



1. INTRODUCTION

Data collection for the Cayman Islands’ 2021 Population and Housing Census was conducted over the enumeration period, which started on Census Day, October 10, 2021, to December 31, 2021.

453 census enumerators visited 42,682 addresses during the enumeration period. Additionally, enumerators were allowed an additional three weeks in January 2022 to revisit/”sweep” households that initially refused to participate and others with no contact.

2. PRELIMINARY RESULTS

The preliminary results indicate that 69,656 residents were counted as of Census Day, October 10, 2021. This figure includes 306 persons that lived in institutions (prisons, dorms, retirement homes, etc.) on Census Day.¹

Table 1: Total Population, 2021 Census

Total Population	69,656
Non-Institutional population	69,350
Institutional population	306

This preliminary report is based on the census data, which needs further editing and coding of some household responses. In summary, there were 29,502 households counted during Census 2021, which amounts to an overall average household size of 2.4 persons per household. The response rate of Census 2021 was 96.8 percent.

Table 2: Total Non-Institutional Population by District, 2021 vs 2010

	2021 Census		2010 Census		2021/2010	
	#	%	#	%	Absolute change (2021-2010)	% Change
Total	69,350	100.0	55,036	100.0	14,314	26.0
George Town	34,399	49.6	28,089	51.0	6,310	22.5
West Bay	14,931	21.5	11,222	20.4	3,709	33.1
Bodden Town	14,268	20.6	10,543	19.2	3,725	35.3
North Side	1,840	2.7	1,479	2.7	361	24.4
East End	1,749	2.5	1,407	2.6	342	24.3
Sister Islands	2,163	3.1	2,296	4.2	(133)	(5.8)
Cayman Brac	2,003	2.9	2,099	3.8	(96)	(4.6)
Little Cayman	160	0.2	198	0.4	(38)	(19.2)

¹ Persons were counted in the institutional population if they were living in an institution on Census Day and living there for at least six months or will remain in the institution for six months or more. Otherwise, they were counted in their usual place of residence.



The non-institutional population was 69,350, with George Town accounting for the majority (49.6%), followed by West Bay (21.5%) and Bodden Town (20.6%).

A comparison with the 2010 Census figures shows that the population increased by 14,314 persons or 26.0 percent, reflecting an average annual growth rate of 2.4 percent across the intercensal period.

Bodden Town experienced the highest growth during the intercensal period; a 35.3 percent (see Table 2) population increase at an average annual growth rate of 3.2 percent. Additionally, the Bodden Town district increased its share of the population over the past 32 years, from 6.2 percent in the 1989 Census to 20.6 percent in the 2021 Census (see Table 3). Similarly, the proportionate share of both George Town and West Bay more than doubled between 1989 and 2021.

Table 3: Total Non-Institutional Census Population by District, 1989-2021

Census	2021		2010		1999		1989	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total	69,350	100.0	55,036	100.0	39,020	100.0	25,355	100.0
George Town	34,399	49.6	28,089	51.0	20,626	37.5	12,921	23.5
West Bay	14,931	21.5	11,222	20.4	8,243	15.0	5,632	10.2
Bodden Town	14,268	20.6	10,543	19.2	5,764	10.5	3,407	6.2
North Side	1,840	2.7	1,479	2.7	1,079	2.0	857	1.6
East End	1,749	2.5	1,407	2.6	1,371	2.5	1,064	1.9
Sister Islands	2,163	3.1	2,296	4.2	1,937	3.5	1,474	2.7

3. TEMPORARY RESIDENTS

Temporary residents are persons present in the Cayman Islands on Census Day (October 10, 2021) but are not counted as usual residents (*de jure* census – must be resident or intend to be resident for six months or more consecutively). Temporary residents can stay in the Islands for periods not exceeding six consecutive months. These persons usually reside in temporary second homes and short-term vacation rentals. The total number of temporary residents counted was 2,350².

4. DEMOGRAPHIC PRELIMINARY RESULTS

There were more males (50.2%) than females (49.0%) in the population (see Table 4). At the same time, the other 0.8 percent did not answer the question on sex (male or female)

² The count of temporary residents was voluntary, most persons refused to comply with enumerators to be counted as temporary resident as they are not included in the official population count.



when providing information on other household members (some households gave aliases: person 1, person 2, etc., instead of names)³.

Table 4: Non-Institutional Population by Age and Sex

	Total	Male	Female	DK/NS
Total	69,350	34,803	33,948	599
0 - 4	3,568	1,803	1,755	10
5 - 11	5,103	2,585	2,504	14
12 - 15	2,957	1,538	1,417	2
16 - 19	2,455	1,218	1,237	-
20 - 24	3,438	1,773	1,665	-
25 - 29	5,271	2,622	2,649	-
30 - 34	6,562	3,359	3,202	1
35 - 39	6,899	3,524	3,375	-
40 - 44	6,654	3,410	3,244	-
45 - 49	6,353	3,303	3,049	1
50 - 54	5,736	2,908	2,828	-
55 - 59	4,665	2,387	2,278	-
60 - 64	3,250	1,581	1,668	1
65+	5,402	2,517	2,883	2
<i>Of which:</i>				
70+	3,268	1,519	1,747	2
90+	175	52	123	-
DK/NS	1,037	275	194	568

DK/NS - Don't Know or Not Stated

Table 5: Non-Institutional Population by District and Sex

	Total	Male	Female	DK/NS
Total	69,350	34,803	33,948	599
George Town	34,399	17,630	16,462	307
West Bay	14,931	7,498	7,275	158
Bodden Town	14,268	6,836	7,334	98
North Side	1,840	919	908	13
East End	1,749	868	862	19
Sister Islands	2,163	1,052	1,107	4
Cayman Brac	2,003	952	1,049	2
Little Cayman	160	100	58	2

³ In the census, sex is determined based on the specific question on respondent's sex and observation by the enumerators, not the names of persons.

**Table 6: Non-Institutional Population by Age and Status**

	Total	Non		DK/NS
		Caymanian	Caymanian	
Total	69,350	36,678	31,803	869
0 - 4	3,568	2,196	1,343	29
5 - 11	5,103	3,616	1,473	14
12 - 15	2,957	2,305	642	10
16 - 19	2,455	2,015	431	9
20 - 24	3,438	2,384	1,040	14
25 - 29	5,271	2,173	3,082	16
30 - 34	6,562	2,029	4,521	12
35 - 39	6,899	2,076	4,813	10
40 - 44	6,654	2,223	4,418	13
45 - 49	6,353	2,817	3,517	19
50 - 54	5,736	3,038	2,689	9
55 - 59	4,665	2,789	1,863	13
60 - 64	3,250	2,235	1,009	6
65+	5,402	4,680	714	8
<i>Of which:</i>				
70+	3,268	2,954	308	6
90+	175	156	19	-
DK/NS	1,037	102	248	687

The Caymanian share of the population stood at 52.9 percent, Non-Caymanians accounted for 45.9 percent, while the remaining 1.2 percent refused to provide age and/or status information (see Table 7). . The Caymanian population increased from 30,979 persons in 2010 to 36,678 persons in 2021, an annual average growth of 1.7 percent. Caymanian males represented 51.0 percent of all males and Caymanian females was 55.7 percent of total females.

Table 7: Non-Institutional Population by Sex and Status

	Total	Non		DK/NS
		Caymanian	Caymanian	
Total	69,350	36,678	31,803	869
Male	34,803	17,735	16,915	153
Female	33,948	18,919	14,880	149
DK/NS	599	24	8	567

5. LABOUR FORCE PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Table 8: Labour Force Indicators – Census 2021

	Total	Male	Female	DK/NS	Non		
					Caymanian	Caymanian	DK/NS
Population	68,487	34,642	33,814	31	36,593	31,698	196
Age 0 to 14 years	10,945	5,573	5,346	26	7,566	3,330	49
Working Age Population (≥ 15 years)	57,542	29,069	28,468	5	29,027	28,368	147
Labour Force	47,311	24,862	22,448	1	21,239	25,970	102
Employed	44,635	23,598	21,037	-	19,444	25,097	94
Unemployed	2,676	1,264	1,411	1	1,795	873	8
Not In Labour Force	10,231	4,207	6,020	4	7,788	2,398	45
Labour Force Participation Rate (%)	82.2	85.5	78.9	20.0	73.2	91.5	69.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.1	6.3	-	8.5	3.4	7.8

N.B: The labour force population is lower by 863 persons who participated ONLY in the population count and gave no other information.

The labour force participation rate was 82.2 percent. Labour force participation was highest among males with 85.5 percent and non-Caymanians at 91.5 percent. The labour force was 47,311 persons, with 94.3 percent employed. The number of persons unemployed stood at 2,676, indicating an overall unemployment rate of 5.7 percent. The Caymanian unemployment rate was 8.5 percent, or 1,795 persons.

Technical Note

Approximately 549 households refused to participate in the 2021 population and housing Census; another 409 households were verified as occupied, but the occupants could not be located for an interview. Therefore, the population can plausibly be higher by approximately 2,300 persons, classified as non-responsive households (958 households x 2.4 avg. household size). The number of vacant dwellings stood at 3,865. The number of temporary second homes and temporary short-term rentals was 2,288. The number of residential units under construction was 2,192.

Concluding Note

The final Census report will be prepared after all the questionnaires are edited, verified for consistency, coded, and processed for analysis. The editing, coding and verification phase is currently ongoing. **The final report is expected to be submitted to the Cabinet by the end of June 2022.**