

The main argument for the usual resident population count is that this offers better information for planning and policy purposes on the demand for services, on households and on internal migration. In the 1999 census, the main results concern the resident population. Hence, comparability with the 1999 census was ensured.

2.4 Preparation and consultation process

The preparation of the Census Regulations and the census questionnaire was aided by a consultation process through the Census Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC was convened in June 2008 to provide advice to the prioritization and relevance of questions to be included in the Census questionnaire, and in other key areas. In addition to ESO, it comprised senior representatives from the Departments of Planning; Education; Children and Family Services; Labour and Employment Relations; the Ministry of Finance, Tourism and Development; the Ministry of District Administration, Works and Gender Affairs; and the District Commissioner for the Sister Islands. The private sector through the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director was also represented in the Committee.

Other Departments within the Cayman Islands Government assisted the ESO and CAC, particularly the Government Information Services with regards to publicity and promotion and the Lands and Survey and the Planning Departments with regards to the preparation of enumeration area maps. The Legal Drafting Department was extensively involved in preparing amendments to the Statistics Law (1996 Revision) to strengthen the safety and confidentiality of the Census data collection process, the Census Order and the Census Regulations.



The Census Advisory Committee has established relevant sub-committees that met regularly in earnest to keep the preparation on schedule. These sub-committees were: Mapping, Publicity and Logistics, and Documents and Training.

The 2010 Census was widely publicized, mainly due to the Census Spokespersons who volunteered their services, led by Cayman's National Hero Mrs. Sybil McLaughlin and the 2010 Young Caymanian Leader, Mr. Colin Anglin.

2.5 Field work and data processing

Data collection for the 2010 Census was conducted from October 10, 2010 to December 16, 2010. Field work comprised of the completion of visitation records (VRs) and interviewing of households. The VRs recorded the number of buildings, dwelling units and households in each enumeration area, and the number of members in each household by sex. Household interviews were conducted using the census questionnaire (see Appendix 1).

In all, there were 277 enumeration areas spread across the six (6) districts of the Cayman Islands, with each enumeration area consisting of approximately 100 households.

District	No. of EAs	
	1999	2010
Total	179	277
George Town	99	149
West Bay	37	50
Bodden Town	20	45
North Side	7	10
East End	6	6
Sister Islands	10	17

Source: Lands and Survey Department

Field work was a massive operation managed by the ESO and involved a team of 273 enumerators, 67 field supervisors and nine area coordinators. Area coordinators were assigned to each district, with George Town having four while West Bay had two. A field