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# STATISTICAL NEWS

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## **2007 Population and Housing Census - Second Release of Provisional Findings**

This second release of the 2007 Population and Housing Census provisional results provides lower level geographic information for;

- Population and Ethnicity
- Urban Areas
- Households and Household Size
- Growth Areas
- The Voting Age Population

### **1. Population by Province and Ethnicity**

Three provinces in Fiji have population sizes exceeding 100,000. All these provinces have a significant urban sector.

- The number of persons enumerated in the province of Ba was 228,537 and the ethnic breakdown was as follows; Indians 124,507 (54.5%); Fijians 96,271 (42.1%) and Other Races 7,759 (3.4%). The Province of Ba accounted for slightly over a quarter of the population enumerated during the Census.
- A total of 158,793 persons were enumerated in the Province of Naitasiri. The ethnic breakdown of the population count was as follows; Fijians 92,510 (58.3%); Indians 58,068 (36.6%) and the Other Races 8,215 (5.2%).
- The third most populated province was Rewa with 101,143 persons counted. The ethnic breakdown was as follows; Fijians 62,771 (62%), Indians 24,229 (24%) and the Other Races 14,143 (14%).

Details are provided in Table 1.

### **2. Urban Areas**

- The two most populous urban areas were Nasinu and Suva with population sizes of 86,770 and 86,178 respectively.
- There was a significant increase of 32,308 in the population of the combined Suva, Nasinu and Nausori urban areas.
- There was also a significant increase in the population of the Nadi Urban Area which recorded an increase of 11,828 persons.

Details are provided in Table 2.

### **3. Households and Household Size**

- The 827,900 Fiji residents enumerated during the 2007 Population Census lived in 174,460 households and some 400 odd Non Private Dwellings.
- The ethnic breakdown of households was as follows; Fijian 90,357, Indian 74,667, Others 9,436.
- There were 89,347 households in the urban areas with 87,562 in the rural areas.
- The number of households increased by 29,843 since the 1996 Population Census.
- The average household size has decreased from 5.36 in 1996 to 4.75 in 2007. This indicates greater independence with a shift away from the extended family structure.
- There is a marked difference in the average household size of the major ethnic groups that is 5.25 for Fijians and 4.17 for Indians.

There will be a slight change in the average household size when Non Private Dwellings are excluded from the calculations.

Details are provided in Table 2 and 3.

### **4. Urban Growth Areas**

The following areas experienced high growth between 1996 and 2007. Compared to 1996 the;

- Nadawa Housing Area with 1,084 more households and 2,771 more persons.
- Tacirua East and Khalsa Road Area with 832 more households and 3,843 more persons.
- Davuilevu/Waila 2A & B Housing Area with 586 more households and 2,775 more persons.
- Muanikoso Settlement and Housing Area with 419 more households 1,873 more persons.
- Princes Road/Tamavua/Tacirua with 407 more households and 1,803 more persons.
- Votualevu/Carrerars/Savunawai/Matavolivoli with 928 more households and 4,002 more persons.
- Waqadra/Namaka Area with 447 more households and 1,455 more persons.
- Wairabetia/Saweni/Vuda Area with 896 more households and 3,412 more persons.

Further details are provided in Table 4.

## 5. Voting Age Population

- A total 489,066 persons of voting age were enumerated during the Census. This is an increase of 9,392 over the 479,674 registered voters for the 2006 National Elections.
- The number of voting age;
  - a) Fijians increased by 6,141 to 262,155.
  - b) Indians decreased by 251 to 204,219.
  - c) Rotumans increased by 762 to 6,135.
  - d) Persons of Other Races increased by 2,740 to 16,557.

Details are provided in Table 5.



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