Town	173,905	84,078	89,827	93.6
<u>Bonthe</u>	200,730	98,770	101,960	96.9
Bendu-Cha	7,009	3,436	3,573	96.2
Bum	24,031	11,594	12,437	93.2

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CHIEFDOM	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	SEX-RATIO
Dema	7,512	3,812	3,700	103.0
Imperri	33,772	17,215	16,557	104.0
Jong	33,524	16,326	17,198	94.9
Kpanda Kemo	10,442	5,097	5,345	95.4
Kwamebai Krim	14,436	6,988	7,448	93.8
Nongoba Bullom	19,747	9,843	9,904	99.4
Sittia	21,815	10,653	11,162	95.4
Sogbeni	10,949	5,283	5,666	93.2
Yawbeko	7,518	3,644	3,874	94.1
Bonthe Urban	9,975	4,879	5,096	95.7
<u>Moyamba</u>	318,064	153,354	164,710	93.1
Bagruwa	27,499	13,538	13,961	97.0
Bumpeh	37,469	17,839	19,630	90.9
Dasse	13,265	6,390	6,875	92.9
Fakunya	27,605	13,117	14,488	90.5
Kagboro	34,808	16,749	18,059	92.7
Kaiyamba	25,770	12,335	13,435	91.8
Kamajei	10,126	4,904	5,222	93.9
Kongbora	10,307	4,954	5,353	92.5
Kori	30,510	14,819	15,691	94.4
Kowa	9,732	4,650	5,082	91.5
Lower Banta	37,194	18,074	19,120	94.5

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CHIEFDOM	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	SEX-RATIO
Ribbi	33,082	15,669	17,413	90.0
Timdale	10,240	5,075	5,165	98.3
Upper Banta	10,457	5,241	5,216	100.5
<u>Pujehun</u>	345,577	168,511	177,066	95.2
Barri	36,865	17,661	19,204	92.0
Galliness Perri	54,524	26,721	27,803	96.1
Kpaka	16,376	7,666	8,710	88.0
Panga Kabonde	49,302	24,080	25,222	95.5
Makpele	31,015	15,393	15,622	98.5
Malen	49,215	25,118	24,097	104.2
Mono Sakrim	12,883	6,082	6,801	89.4
Panga krim	8,915	4,260	4,655	91.5
Pejeh (Futa peje	13,611	6,560	7,051	93.0
Soro Gbema	42,024	20,132	21,892	92.0
Sowa	17,111	8,451	8,660	97.6
Yakemu Kpukumu	13,736	6,387	7,349	86.9

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CHIEFDOM	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	SEX-RATIO
WESTERN AREA	1,493,252	741,566	751,686	98.7
<u>Western Area Rural</u>	442,951	219,542	223,409	98.3
Koya Rural	70,369	34,877	35,492	98.3
Mountain Rural	30,286	15,011	15,275	98.3
Waterloo Rural	213,431	105,784	107,647	98.3
York Rural	128,865	63,870	64,995	98.3
<u>Western Area Urban</u>	1,050,301	522,024	528,277	98.8
Central I	61,777	31,040	30,737	101.0
Central II	19,552	9,767	9,785	99.8
East I	60,930	30,218	30,712	98.4
East II	89,179	44,993	44,186	101.8
East III	447,708	221,344	226,364	97.8
West I	53,793	26,289	27,504	95.6
West II	129,559	64,133	65,426	98.0
West III	187,803	94,240	93,563	100.7