



2016 Tokelau Census



*Module two:
An overview of the census*

What is the census?

- ⦿ An official count of how many people and dwellings there are in Tokelau
- ⦿ Provides an overall view of the people of Tokelau and the places where they live
- ⦿ Used to plan vital public services, such as education, health, housing, and transport
- ⦿ Helps understand how society changes over time



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When was census?

- ⦿ Census day was **Tuesday, 18 October 2016**
- ⦿ Previous censuses of this series were on 18 October 2011, and 19 October 2006
- ⦿ The next census is scheduled for 2021



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Why have a census?

- ⦿ Information from the census helps determine how government funding is spent in the community
 - Tells how many people there are, and where they live
 - Provides evidence for policy decisions
 - Helps make decisions about which services are needed and where they should be located (eg, schools and electricity needs)
 - Helps keep track of Tokelau's international position (eg United Nations Millennium Development Goals, Secretariat for the Pacific Community, New Zealand Government)



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Why have a census? (cont)

- ⊙ The census is a snapshot of Tokelau
- ⊙ The census provides information on:
 - the houses people live in
 - where people are, and where people live
 - how the population is made up – age, sex, religion, ethnicity
 - qualifications, education, and literacy
 - the future of Tokelau's population
- ⊙ Statistical Rules (2013)



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Who is included?

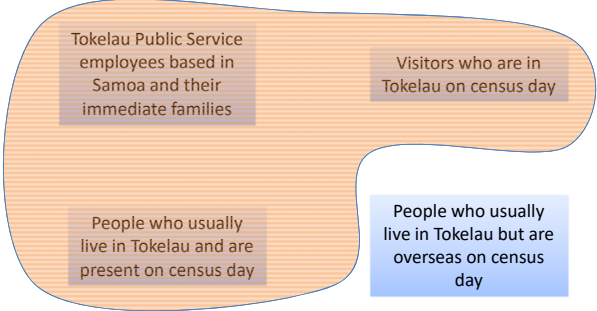
- ⊙ By law, everybody in Tokelau on census day must be counted
- ⊙ This includes babies and visitors
- ⊙ Local teams helped to ensure everyone in Tokelau was counted

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Who is included? (cont)

- ⊙ People we physically count

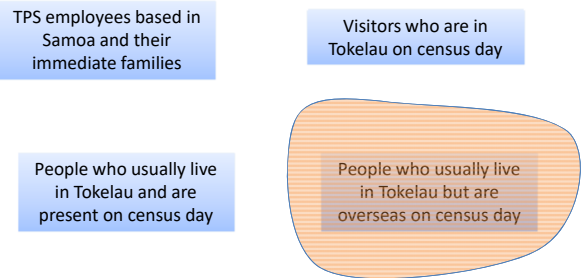


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Who is included? (cont)

- ⊙ People we ask about





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Who is included? (cont)

- ⊙ People who are temporarily overseas
 - Students attending secondary school overseas (eg Education Scholarship System students)
 - People who normally live in Tokelau but are travelling on official duties
 - People away from Tokelau for medical treatment as:
 - medical patients under the Health Referral Scheme or privately funded
 - family member(s), caregiver(s), or guardian(s) who are accompanying patients overseas to get medical treatment
 - People visiting other countries who are away for less than 12 months



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Who is included? (cont)

- ⊙ National TPS employees
 - TPS employees and their immediate families are counted in Samoa
 - People who work at TPS (Samoa) are not counted in Tokelau as absentees

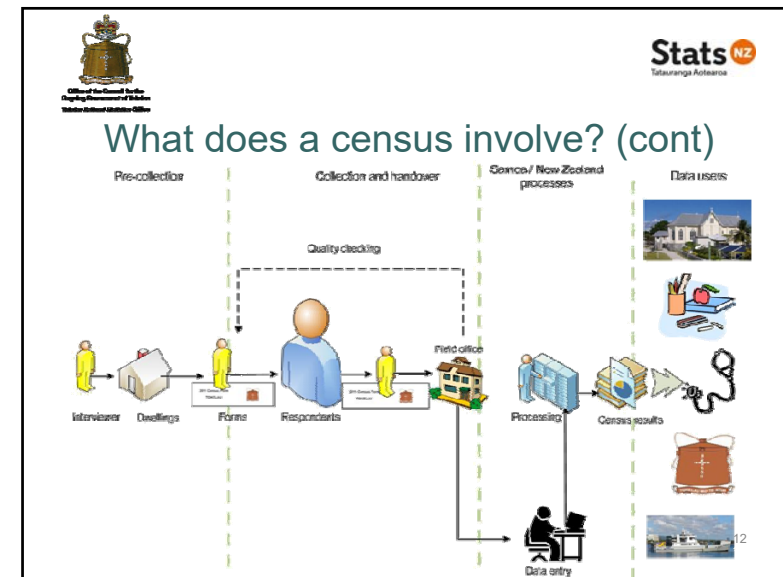
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What does a census involve?

- ⊙ Interviewers
 - Trained interviewers visit each house with a digital census form
- ⊙ Census form (digital for the first time in 2016)
 - Interviewers use the form to ask people in each house a set of questions
 - One person answers about the house they are in, and the people who are away
 - Each person in the house answers questions about themselves
- ⊙ Completed forms
 - The information on the forms is taken away and turned into statistics

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How is the population counted?

- ⊙ Two counts
 - Population in Tokelau on census day – including visitors
 - Usually resident population



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How is the population counted? (cont)

- ⊙ The population counted on census day
 - Everyone who is in Tokelau on the night of Tuesday, 18 October 2016 was counted
 - This includes:
 - anyone on the MV Mataliki (or other transport boat)
 - temporary visitors to Tokelau
 - TPS employees in Samoa



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How is the population counted? (cont)

- ⊙ The usually resident population
 - All the people who normally live in Tokelau
 - This includes:
 - people who are present on census day
 - those who are temporarily overseas
 - To be 'usually resident' people must:
 - have lived in Tokelau for three months or more
 - not be away for Tokelau for more than 12 months



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How is the population counted? (cont)

- ⊙ Visitors to Tokelau
 - All short-term visitors to Tokelau are not included in the usually resident population
 - for example, the team from Statistics NZ

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Census night population count

Visitors from overseas in the area on census night



Residents temporarily overseas on census night

Residents in the area on census night

Residents temporarily in other areas of Tokelau on census night

Visitors from other areas of Tokelau in the area on census night

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Census de jure usually resident count

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Residents temporarily in other areas of Tokelau on census night

Visitors from other areas of Tokelau in the area on census night



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Who gets to see the information?

- © Security and confidentiality is a top priority
 - Census forms are not made public
 - People who see them must sign life confidentiality agreements
 - includes all interviewers, district supervisors, us, and data processors
 - people who have signed these agreements can be prosecuted if they reveal personal information
 - Information is only released as statistical tables
 - no individuals or families will be identified
 - once the tables are released, anyone can use them, including government, churches, families, and individuals

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Questions?

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