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# **Introduction**

A census of Population and Housing is viewed as singularly one of the most critical components in a country’s national statistical system. It provides benchmarks of population and housing stock, as well as baseline information for the production of other statistics. It is a reliable source of comprehensive data about the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of a country’s population. Additionally, census statistics serve to inform as to the household and housing conditions at various levels.

The Statistical Act mandates that the Department of Statistics undertakes all censuses and national surveys within the Federation of St Kitts and Nevis. In keeping with this mandate, St Kitts and Nevis conducted a Population and Housing Census in 2022. Initially slated for 2021, the Covid-19 pandemic necessitated a change to 2022. Through face-to-face interviews, field personnel visited and enumerated every household and individual within the Federation. Where households or individuals either declined to be interviewed or were not available to be interviewed, alternate means were utilized to collect basic information for these individuals.

The Department of Statistics wishes to acknowledge the various partners and stakeholders who would have contributed to this undertaking. Each household and individual who would have responded whether in full or in part must be commended as it is only through this willingness to be a part of the national endeavor can the Department offer this and subsequent reports. Similarly, the enumerators and supervisors played the pivotal role as the conduit through which the data was collected. The staff of the Department must also be acknowledged for the dedicated roles played in the data processing phases.

This report seeks to provide a general summary of findings for the 2022 population and housing census. While not comprehensive in nature, it offers a succinct overview of the census results and therefore the characteristics of the population and the conditions under which they exist. All population figures quoted refer to the non-institutional population of the Federation. That is, only members of private households are referenced and it does not include counts of persons within institutions such as prisons, juvenile facilities, hospitals, hospices and nursing homes. Key tabulations of both housing and population characteristics are provided at the federal and island level. Subsequent thematic reports will offer greater detail with varying levels of disaggregation.

# **Historical Review**

The nations within the OECS and Caricom approach the Population and Housing census as a regional undertaking. Census rounds are synchronized with most countries adopting a regional timeframe and a regional questionnaire base for their individual censuses. As such most countries conduct their Population and Housing Censuses in years ending with one (1) or zero (0) once the resources allow. The instrument used would have core common questions with countries adjusting response options for cultural nuances as well as adding or subtracting questions as deemed necessary.

This iteration of the Population and Housing census was the 14th decennial census to be undertaken in St Kitts and Nevis. The earliest census in the Federation dates back to 1871. Censuses were conducted every ten years up to 1921. There was a break in the series at this point with no census being conducted again until 1946 with the next census to follow in 1960. Thereafter, the censuses were conducted with regularity up to present day.

# **Population Size and Growth**

The enumerated population of the Federation of St Kitts and Nevis for 2022 is 51,320 persons. This total represents an 8.7% increase over the 2011 census count of 47,195 persons. There is an increase of 4,125 persons over the 11-year period with an average annual increase of 0.76% per year for the intercensal period.

***Table 1: Intercensal Population Change 1871 – 2022***

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Census Year** | **Population** | **Total Increase** | **Intercensal Change (%)** | **Annual (%) Rate of Growth** |
| **1871** | 39,872 |  |  |  |
| **1881** | 41,001 | 1,129 | 2.83 | 0.28 |
| **1891** | 43,981 | 2,980 | 7.27 | 0.70 |
| **1901** | 42,556 | -1,425 | -3.24 | -0.33 |
| **1911** | 39,498 | -3,058 | -7.19 | -0.75 |
| **1921** | 33,974 | -5,524 | -13.99 | -1.51 |
| **1946** | 41,206 | 7,232 | 21.29 | 0.77 |
| **1960** | 51,023 | 9,817 | 23.82 | 1.53 |
| **1970** | 44,884 | -6,139 | -12.03 | -1.28 |
| **1980** | 43,291 | -1,593 | -3.55 | -0.36 |
| **1991** | 40,618 | -2,673 | -6.17 | -0.58 |
| **2001** | 46,325 | 5,707 | 14.05 | 1.31 |
| **2011** | 47,195 | 870 | 1.88 | 0.19 |
| **2022** | 51,320 | 4,125 | 8.74 | 0.76 |

The population of St Kitts and Nevis has fluctuated greatly over the years. The 2022 census population count is the largest enumerated population on record. The previous highest population was recorded in 1960 with 51,023 persons. The lowest population was 33,974 recorded in 1921. The largest intercensal growth was noted in 1960 where there was a 23.8% increase over the 1946 census figure with an annual average growth rate of 1.53%. The 1921 census registered the largest period over period decrease in population (-14%), with an annual rate of change of -1.51% from the 1911 census of population. The 2022 population count registers the third consecutive increase in population. The Federal population has increased every census year after the 1991 census.

# **Geographic Distribution**

The island of St Kitts is home to 38,138 persons. This is 74% of the federal population. Nevis with 13,182 persons is home to the remaining 26% of the population.

***Chart 2: Population Share by Island 2022***

The population of St Kitts would have grown by 9.2% over the period from 34,918 persons in 2011. This growth offsets the 0.8% decrease registered in 2011 where the population fell by 299 persons from 35,217 in 2001. Nevis registered a 7.4% increase in 2022 moving from 12,277 in 2011. This growth is lower than the 10.5% increase registered in 2011 where the population grew by 1,169 persons up from the 11,108 persons counted in 2001 but indicates a pattern of growth for the last three census periods.

***Table 2: Population Movement by Parish 2001 - 2022***

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Parish** | **Population** | | | | |
| **2001** | **2011** | **% Change** | **2022** | **% Change** |
| St George | 13,251 | 12,635 | -4.6 | 13,652 | 8.0 |
| St Paul | 2,453 | 2,432 | -0.9 | 2,468 | 1.5 |
| St Anne | 3,167 | 2,626 | -17.1 | 2,969 | 13.1 |
| St Thomas | 2,395 | 2,535 | 5.8 | 2,657 | 4.8 |
| Trinity | 1,678 | 1,701 | 1.4 | 2,348 | 38.0 |
| Christchurch | 2,061 | 1,922 | -6.7 | 2,064 | 7.4 |
| St John | 3,248 | 2,962 | -8.8 | 2,972 | 0.3 |
| St Mary | 3,423 | 3,435 | 0.4 | 3,341 | -2.7 |
| St Peter | 3,541 | 4,670 | 31.9 | 5,667 | 21.3 |
| **St Kitts** | **35,217** | **34,918** | **-0.8** | **38,138** | **9.2** |
| St. Paul (N) | 1,790 | 1,847 | 3.2 | 1,888 | 2.2 |
| St. John (N) | 2,901 | 3,827 | 31.9 | 4,416 | 15.4 |
| St. George (N) | 2,564 | 2,496 | -2.7 | 2,323 | -6.9 |
| St. Thomas (N) | 2,047 | 2,069 | 1.1 | 2,265 | 9.5 |
| St. James (N) | 1,806 | 2,038 | 12.8 | 2,290 | 12.4 |
| **Nevis** | **11,108** | **12,277** | **10.5** | **13,182** | **7.4** |
| **St Kitts and Nevis** | **46,325** | **47,195** | **1.9** | **51,320** | **8.7** |

There was significant intercensal movement amongst parishes. On St Kitts, the parish of Trinity registered a 38% increase in population over the period as against a 1.4% increase in 2011. St Peter saw a 21.3% increase which follows a 32% increase in 2011. St Anne also registered a double-digit percent increase moving by 13%. Increases were noted in every other parish with the exception of St Mary which registered a 2.7% decrease from 2011. Of note, St John’s 0.3% increase is negligible and follows an 8.8% decrease in population in 2011.

On Nevis, the parish of St John registered the largest percentage change growing by 15% over the period which follows a 32% increase registered in 2011. St James and St Thomas also saw significant changes with 12.4% and 9.5% respectively. A 7% decrease in population for St George follows a 2.7% decrease registered in 2011.

The population share by parish remains largely unchanged for the period 2011 to 2022. St George remains the largest parish by population on St Kitts. There has been a gradual decrease in this share over the last three intercensal periods moving from 37.6% in 2001 to 36.2% in 2011 and now 35.8% in 2022. St Peters has seen a trend in growth over the same time period moving from 10% in 2001, to 13.4% in 2011 and increasing further to 14.9% in 2022. St Peters in now firmly established as the second largest parish in St Kitts by population share. Trinity with 6.2% and Christchurch with 5.4% are currently and historically the two smallest parishes by population share on St Kitts.

St John remains the largest parish by population share on the island of Nevis. This proportion has increased over the last three censuses. In 2001, the parish held 26.1% of the population. This grew to 31.2% in 2011 with a further growth to 33.5% in 2022. While St George remains the second largest parish by population, there has been a constant decrease in this proportion. The 2001 share of 23.1% fell to 20.3% in 2011 and has decreased further to 17.6% in 2022. This share is similar to St Thomas (17.2%) and St James (17.4). St Paul is historically the smallest by population with this share decreasing from 16.1% in 2001 to 14.3 in 2022.

***Table 4: Population Distribution by Parish 2001 - 2022***

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Parish** | **Population** | | | | | |
| **2001** | **% Dist.** | **2011** | **% Dist.** | **2022** | **% Dist.** |
| St George | 13,251 | 37.6 | 12,635 | 36.2 | 13,652 | 35.8 |
| St Paul | 2,453 | 7.0 | 2,432 | 7.0 | 2,468 | 6.5 |
| St Anne | 3,167 | 9.0 | 2,626 | 7.5 | 2,969 | 7.8 |
| St Thomas | 2,395 | 6.8 | 2,535 | 7.3 | 2,657 | 7.0 |
| Trinity | 1,678 | 4.8 | 1,701 | 4.9 | 2,348 | 6.2 |
| Christchurch | 2,061 | 5.9 | 1,922 | 5.5 | 2,064 | 5.4 |
| St John | 3,248 | 9.2 | 2,962 | 8.5 | 2,972 | 7.8 |
| St Mary | 3,423 | 9.7 | 3,435 | 9.8 | 3,341 | 8.8 |
| St Peter | 3,541 | 10.1 | 4,670 | 13.4 | 5,667 | 14.9 |
| **St Kitts** | **35,217** | **100.0** | **34,918** | **100.0** | **38,138** | **100.0** |
| St. Paul (N) | 1,790 | 16.1 | 1,847 | 15.0 | 1,888 | 14.3 |
| St. John (N) | 2,901 | 26.1 | 3,827 | 31.2 | 4,416 | 33.5 |
| St. George (N) | 2,564 | 23.1 | 2,496 | 20.3 | 2,323 | 17.6 |
| St. Thomas (N) | 2,047 | 18.4 | 2,069 | 16.9 | 2,265 | 17.2 |
| St. James (N) | 1,806 | 16.3 | 2,038 | 16.6 | 2,290 | 17.4 |
| **Nevis** | **11,108** | **100.0** | **12,277** | **100.0** | **13,182** | **100.0** |
| **St Kitts and Nevis** | **46,325** |  | **47,195** |  | **51,320** |  |

Population density refers to the number of persons resident per square unit of land. As the population of the country changes, so too does its population density. The larger the population gets, the denser is the population. This figure tends to be higher in urban areas and the communities closer to urban areas and conversely lower in rural and less urban spaces as persons tend to gravitate towards potential employment opportunities, greater access to goods and services and reduced transportation and travel costs.

The parish of St George has always been the densest parish within St Kitts. Basseterre, being the capital and business center of the country would serve to attracts persons not only there but also to its immediate environs. Increased land ownership opportunities in St George and St Peters translate into more persons availing themselves of the opportunity to reside closer to their place of work and or simply closer to the central business district. As such one would note that there are marked increases in the density of these parishes consistent with the noted population increases referenced prior.

Trinity also shows a significant increase in population density which aligns with the increase in population. In this instance, the increased land ownership coupled with the attraction of residential options close to the two adjacent universities would undoubtedly have served as catalysts for this increased density.

St Anne would have registered a significant increase in density over the period under review. While not yet back to similar levels as 2001, the increase is significant as it highlights the investments made both in land and home ownership in the parish as well as the attraction of the parish as an urban center.

Nevis continues its growth across all parishes. All parishes registered increased population density with the exception of St George which has decreased in density for the past three census periods. St Paul which is home to Charlestown is the both the smallest parish in Nevis by land size and the densest parish in Nevis (as well as the Federation). This is in large part due to the attraction of the urban center. St John has the second highest population density in Nevis and this can be directly attributed to the addition of multiple housing schemes in the parish over the intercensal period. St James conversely is the largest parish on Nevis (and the Federation) by mass but has the lowest density of the country.

# **Age and Sex Composition**

Of the 51,320 persons counted in the 2022 census, there were 25,000 males and 26,320 females. There were 1,320 more females than there were males. This gives a sex ratio of 95.0. That is, for every 100 females in the population there are 95 males. Males account for approximately 49% of the population. On St Kitts there were 18,580 males and 19,558 females with a sex ratio of 95.0. Nevis counted 6,420 males and 6,762 females for a sex ratio of 94.9.

***Table 5: Population by Sex and Parish 2022***

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ***Parish*** | ***Population*** | | | ***Sex Ratio*** |
| ***Males*** | ***Females*** | ***Total*** |
| St George | 6,620 | 7,032 | **13,652** | 95.7 |
| St Paul | 1,183 | 1,285 | **2,468** | 92.1 |
| St Anne | 1,482 | 1,487 | **2,969** | 99.7 |
| St Thomas | 1,317 | 1,340 | **2,657** | 98.3 |
| Trinity | 1,109 | 1,239 | **2,348** | 89.5 |
| Christchurch | 1,014 | 1,050 | **2,064** | 96.6 |
| St John | 1,568 | 1,404 | **2,972** | 111.7 |
| St Mary | 1,648 | 1,693 | **3,341** | 97.3 |
| St Peter | 2,639 | 3,028 | **5,667** | 87.2 |
| **St Kitts** | **18,580** | **19,558** | **38,138** | **95.0** |
| St. Paul (N) | 920 | 968 | **1,888** | 95.0 |
| St. John (N) | 2,133 | 2,283 | **4,416** | 93.4 |
| St. George (N) | 1,113 | 1,210 | **2,323** | 92.0 |
| St. Thomas (N) | 1,128 | 1,137 | **2,265** | 99.2 |
| St. James (N) | 1,126 | 1,164 | **2,290** | 96.7 |
| **Nevis** | **6,420** | **6,762** | **13,182** | **94.9** |
| **St Kitts and Nevis** | **25,000** | **26,320** | **51,320** | **95.0** |

There is great variation in the ratio of males to females by parish on St Kitts. There are only 87 males per 100 females in St Peter, followed by Trinity with approximately 90 males per 100 females. St John is the only parish within the Federation with more males than females. There are 111 males for every 100 females. St Anne has only five more females than males in the population which gives an approximate ratio of 1 male for each female in the parish.

On the island of Nevis, St Thomas has a sex ratio of 99 males for every 100 females in the parish followed by St James with approximately 97 males per 100 females. St George has the lowest ratio of 92 males per 100 females.

The median age is the age at the midpoint of the population. Half of the population is older than the median age and half of the population is younger than this age. The mean age is what is commonly referred to as the average age of the population which is derived by taking the sum of the ages of the total population and dividing by the count of this population.

The 2022 population and housing census registered a federal median age of 34 and a mean age of 36. Females show a median age of 35 and a mean age of 36, while males have a median age of 34 and a mean age of 35. Statistically females are older than males. The median age for persons on St Kitts is 34 while the mean age is 35. Nevis registers a median age of 36 and a mean age of 37. Nevis has an older population on average than St Kitts.

***Table 6: Mean and Median Age by Parish***

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Parish** | **Mean Age** | | |  | **Median Age** | | |
| **Male** | **Female** | **Total** |  | **Male** | **Female** | **Total** |
| St George | 36 | 37 | **37** |  | 35 | 36 | **36** |
| St Paul | 33 | 34 | **33** |  | 31 | 33 | **32** |
| St Anne | 34 | 35 | **34** |  | 32 | 33 | **33** |
| St Thomas | 33 | 35 | **34** |  | 31 | 34 | **33** |
| Trinity | 35 | 35 | **35** |  | 31 | 30 | **31** |
| Christchurch | 34 | 34 | **34** |  | 32 | 33 | **33** |
| St John | 35 | 36 | **35** |  | 34 | 36 | **35** |
| St Mary | 35 | 35 | **35** |  | 34 | 34 | **34** |
| St Peter | 35 | 34 | **35** |  | 33 | 32 | **32** |
| **St Kitts** | **35** | **36** | **35** |  | **34** | **34** | **34** |
| St. Paul (N) | 36 | 38 | **37** |  | 37 | 37 | **37** |
| St. John (N) | 34 | 35 | **35** |  | 33 | 35 | **34** |
| St. George (N) | 38 | 39 | **39** |  | 37 | 37 | **37** |
| St. Thomas (N) | 38 | 38 | **38** |  | 39 | 37 | **38** |
| St. James (N) | 37 | 38 | **38** |  | 36 | 36 | **36** |
| **Nevis** | **36** | **37** | **37** |  | **36** | **36** | **36** |
| **St Kitts and Nevis** | **35** | **36** | **36** |  | **34** | **35** | **34** |

The median age of the population has increased over the period 2001 to 2022. The median age of the federation in 2001 was 27 years. This figure increased to 31 in 2011 and now stands at 34 years. A similar change is noted in each individual island with St Kitts moving from 26 years in 2001 up to 34 currently while Nevis showed consistency as the older of the two islands with a median age of 30 years in 2001 rising to 36 in 2022.

***Table 7: Median Age by Island 2001 - 2022***

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Island** | **Year** | | |
| **2001** | **2011** | **2022** |
| St Kitts | 26 | 30 | 34 |
| Nevis | 30 | 34 | 36 |
| St Kitts and Nevis | 27 | 31 | 34 |

Like most of the Caribbean region, St Kitts and Nevis has seen a reduction in natural increase over the years. That is, the ratio of births to deaths has decreased. Fewer persons are being born as compared to the number dying. This has resulted in a smaller increase in population due to persons being born.

St Kitts and Nevis has an aging population. with changes in structure and composition being caused more by migration and less through natural increase. Over the period 2001 to 2010, natural increase would have accounted for 3,415 persons being added to the population at an average of 342 (341.5) persons per year. As our society has developed, we have seen wider access to and use of contraceptives and family planning options, more career-oriented females, deferred marriages and a corresponding decrease in natural increase. The period 2011 to 2021 saw 2,647 persons being added to the population through natural increase at an average of 241 (240.63) persons per year.

With advances in medical technology coupled with increased health care options and easier and cheaper health care access, St Kitts and Nevis has seen a significant increase in life expectancy at birth. Males went from a life expectancy at birth of 54 years in 1960 to 69 years in 2022. Females generally live longer than men with their life expectancy of 57 years in 1960 increasing to 75 years on average in 2022. Collectively, the average person can expect to live 72 years in 2022 as compared to just 56 in 1960.

The pyramid below compares the age structure of the population in 2011 as compared to the current population in 2022. While both time periods are characteristic of a developed society with an aged population, note the lower proportions of population in the 0-19 population in 2022 as against 2011 and conversely the higher populations as the ages increase. As indicated before, women generally live longer than men which is highlighted by the greater proportion of women over the age of 70 as against men over 70.

# **Household Count and Size**

A total of 21,677 households were recorded during the enumeration exercise. This represents an increase of 28% when compared to the 2011 census where 16,926 households were recorded. St Kitts recorded a 31% increase in households with an increase of 3,844 households from 12,299 in 2011 to 16,143 in 2022. On Nevis, there was a 19.6% increase in households with 5,534 households being recorded as against 4,627 households in 2011.

***Table 8: Household Count by Parish St Kitts and Nevis 2011 and 2022***

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Parish** | **Household Count** | | | |
| **2011** | **2022** | **Increase** | **% Change** |
| St George | 4,581 | 5,902 | 1,321 | 28.8 |
| St Paul | 731 | 846 | 115 | 15.7 |
| St Anne | 902 | 1,196 | 294 | 32.6 |
| St Thomas | 823 | 1,021 | 198 | 24.1 |
| Trinity | 668 | 1,247 | 579 | 86.7 |
| Christchurch | 640 | 787 | 147 | 23.0 |
| St John | 1,038 | 1,202 | 164 | 15.8 |
| St Mary | 1,141 | 1,337 | 196 | 17.2 |
| St Peter | 1,775 | 2,605 | 830 | 46.8 |
| **St Kitts** | **12,299** | **16,143** | **3,844** | **31.3** |
| St. Paul (N) | 650 | 749 | 99 | 15.2 |
| St. John (N) | 1,369 | 1,724 | 355 | 25.9 |
| St. George (N) | 893 | 953 | 60 | 6.7 |
| St. Thomas (N) | 834 | 983 | 149 | 17.9 |
| St. James (N) | 881 | 1,125 | 244 | 27.7 |
| **Nevis** | **4,627** | **5,534** | **907** | **19.6** |
| **St Kitts and Nevis** | **16,926** | **21,677** | **4,751** | **28.1** |

On St Kitts, the parish of Trinity registered the largest percentage increase in the number of households with an approximate 87% increase, almost doubling in households, moving from 668 households in 2011 to 1,247 in 2022. St Peters also experienced very high levels of growth with a 47% increase, growing from 1,775 households to 2,605 Significant increases in the number of households (exceeding 15%) were noted in all other parishes on St Kitts with St Anne (32.6%), St Thomas (24%), Christchurch (23%), and St George (29%) being particularly noteworthy.

The largest increase in the number of households on Nevis was recorded in the parish of St James with an 28% increase moving from 881 households in 2011 to 1,125 households in 2022. St John was a close second with an increase from 1,369 households in 2011 to 1,724 households in 2022 which represented an increase of 26%. St Thomas registered a significant 18% increase in the number of households with 983 households in 2022 as against 834 in 2011.

There was a 15% decrease in the national average household size over the intercensal period. The average household size in 2011 was 2.79 persons per household. The average household size in 2022 is now 2.37 persons per household. The average household size in St Kitts is 2.36 persons per household, down from 2.84 persons per household in 2011. This represents a 17% decrease in household size. On Nevis, the average household size is 2.38 persons per household, down from 2.65 persons per household in 2011, which is a 10% decrease in household size.

Trinity registered the largest decrease in average household size on the island of St Kitts. This figure moved from 2.55 persons on average per household down to 1.88 persons per household on average. This also places Trinity as the parish on St Kitts and nationally with the lowest average household size. While the parish of St Paul has registered consistent decreases in average household sizes for each census since 2001. It remains the parish with the largest average household size on St Kitts and nationally with 2.92 persons per household down from 3.33 persons per household in 2011 and 3.44 persons in 2001.

On Nevis, St James registered an average household size of 2.04 persons per household in 2022 which is a 12% decrease from its 2011 figure of 2.31 persons per household. St John has surpassed St Paul as the parish with the largest average household size on Nevis. With its average size of 2.56 persons per household, it is marginally more than St Paul’s 2.52 persons per household.

***Table 9: Average Household Size 2001, 2011 & 2022***

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Parish** | **Household Size** | | | **% Change in 2022** |
| **2001** | **2011** | **2022** |
| St George | 2.87 | 2.76 | 2.31 | -16.1 |
| St Paul | 3.44 | 3.33 | 2.92 | -12.3 |
| St Anne | 3.00 | 2.91 | 2.48 | -14.7 |
| St Thomas | 3.02 | 3.08 | 2.60 | -15.5 |
| Trinity | 2.86 | 2.55 | 1.88 | -26.1 |
| Christchurch | 2.92 | 3.00 | 2.62 | -12.7 |
| St John | 2.96 | 2.85 | 2.47 | -13.4 |
| St Mary | 3.11 | 3.01 | 2.50 | -17.0 |
| St Peter | 3.02 | 2.63 | 2.18 | -17.3 |
| **St Kitts** | **2.97** | **2.84** | **2.36** | **-16.8** |
| St. Paul (N) | 3.02 | 2.84 | 2.52 | -11.3 |
| St. John (N) | 2.98 | 2.79 | 2.56 | -8.3 |
| St. George (N) | 3.00 | 2.80 | 2.44 | -12.8 |
| St. Thomas (N) | 2.76 | 2.48 | 2.30 | -7.1 |
| St. James (N) | 2.70 | 2.31 | 2.04 | -12.0 |
| **Nevis** | **2.90** | **2.65** | **2.38** | **-10.2** |
| **St Kitts and Nevis** | **2.95** | **2.79** | **2.37** | **-15.1** |

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# **Characteristics of Dwelling Units**

The 2022 census reveals that 39% of households on St Kitts and Nevis own their dwelling units outright with a further 21% having mortgaged properties. Collectively, this indicates that some 60% of households in the Federation own their place of residence. 32% of households either rent or lease their dwelling units with less than 1% squatting.

On St Kitts, 37% own outright, 21% have mortgages which equates to 58% homeownership. Renting is higher than the average with 34% of households living in rented dwelling units. Homeownership is higher in Nevis at 66% with 44% owning their domiciles outright and a further 22% having mortgaged dwelling units. Rental of dwelling units is lower with 27% of households renting.

***Table 10: Tenure of Dwellings by Island***

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Dwelling Tenure** | **Island** | | **St Kitts and Nevis** |
| **St Kitts** | **Nevis** |
| Owned Fully | 37.3 | 43.9 | 39.0 |
| Owned with Mortgage | 20.5 | 22.0 | 20.9 |
| Rented/Leased | 33.7 | 27.1 | 32.0 |
| Rent free | 4.4 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| Squatted | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Other | 0.8 | 1.5 | 1.0 |
| No Response | 2.7 | 0.9 | 2.2 |
| Total | **16,143** | **5,534** | **21,677** |

Two thirds of households (64%) reside in undivided private households with a further 11% residing in part of a private house. 20% of households live in flats, apartments or condominiums. On St Kitts, 60% of households occupy undivided private houses, 12% in parts of private houses and 23% in flats apartments or condominiums. A significantly higher 76% of households in Nevis reside in private houses. 8.2% in part of a private house and 13% in flats, apartments or condominiums.

***Table 11: Type of Dwelling by Parish***

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Type of Dwelling** | **Island** | | **St Kitts and Nevis** |
| **St Kitts** | **Nevis** |
| Undivided private house | 59.9 | 76.0 | 64.0 |
| Part of a private house | 11.5 | 8.2 | 10.7 |
| Flat, Apartment, Condominium | 23.0 | 12.8 | 20.4 |
| Townhouse | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Double house/Duplex | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.9 |
| Combined Business and Dwelling | 1.6 | 0.8 | 1.4 |
| Barracks | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Other (specify) | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| Not Reported | 1.9 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| **Total** | **16,143** | **5,534** | **21,677** |

# **Supplementary Tables and Charts**

***Table 12: Population by Broad Age Groups by Island, 2022***

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Age Group** | **Island** | | **Total** |
| **St Kitts** | **Nevis** |
| Under 15 | 7,267 | 2,473 | 9,740 |
| 15 - 64 | 27,281 | 9,237 | 36,518 |
| 65 plus | 3,590 | 1,472 | 5,062 |
| Total | 38,138 | 13,182 | 51,320 |

***Table 13: Dependency Ratios by Island, 2022***

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Ratio** | **Island** | | **Total** |
| **St Kitts** | **Nevis** |
| Youth Dependency | 26.6 | 26.8 | 26.7 |
| Old Age Dependency | 13.2 | 15.9 | 13.9 |
| Total Dependency | 39.8 | 42.7 | 40.5 |
| Aged - Child | 49.4 | 59.5 | 52.0 |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Age Group** | **Sex** | | **Total SKN** |  | **Age Group** | **Sex** | | **Total St Kitts** |  | **Age Group** | **Sex** | | **Total Nevis** |
| **Male** | **Female** |  | **Male** | **Female** |  | **Male** | **Female** |
| **0 - 4** | 1,407 | 1,398 | **2,805** |  | **0 - 4** | 1,043 | 1,047 | **2,090** |  | **0 - 4** | 364 | 351 | **715** |
| **5 - 9** | 1,686 | 1,668 | **3,354** |  | **5 - 9** | 1,242 | 1,258 | **2,500** |  | **5 - 9** | 444 | 410 | **854** |
| **10 - 14** | 1,866 | 1,715 | **3,581** |  | **10 - 14** | 1,408 | 1,269 | **2,677** |  | **10 - 14** | 458 | 446 | **904** |
| **15 - 19** | 1,735 | 1,633 | **3,368** |  | **15 - 19** | 1,310 | 1,223 | **2,533** |  | **15 - 19** | 425 | 410 | **835** |
| **20 - 24** | 1,954 | 2,088 | **4,042** |  | **20 - 24** | 1,498 | 1,622 | **3,120** |  | **20 - 24** | 456 | 466 | **922** |
| **25 - 29** | 2,047 | 2,369 | **4,416** |  | **25 - 29** | 1,559 | 1,790 | **3,349** |  | **25 - 29** | 488 | 579 | **1,067** |
| **30 - 34** | 1,960 | 2,208 | **4,168** |  | **30 - 34** | 1,493 | 1,638 | **3,131** |  | **30 - 34** | 467 | 570 | **1,037** |
| **35 - 39** | 1,900 | 2,096 | **3,996** |  | **35 - 39** | 1,425 | 1,587 | **3,012** |  | **35 - 39** | 475 | 509 | **984** |
| **40 - 44** | 1,789 | 1,941 | **3,730** |  | **40 - 44** | 1,362 | 1,496 | **2,858** |  | **40 - 44** | 427 | 445 | **872** |
| **45 - 49** | 1,680 | 1,853 | **3,533** |  | **45 - 49** | 1,248 | 1,344 | **2,592** |  | **45 - 49** | 432 | 509 | **941** |
| **50 - 54** | 1,650 | 1,659 | **3,309** |  | **50 - 54** | 1,186 | 1,198 | **2,384** |  | **50 - 54** | 464 | 461 | **925** |
| **55 - 59** | 1,561 | 1,613 | **3,174** |  | **55 - 59** | 1,118 | 1,197 | **2,315** |  | **55 - 59** | 443 | 416 | **859** |
| **60 - 64** | 1,359 | 1,423 | **2,782** |  | **60 - 64** | 969 | 1,018 | **1,987** |  | **60 - 64** | 390 | 405 | **795** |
| **65 - 69** | 1,091 | 1,102 | **2,193** |  | **65 - 69** | 805 | 800 | **1,605** |  | **65 - 69** | 286 | 302 | **588** |
| **70 - 74** | 619 | 586 | **1,205** |  | **70 - 74** | 441 | 414 | **855** |  | **70 - 74** | 178 | 172 | **350** |
| **75 - 79** | 354 | 415 | **769** |  | **75 - 79** | 245 | 284 | **529** |  | **75 - 79** | 109 | 131 | **240** |
| **80+** | 342 | 553 | **895** |  | **80+** | 228 | 373 | **601** |  | **80+** | 114 | 180 | **294** |
| **Total** | **25,000** | **26,320** | **51,320** |  | **Total** | **18,580** | **19,558** | **38,138** |  | **Total** | **6,420** | **6,762** | **13,182** |

***Tables 14 – 16: Population by Age Group and Sex St Kitts and Nevis, St Kitts, Nevis 2022***

***Table 17: Population by Single years of Age and Sex, St Kitts and Nevis 2022***



***Table 18: Population by Single years of Age and Sex, St Kitts 2022***



***Table 19: Population by Single years of Age and Sex, Nevis 2022***



***Table 20: Population Distribution by Ethnicity 2011 & 2022***

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Ethnicity/Race** | **2011** | | **2022** | |
| **Count** | **% Dist.** | **Count** | **% Dist.** |
| **African Descent/Negro/Black** | 42,219 | 89.5 | 45,163 | 88.0 |
| **Chinese** | 139 | 0.3 | 317 | 0.6 |
| **East Indian** | 1,403 | 3.0 | 1,440 | 2.8 |
| **Hispanic** | 586 | 1.2 | 1,270 | 2.5 |
| **White/Caucasian** | 1,270 | 2.7 | 1,589 | 3.1 |
| **Mixed** | 1,226 | 2.6 | 1,214 | 2.4 |
| **Other / Not Stated** | 352 | 0.7 | 327 | 0.6 |
| **Total** | **47,195** | **100.0** | **51,320** | **100.0** |