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Introduction

A Population and Housing Census is a cornerstone of a country's national statistical system. It provides a comprehensive snapshot of the population, housing stock and living conditions at a specific point in time and serves as an important benchmark for many other official statistics. Census data support evidence-based planning, policy development, resource allocation and national development.

The Department of Statistics conducts national censuses and surveys within the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. Although originally scheduled for 2021, the Population and Housing Census was postponed to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Census field staff conducted face-to-face interviews with households across St. Kitts and Nevis, with alternative methods used where necessary to obtain basic information from households that could not be interviewed directly.

This publication presents a concise overview of selected findings from the 2022 Population and Housing Census. It highlights key population, demographic, socio-economic and housing characteristics at the national and island levels and is intended to provide an accessible overview of the people and households of St. Kitts and Nevis. More detailed thematic reports will be released as additional analyses are completed.

The Population and Housing Census forms part of a coordinated regional census programme across CARICOM and the OECS. While each country conducts its own national census, the use of a common set of core questions promotes regional comparability, while allowing countries to adapt their questionnaires to reflect national circumstances and information needs.

The 2022 Census represents the fourteenth Population and Housing Census conducted in St. Kitts and Nevis. The first census was undertaken in 1871, with censuses generally conducted every ten years thereafter. Following a break after the 1921 Census, enumeration resumed in 1946 and again in 1960. Since then, the Federation has maintained a regular decennial census programme, providing an invaluable historical record of the country's demographic, social and housing development.

Technical Notes

Census Reference Date and Population Coverage

The reference date for the 2022 Population and Housing Census was 18 April 2022. The Census was conducted on a de jure basis, whereby persons were enumerated according to their usual place of residence, rather than according to where they were physically present on the census reference date.

Accordingly, the population figures presented in this publication relate to the usual resident population of St. Kitts and Nevis living in private households as at 18 April 2022. Persons who were temporarily absent from their usual residence on the reference date were included as members of their usual household, while visitors and other persons who were temporarily present but whose usual residence was elsewhere were not included as part of the usual resident population.

The population counts presented in this publication exclude persons living in institutional or other collective living arrangements. Persons staying in hotels, guest houses and other short-term accommodation establishments are also excluded from the population counts presented.

Census Timing

Population and Housing Censuses are generally conducted every ten years. This iteration was originally scheduled for 2021 as part of the 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses but was postponed to 2022 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The previous Census was conducted in 2011.

Enumeration and Data Collection

For census purposes, each parish was divided into smaller geographical areas known as Enumeration Districts (EDs). Each ED generally comprised approximately 75 to 100 households and represented a manageable workload for an enumerator.

Trained enumerators visited households within their assigned EDs and administered the census questionnaire using tablets. Face-to-face interviewing was the principal method of data collection. Information was obtained directly from individual household members where possible or by proxy from a knowledgeable household member where necessary. Alternative methods were also used to obtain basic information from households that could not be interviewed directly.

The use of electronic data collection facilitated the transmission of census information for processing and supported the monitoring and management of enumeration activities.

Data Processing and Quality Assurance

Following enumeration, census records were subjected to cleaning, editing and validation procedures to identify and address inconsistencies, incomplete information and other data-quality issues. Imputation was used only in limited circumstances where a response could be reasonably determined from other information available for the individual. For example, school attendance was imputed for children within the applicable school-age range where sufficient information was available to support the imputation.

Where possible, missing information was also resolved through administrative data substitution. This involved matching an individual's unique identifiers against verified administrative sources, such as tax records and vital statistics, and using observed information from those sources to complete the census record. This approach allowed factual information to be retrieved from verified sources rather than statistically estimated.

Treatment of Missing and Not-Stated Information

For thematic tables where a variable contains missing information, a separate “Not Stated” or “Unknown” category is included, as appropriate, so that totals reconcile with the relevant population or household control totals.

For multivariate cross-tabulations, an available-case approach is used. Where a record is missing information for a classification variable required for a particular table, that record is excluded only from that specific tabulation. The record remains available for other tables for which the required information is complete.

As a result, totals in some cross-tabulations may differ from the overall population or household totals. Where percentages are based on valid responses, the denominator represents persons or households with valid information for the characteristic being presented rather than the total census population or number of households.

Confidentiality

All information collected through the Population and Housing Census is treated as confidential. Individual census responses are not published or disclosed in a manner that would permit the identification of any person or household. Census results are therefore disseminated in aggregated statistical form to protect the confidentiality of respondents.

Definitions

De Jure Census — A method of census enumeration in which persons are counted at their usual place of residence, whether or not they are physically present there on the census reference date. Persons who are temporarily away from their usual residence are therefore counted as part of their usual household, while temporary visitors are not included as part of the resident population.

Usual Resident — A person who has lived in St. Kitts and Nevis for more than six months (six months plus one day), or a person who had moved to the Federation with the intention of taking up residence, even if that person had not yet lived in the Federation for six months.

Usual Place of Residence — The place where a person usually lives. For persons with more than one residence, it is generally the residence where the person spends the greater part of the year. A person who recently moved to a dwelling unit with the intention of making it his or her usual home is considered a usual resident of that residence.

Private Household — One or more persons who usually live together in a private dwelling unit, sleep there most nights of the week (at least four out of seven nights), and function as a single household. Members generally share living arrangements, resources and responsibilities for providing food or other essentials of daily living, and regard themselves as belonging to the same household. Members may be related or unrelated.

A boarder, lodger or other person who occupies accommodation within the same dwelling but maintains separate living arrangements and does not share in the household's resources and responsibilities is considered a separate household.

Dwelling Unit — A building, or a separate and independent part of a building, used as living quarters by one or more persons. A dwelling unit has direct access from the street or from a common landing, staircase, passage or gallery, allowing occupants to enter or leave without passing through another household's living quarters.

Enumeration — The process of collecting census information from persons and households and recording their responses using the census questionnaire.

Enumeration District (ED) — A defined geographic area established for census data collection and generally representing a manageable workload for one enumerator.

Enumeration District Map — A map showing the geographic boundaries of an Enumeration District and used to guide enumerators in identifying and covering their assigned areas.

Definitions

Enumerator — A trained census fieldworker responsible for collecting census information from households within an assigned Enumeration District.

Census Questionnaire — The data collection instrument used to record responses to census questions relating to individuals, households and the characteristics and conditions of dwelling units.

Marital Status — The legal marital status of an individual, such as never married, married, divorced, legally separated or widowed.

Union Status — The type of union or relationship arrangement of an individual, including legally married, common-law, visiting partner or not in a union.

Ethnicity — A person's self-identified ethnic group, generally reflecting shared cultural, historical or ancestral characteristics.

HOUSEHOLDS



Table 1

Household Count by Parish and Island, 1980 - 2022

Parish	Census Year				
	1980	1991	2001	2011	2022
St. George	3,924	3,922	4,624	4,581	5,902
St. Paul	492	547	713	731	846
St. Anne	878	904	1,057	902	1,196
St. Thomas	621	668	793	823	1,021
Trinity	331	366	586	668	1,247
Christ Church	494	461	707	640	787
St. John	851	880	1,097	1,038	1,202
St. Mary	830	876	1,100	1,141	1,337
St. Peters	651	746	1,171	1,775	2,605
St Kitts	**9,072**	**9,370**	**11,848**	**12,299**	**16,143**
St. Paul (N)	368	460	592	650	749
St. John (N)	593	663	974	1,369	1,724
St. George (N)	600	601	856	893	953
St. Thomas (N)	527	485	742	834	983
St. James (N)	455	477	668	881	1,125
Nevis	**2,543**	**2,686**	**3,832**	**4,627**	**5,534**
St Kitts - Nevis	**11,615**	**12,056**	**15,680**	**16,926**	**21,677**

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Table 2

Household Count and Population by Household Size

Household Size	Households	Population
1 person	8,805	8,805
2 persons	4,805	9,610
3 persons	3,488	10,464
4 persons	2,381	9,524
5 persons	1,164	5,820
6 persons	567	3,402
7 persons	245	1,715
8 persons	121	968
9+ persons	101	1,012
Total St Kitts - Nevis	**21,677**	**51,320**

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Table 3

Head of Households by Sex, Parish and Island

Parish	Sex		Total
	Male	Female	
St. George	3,062	2,841	5,903
St. Paul	396	450	846
St. Anne	628	568	1,196
St. Thomas	508	513	1,021
Trinity	631	615	1,246
Christ Church	426	361	787
St. John	651	551	1,202
St. Mary	708	629	1,337
St. Peters	1,314	1,291	2,605
St Kitts	**8,324**	**7,819**	**16,143**
St. Paul (N)	421	328	749
St. John (N)	949	775	1,724
St. George (N)	513	440	953
St. Thomas (N)	583	400	983
St. James (N)	590	535	1,125
Nevis	**3,056**	**2,478**	**5,534**
St Kitts - Nevis	**11,380**	**10,297**	**21,677**

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Table 4

Households by Parish and Tenure of Dwelling Unit

Parish	Tenure				
	Owned Fully	Owned with Mortgage	Rented/ Leased	Rent-Free	Other
St. George	1,912	1,028	2,365	303	64
St. Paul	463	199	137	26	6
St. Anne	490	236	354	83	23
St. Thomas	411	289	257	35	14
Trinity	344	221	623	22	21
Christ Church	351	242	153	22	15
St. John	612	257	191	74	42
St. Mary	583	352	305	53	14
St. Peters	849	486	1,055	96	26
St Kitts	**6,015**	**3,310**	**5,440**	**714**	**225**
St. Paul (N)	321	139	247	32	8
St. John (N)	636	504	499	61	14
St. George (N)	591	153	137	31	37
St. Thomas (N)	431	163	293	59	31
St. James (N)	453	260	326	49	11
Nevis	**2,432**	**1,219**	**1,502**	**232**	**101**
St Kitts - Nevis	**8,447**	**4,529**	**6,942**	**946**	**326**

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Table 5

Dwelling Units by Parish and Material of Outer Walls

Parish	Wall Material				
	Wood	Wood and Concrete	Other Wood Combinations	Concrete / Block	Other
St. George	259	404	86	5,021	19
St. Paul	32	30	14	755	3
St. Anne	105	59	25	994	4
St. Thomas	38	124	17	837	2
Trinity	30	54	8	1,147	5
Christ Church	23	35	8	717	-
St. John	65	64	15	1,044	7
St. Mary	35	143	25	1,095	11
St. Peters	44	88	33	2,344	19
St Kitts	**631**	**1,001**	**231**	**13,954**	**70**
St. Paul (N)	120	74	22	529	3
St. John (N)	196	191	32	1,284	13
St. George (N)	113	111	17	706	5
St. Thomas (N)	150	141	26	647	15
St. James (N)	74	91	14	918	5
Nevis	**653**	**608**	**111**	**4,084**	**41**
St Kitts - Nevis	**1,284**	**1,609**	**342**	**18,038**	**111**

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Table 6

Households' Main Source of Water by Parish

Parish	Public			Private	
	Piped into dwelling	Piped into yard	Standpipe	Piped in dwelling	Catchment
St. George	97.6	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.2
St. Paul	95.3	1.4	1.3	0.5	0.4
St. Anne	93.3	3.1	1.4	0.7	1.3
St. Thomas	95.3	0.8	2.3	1.4	0.1
Trinity	96.9	0.5	0.6	1.4	0.3
Christ Church	96.3	0.6	1.7	0.5	0.6
St. John	94.6	1.2	3.4	0.0	0.4
St. Mary	98.0	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.2
St. Peters	96.8	0.6	1.5	0.6	0.2
St Kitts	**96.6**	**0.9**	**1.3**	**0.6**	**0.3**
St. Paul (N)	98.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.7
St. John (N)	95.9	1.5	0.6	0.4	1.4
St. George (N)	95.7	1.6	0.8	0.9	0.8
St. Thomas (N)	94.3	1.3	0.2	1.0	2.8
St. James (N)	98.5	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.5
Nevis	**96.4**	**1.1**	**0.5**	**0.5**	**1.3**
St Kitts - Nevis	**96.5**	**0.9**	**1.1**	**0.6**	**0.6**

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Table 7

Households by Source of Lighting and Parish

Parish	Electricity	Other	None
St. George	5,619	29	64
St. Paul	813	5	14
St. Anne	1,154	10	23
St. Thomas	994	1	18
Trinity	1,224	7	9
Christ Church	756	8	19
St. John	1,137	15	36
St. Mary	1,285	6	20
St. Peters	2,488	17	14
St Kitts	**15,470**	**98**	**217**
St. Paul (N)	739	-	8
St. John (N)	1,687	8	19
St. George (N)	927	13	12
St. Thomas (N)	963	3	12
St. James (N)	1,085	6	8
Nevis	**5,401**	**30**	**59**
St Kitts - Nevis	**20,871**	**128**	**276**

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Table 8

Number of Households by Selected Appliances / Household Equipment

Appliance	Yes	No	% Households With…
Air Conditioner	6,205	14,191	30.4
Refrigerator	20,124	881	95.8
Freezer	5,905	14,443	29.0
Microwave	15,674	5,094	75.5
Water Pump	848	19,229	4.2
Washing Machine	17,650	3,261	84.4
Clothes Dryer	3,672	16,584	18.1
Dish Washer	1,453	18,731	7.2
Stove	20,511	539	97.4
Water Heater	8,338	12,059	40.9
Radio/Stereo	11,673	8,999	56.5
Cable TV	10,702	9,803	52.2
Satellite	264	19,683	1.3
Television	18,762	2,184	89.6
DVD/MP3 Player	2,046	18,024	10.2
Generator	2,075	18,107	10.3
Fixed Line Telephone	4,809	15,570	23.6
Cellular Phone	19,785	1,212	94.2
Exercise Equipment	1,616	18,620	8.0
Security System	3,342	16,956	16.5

Values represent total valid responses by appliance

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Table 9

Households paying Rent by Rent Amount and Parish

Parish	Rent Amount ($)				Average Rent ($)
	≤ 500	501 - 1000	1001 - 1500	1501+	
St. George	320	697	356	574	1,451
St. Paul	45	67	7	-	633
St. Anne	84	222	16	1	675
St. Thomas	39	162	15	5	775
Trinity	21	121	151	266	2,035
Christ Church	36	83	13	-	714
St. John	68	90	7	2	615
St. Mary	67	155	28	10	770
St. Peters	51	197	112	584	2,207
St Kitts	**731**	**1,794**	**705**	**1,442**	**1,479**
St. Paul (N)	33	115	34	12	906
St. John (N)	95	281	57	15	839
St. George (N)	30	63	13	3	795
St. Thomas (N)	45	130	36	34	1,132
St. James (N)	30	61	31	165	1,442
Nevis	**233**	**650**	**171**	**229**	**1,036**
St Kitts - Nevis	**964**	**2,444**	**876**	**1,671**	**1,383**

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

PERSONS



Table 10

Population by Parish, Sex and Island

Parish	Sex		Total
	Male	Female	
St. George	6,620	7,032	13,652
St. Paul	1,183	1,285	2,468
St. Anne	1,482	1,487	2,969
St. Thomas	1,317	1,340	2,657
Trinity	1,109	1,239	2,348
Christ Church	1,014	1,050	2,064
St. John	1,568	1,404	2,972
St. Mary	1,648	1,693	3,341
St. Peters	2,639	3,028	5,667
St Kitts	**18,580**	**19,558**	**38,138**
St. Paul (N)	920	968	1,888
St. John (N)	2,133	2,283	4,416
St. George (N)	1,113	1,210	2,323
St. Thomas (N)	1,128	1,137	2,265
St. James (N)	1,126	1,164	2,290
Nevis	**6,420**	**6,762**	**13,182**
St Kitts - Nevis	**25,000**	**26,320**	**51,320**

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Figure 1

Population Growth by Census Years, 1871 - 2022

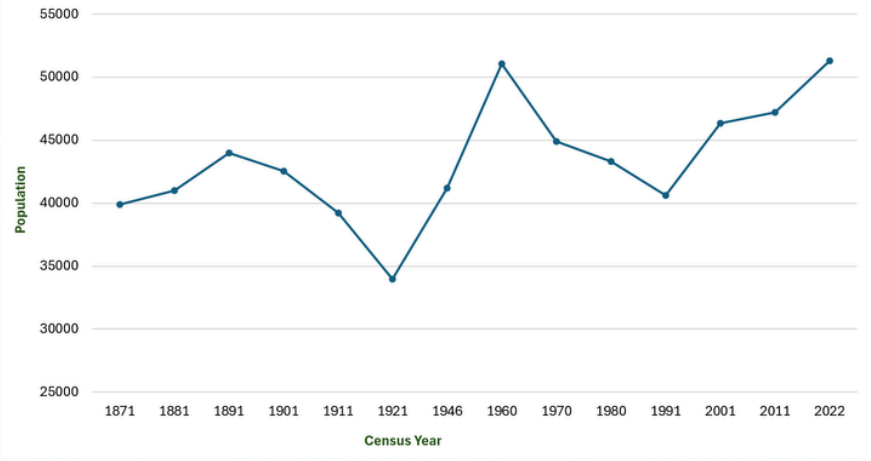
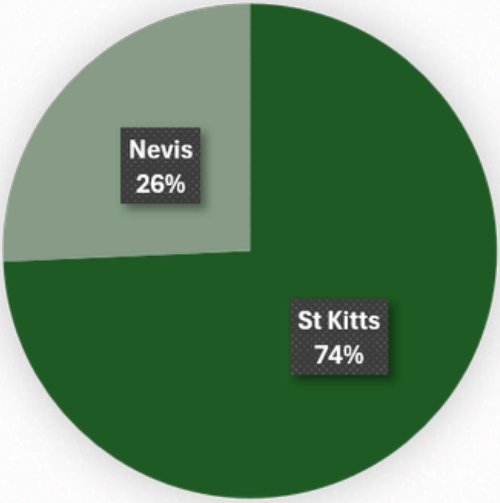


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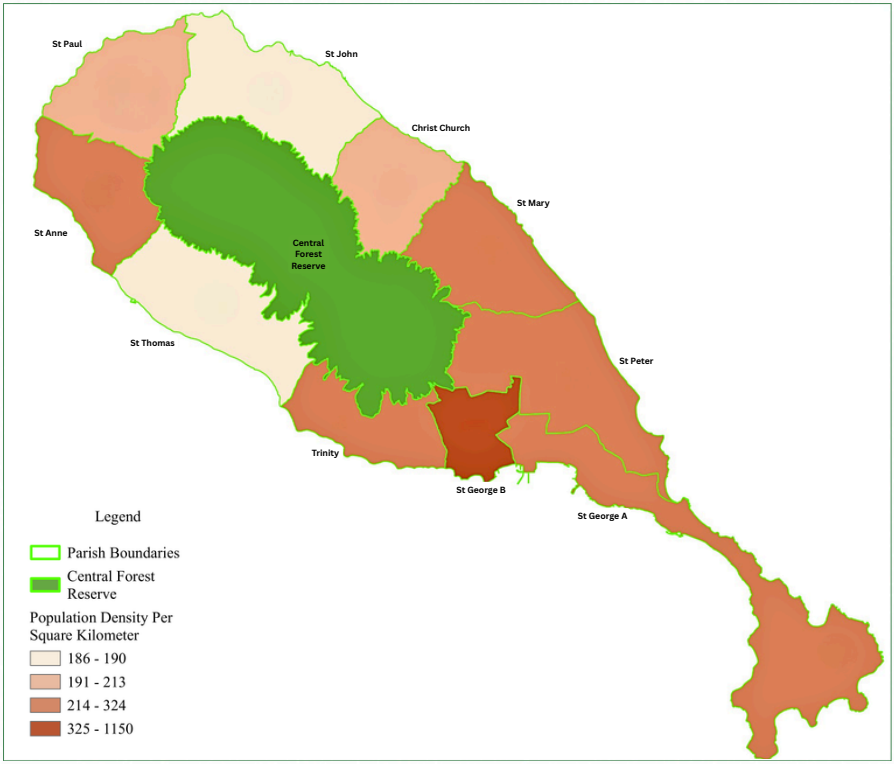
Population Share by Island



Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Map 1

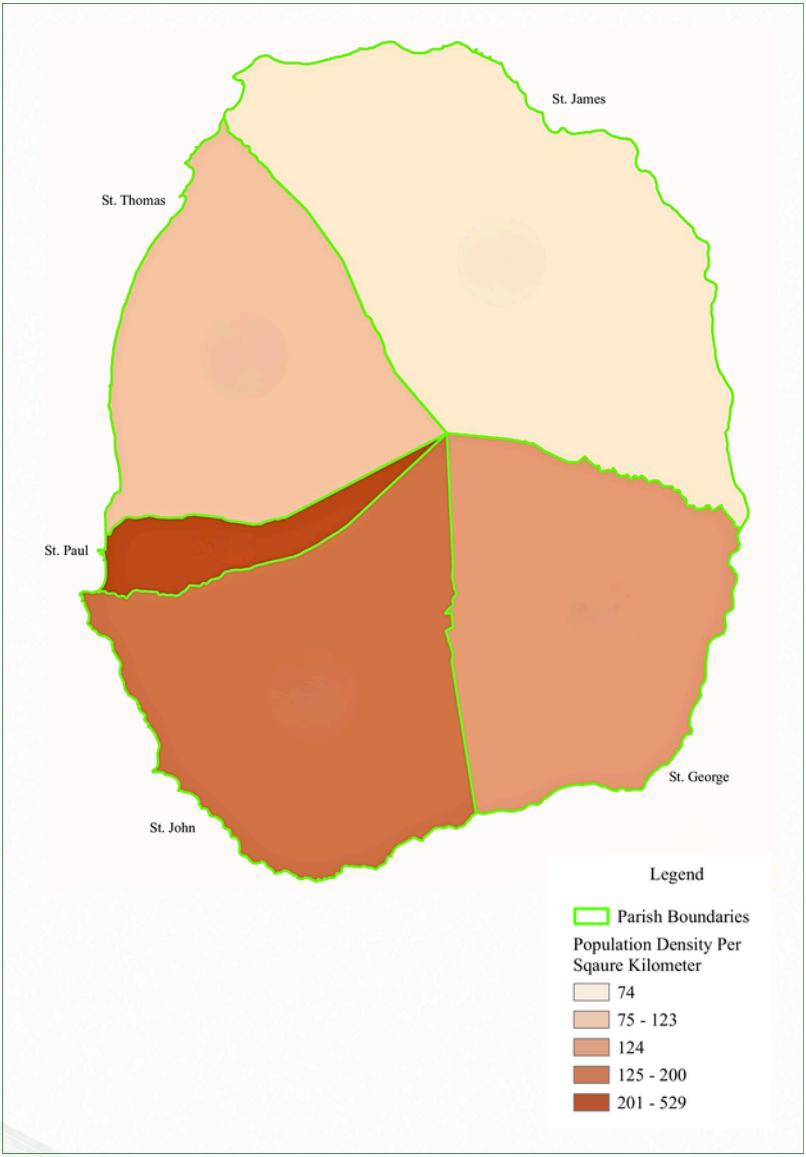
Population Density Saint Kitts



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Map 2

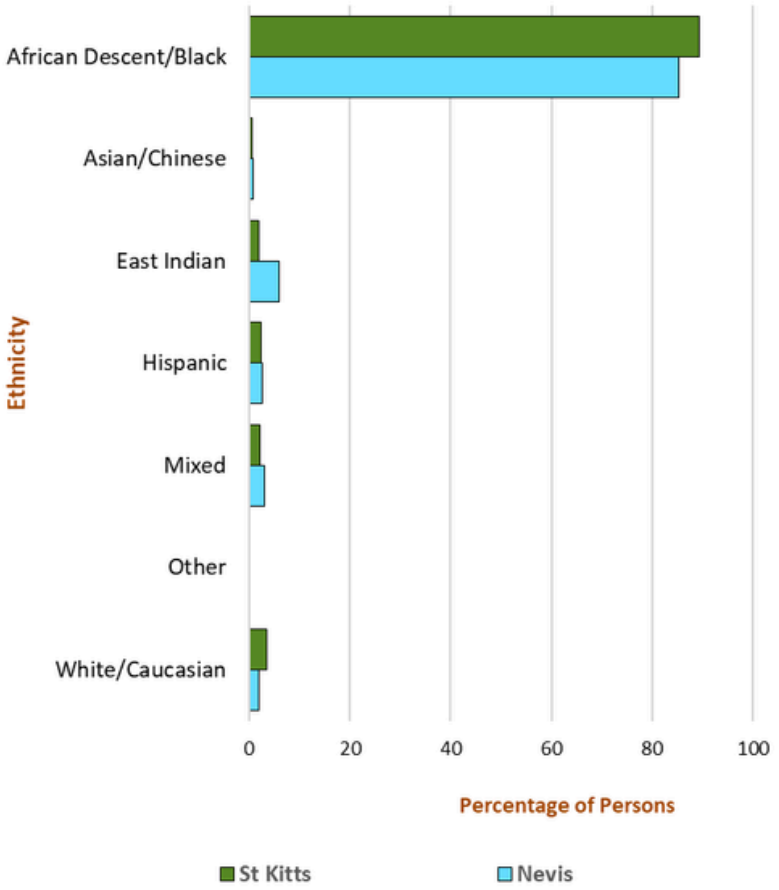
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Figure 3

Population by Ethnicity and Island

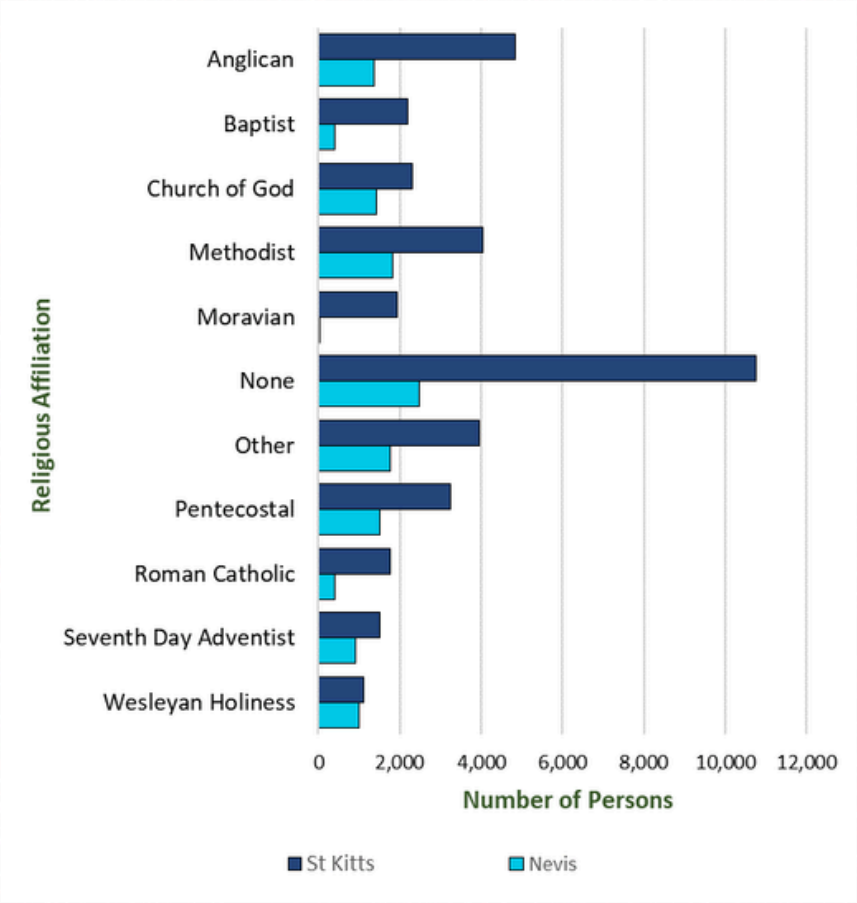


Values represent % of total valid responses by island

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Figure 4

Population by Religious Affiliation by Island



Values represent % of total valid responses per island

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Table 11

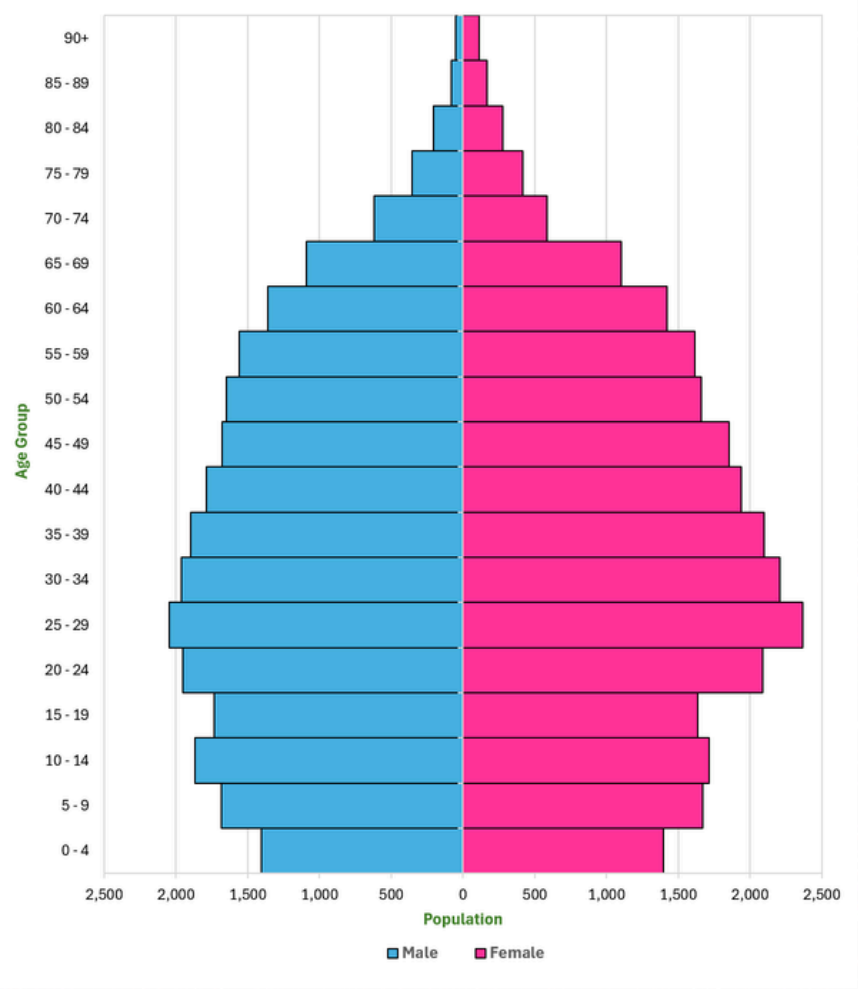
Population by Age Group and Sex

Age Group	Sex		Total
	Male	Female	
0 - 4	1,407	1,397	2,804
5 - 9	1,685	1,668	3,353
10 - 14	1,866	1,715	3,581
15 - 19	1,735	1,633	3,368
20 - 24	1,954	2,088	4,042
25 - 29	2,047	2,369	4,416
30 - 34	1,960	2,208	4,168
35 - 39	1,900	2,096	3,996
40 - 44	1,790	1,941	3,731
45 - 49	1,680	1,854	3,534
50 - 54	1,650	1,659	3,309
55 - 59	1,561	1,613	3,174
60 - 64	1,359	1,423	2,782
65 - 69	1,091	1,102	2,193
70 - 74	619	586	1,205
75 - 79	354	415	769
80 - 84	208	276	484
85 - 89	82	166	248
90+	52	111	163
Total	**25,000**	**26,320**	**51,320**

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Figure 5

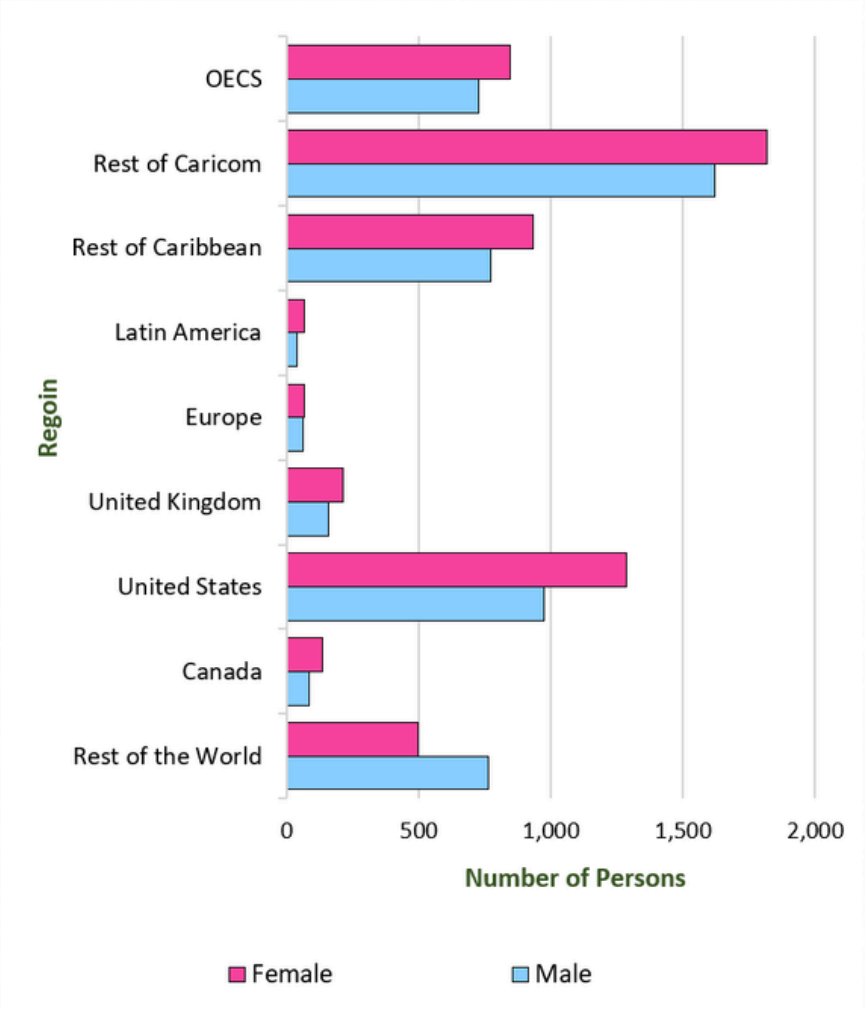
Census Population Pyramid



Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Figure 6

Persons Born Abroad by Region of Birth and Sex



Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Table 12

Population by Age Group and Marital Status

Age Group	Marital Status				
	Married	Divorced	Legally separated	Widowed	Never Married
15 - 24	134	6	27	47	7,021
25 - 34	1,044	88	57	38	6,915
35 - 44	2,287	282	110	40	4,723
45 - 54	2,437	456	114	130	3,458
55 - 64	2,264	432	107	212	2,779
65 - 74	1,356	256	59	361	1,296
75+	524	127	19	501	459
St Kitts - Nevis	**10,046**	**1,647**	**493**	**1,329**	**26,651**

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Table 13

Population by Age Group and Union Status

Age Group	Union Status			
	Not in a union	Legally Married	Common - law	Visiting partner
15 - 24	5,245	89	203	514
25 - 34	3,978	975	790	1,217
35 - 44	2,851	2,211	779	876
45 - 54	2,675	2,387	538	477
55 - 64	2,605	2,212	310	217
65 - 74	1,608	1,348	109	60
75+	970	509	31	4
St Kitts - Nevis	**19,932**	**9,731**	**2,760**	**3,365**

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Table 14

Population 15 years and Older by Age Group, Sex and Highest level of Education Attained

Age Group	Level of Education Attained					
	No Formal Education	Primary	Secondary	Post Secondary	University	Other
Males	**859**	**1,983**	**10,860**	**2,336**	**2,913**	**608**
15 - 24	92	278	2,352	537	320	55
25 - 34	82	59	2,270	616	787	85
35 - 44	130	84	2,225	419	624	100
45 - 54	172	181	1,941	339	479	109
55 - 64	206	509	1,416	234	359	133
65 - 74	117	564	534	139	232	94
75+	60	308	122	52	112	32
Females	**746**	**1,997**	**9,926**	**2,934**	**4,755**	**694**
15 - 24	62	248	1,913	774	615	55
25 - 34	62	33	1,886	808	1,521	139
35 - 44	108	58	1,982	534	1,086	146
45 - 54	120	152	1,893	361	757	132
55 - 64	182	485	1,548	232	426	108
65 - 74	107	547	534	144	261	75
75+	105	474	170	81	89	39

Values represent total valid responses by appliance

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis

Table 15

Employment Rate by Age Group

Age Group	Rates		
	Employment Rate	Unemployment Rate	Labour Force Participation Rate
15 - 19	12.0	45.0	21.9
20 - 24	61.5	24.9	81.9
25 - 29	68.9	16.3	82.3
30 - 34	80.8	13.0	92.9
35 - 39	85.7	11.4	96.7
40 - 44	86.8	10.3	96.7
45 - 49	86.2	10.4	96.3
50 - 54	81.7	12.9	93.8
55 - 59	74.4	12.8	85.4
60 - 64	52.1	13.8	60.4
65 - 69	32.5	14.4	38.0
70+	10.9	4.6	11.5
Total	**63.6**	**14.6**	**74.5**

Source: Department of Statistics, St Kitts & Nevis



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