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NIUE STATISTICS OFFICE RELEASES PRELIMINARY RESULTS FROM THE CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING FOR 2022

Alofi, Niue – 14 September 2023 – The Niue Statistics Office has released preliminary results from the Statistics Niue 2022 national census report.

On the 11th of November 2022, the Niue Statistics Office conducted the National Population Census. The census is one of the most important activities undertaken by the Niue Statistics Office every five years. It is the 11th national population census that has taken place since 1971.

Minister for Finance and Statistics, Crossley Tatui commended the Statistics Niue and Ministry of Finance teams for fulfilling the national census given the multiple challenges the government was facing due to the global pandemic impacts and resource shortages.

The census gathers a wide range of data, including age, gender, education, employment, household composition, and housing conditions.

Government Statistician Fanuma Sioneholo said “The preliminary results show a population of 1,681 on census night, made up of 1,564 identified as usual residents and 117 recorded as visitors to Niue. It constitutes a decrease of negative 2.2% of 38 people compared to 2017 of 1,719 people.”

The preliminary results also showed that there were 827 males and 854 females recorded. By Village, Toi has the largest population increase of 88.2% which is equivalent to an increase of 15 people from 17 in 2017 to 32 in 2022. The next population increases are the village of Alofi North of 19.1% of 30 people and Makefu of 14.1% of 9 people. The villages of Mutalau and Vaiea had population decreases of 21.4% respectively.

By age, the single largest age group is in the 10-14 years old band with 170 people which is 10.1% of the total population. A total of 525 occupied dwellings participated in the census with the average household size of 3.2 persons.

In total, of the 1,015 dwellings included, there were 85 absent households, 207 vacant households, 217 derelict buildings and 19 houses under construction.

Minister Tatui concluded, “the census is crucial in assisting the government understand the population structure for evidence-based decision making. It helps determine who we are as a country and how we can shape our policies for the distribution of the limited resources available to us. There is enormous challenge before us to realize the population level and take appropriate steps to address the long-term implications on our identity and cultural heritage.”

The full report for the Census of Population and Housing for 2022 will be released in the near future.

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For more information about the Niue Statistics and the Niue Census of Population and Housing 2022, please visit: [Niue Census of Population and Housing, 2022 | Niue Statistics Office](#)

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