



Final count

2013 Population Count

Introduction

The *Final Count* contains the final population counts based on information collected from the 2013 Population Count.

The 2013 Population Count was undertaken primarily to collect the number of de jure usual residents in order to satisfy the requirements of the *Constitution of Tokelau 2009*.

The *Constitution* and the *Statistics Rules 2013* require a count of the population to be undertaken in the year prior to a National Election, in order to determine the number of nuku delegates that can be elected for the General Fono.

Limited demographic information is also collected during the Count. This serves as an update of Tokelau's demographic population information between censuses.

The information contained in this release includes several different population concepts. These are the:

- de jure usually resident population
- usually resident population present in Tokelau on count night
- usually resident population absent from Tokelau on count night.

The Tokelau population has a unique composition. A significant proportion of the population temporarily leaves the islands (eg for healthcare, education, or travel). For the 2013 Population Count, core demographic information for people who usually live in Tokelau but were away on the night of the count was completed on their behalf by the head of the household. This is the same process used in the 2006 and 2011 censuses for counting absentees.

Comparison of absentee numbers over two periods is limited as the number of people absent from Tokelau continually fluctuates.

Final population counts

De jure usually resident population count

The de jure usually resident population of Tokelau was 1,383.

The de jure population includes the usually resident population present in Tokelau on count night and the usually resident absentee sub-population.

Usually resident population present in Tokelau on count night

The usually resident population present in Tokelau on the night of the count was 1,110.

Usually resident population absent from Tokelau on count night

The usually resident population absent from Tokelau on the night of the count was 273. This is made up of 47 Tokelauan Tokelau Public Service (TPS) employees and their immediate families based in Apia, and 226 people who normally live in Tokelau but were overseas on the night of the count.

Population count definitions

Timing of the Population Count

The Population Count was undertaken on different days, across Tokelau's three atolls, and in Apia Samoa. This was to enable a trained team of interviewers to travel together to all three atolls to undertake the count.

The count was undertaken in:

- Apia, and Fakaofu on Friday 6, December 2013
- Nukunonu on Tuesday, 10 December 2013
- Atafu on Thursday 12 December 2013.

De jure usually resident population

The de jure population count consists of the usually resident population present in Tokelau on the night of the count plus usual residents who were temporarily overseas at the time of the count. This includes Tokelauan TPS employees based in Apia and their immediate families.

Usually resident population present in Tokelau on count night

The usually resident population present in Tokelau on count night is a count of all people who usually live in Tokelau, and were present in Tokelau on the night of the count. This count excludes visitors from overseas and residents who were temporarily overseas on count night.

Residents who were away from their usual address (ie on another atoll), but were in Tokelau on count night are counted as part of the population of the atoll where they usually live. This ensures they form part of the usually resident population present in Tokelau on count night for their home atoll.

Comparison of final counts

The numbers recorded in table 1 are the final numbers that will be used to determine the number of elected nuku representatives for the 2014-2016 General Fonu.

Tables 2-4 provide extra population information for interested users.

Table 1

Atoll populations, including Tokelauan TPS Employees and their immediate families⁽¹⁾

By atoll

2011 Tokelau Census of Population of Dwellings, and 2013 Population Count

Usual residence / home atoll	De jure usually resident population, including Samoa TPS ⁽¹⁾		Increase or decrease (2011-2013)	
	2011 Census	2013 Count	Number	Percent
Atafu	494	458	-36	-7.3
Fakaofu	510	515	5	1.0
Nukunonu	407	410	3	0.7
Total	1,411	1,383	-28	-2.0

1) TPS employees and their immediate families were asked to indicate their home atoll. For this table, they have been allocated back to the atoll they indicated. For other tables they are separated by their place of usual residence, which is Samoa.

Table 2

Changes in the de jure usually resident population

By atoll

2011 Tokelau Census of Population of Dwellings, and 2013 Population Count

Usual residence	De jure usually resident population		Increase or decrease (2011-2013)	
	2011 Census	2013 Count	Number	Percent
Atafu	482	447	-35	-7.3
Fakaofu	490	489	-1	-0.2
Nukunonu	397	400	3	0.8
Samoa	42	47	5	11.9
Total	1,411	1,383	-28	-2.0

Table 3

Changes in the usually resident population present on the night of the count

By atoll

2011 Tokelau Census of Population of Dwellings, and 2013 Population Count

Usual residence	De jure usually resident population		Increase or decrease (2011-2013)	
	2011 Census	2013 Count	Number	Percent
Atafu	385	363	-22	-5.7
Fakaofu	449	422	-27	-6.0
Nukunonu	309	325	16	5.2
Total	1,143	1,110	-33	-2.9

Table 4**Changes in absentee count**

By atoll

2011 Tokelau Census of Population of Dwellings, and 2013 Population Count

Usual residence	De jure usually resident population		Increase or decrease (2011-2013)	
	2011 Census	2013 Count	Number	Percent
Atafu	97	84	-13	-13.4
Fakaofu	41	67	26	63.4
Nukunonu	88	75	-13	-14.8
Total	226	226	0	0.0

Demographic tables

More information from the 2013 Population Count is available online, at <http://TokelauNSO.tk>.

This includes a release of demographic tables, which include information on age, sex, and population distribution.

Further information

Data requests and enquiries should be directed to the National Statistician.

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