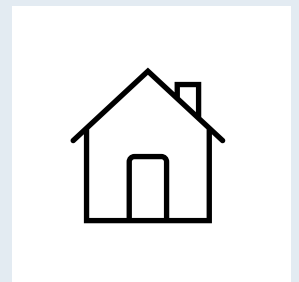
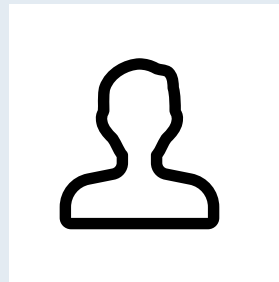
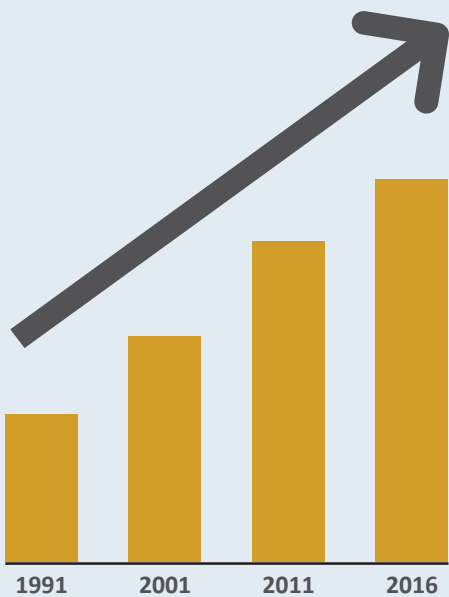


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List of Acronyms

| | |
|---------------|--|
| CAPI | Computer Assisted Personal Interview |
| CBR | Crude Birth Rate |
| CBS | Central Bureau of Statistics |
| CDR | Crude Death Rate |
| CEB | Children Ever Born |
| CSPro | Census and Survey Processing System |
| EA | Enumeration area |
| ECD | Early Childhood Development |
| ID | Identification Document |
| NDP 5 | The Fifth National Development Plan |
| NIDS | Namibia Inter-censal Demographic Survey |
| NPC | National Planning Commission |
| NSA | Namibia Statistics Agency |
| PSU | Primary Sampling Unit |
| SDGs | Sustainable Development Goals |
| SRN | Survey Reference Night |
| SWA ID | South West Africa- Identification Document |



Foreword



The results in this report can only be of value if they are used for the intended purpose which is, for evidence based planning and or decision making for the development of our country.

The Namibia Inter-censal Demographic Survey (NIDS) of 2016 is the first of its kind to be conducted by Namibia Statistics Agency since its establishment in April 2012. It is a sample survey taken at five years between the censuses, hence the NIDS 2016 was conducted five years between the 2011 Population and Housing Census and the next census to be conducted in 2021. The main objective of NIDS is to provide up to date data on Demographic, socio-economic characteristics of the population and its housing units. These statistics are useful for evidence based planning and decision making at national and regional levels. At international level, the information will be used to monitor progress towards Namibia's achievement of international targets, particularly in the monitoring progress towards achieving Africa's agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The NIDS targets the population in private households excluding those in institutions for example, in school hostels, army/police barracks, hospital wards, prisons, etc. However, persons residing in institution premises were only included if they lived in private accommodations which constitute a household. Therefore, the estimated population presented in this report reflects the estimated household population in 2016.

This report presents highlights from basic analysis of the NIDS 2016 data and presents results at national, urban, rural and regional levels.

We are grateful to the Government of the Republic of Namibia for providing funds to enable NSA to conduct the survey. In addition, there are a number of organizations which contributed immensely to the success of this survey in a form of either technical or financial support. We are in particular appreciative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and Statistics South Africa for their notable contributions to the success of this survey. We are also thankful to everyone who contributed immensely to make this survey a success. In particular the Inter-Agency Technical Group for their technical inputs during the preparation of the survey data collection instruments, the regional councillors for their support and mobilising their respective communities to ensure cooperation with the survey officials. The field staff and the general public for their support and cooperation during data collection operation in all regions.

In conclusion, the results in this report can only be of value if they are used for the intended purpose which is, for evidence based planning and or decision making for the development of our country. It is therefore my sincere hope that users find the survey results useful in their daily businesses as they plan for the development of our country.



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Windhoek, September 2017

Selected Indicators



Namibia SDG - Selected indicators 2016 and 2011

| Namibia Indicators | 2016 | 2011 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Population size | | |
| Total population | 2 324 388 | 2 113 077 |
| Urban | 1 112 868 | 9 034 34 |
| Rural | 1 211 520 | 1 209 643 |
| | | |
| Age at first marriage | | |
| Proportion of women aged 20-24 years who were married or in a union before age 15 and before age 18 | | |
| before age 15 | 0.1 | None |
| before age 18 | 0.9 | None |
| | | |
| Birth registration | | |
| Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age | 76.9 | 78.3 |
| | | |
| ECD, Education and ICT | | |
| % children 0-4 years attending ECD | 16.5 | 13.3 |
| % Primary educational attainment | 49.7 | 48.5 |
| % Secondary educational attainment | 22.6 | 20.5 |
| % Tertiary education attainment | 8.0 | 5.8 |
| % Never been to school | 9.2 | 13.0 |
| % population with access to internet | 20.5 | 8.8 |
| % population with access to cell phone | 74.8 | 52.6 |
| % population with access to computer | 15.2 | 10.5 |
| | | |
| Households | | |
| % Households living in improvised housing units (shacks) | 26.6 | 16.0 |
| % Access to safe drinking water | 92.9 | 80.0 |
| % Urban | 99.4 | 97.7 |
| % Rural | 85.0 | 62.8 |
| % HHs practicing open defecation | 45.7 | 48.6 |
| % HHs practicing open defecation in urban | 26.0 | 22.4 |
| | | |
| Sanitation | | |
| % Urban HHs with access to sanitation (flush toilet connected to main sewer and cesspool) | 63.2 | 68.7 |
| % Urban HHs with access to sanitation (Garbage regularly and irregularly collected) | 67.8 | 78.6 |
| % Rural HHs with access to sanitation (flush toilet connected to main sewer and cesspool) | 13.4 | 11.3 |
| % Rural HHs with access to sanitation (Garbage regularly and irregularly collected) | 5.5 | 7.2 |

Selected Indicators

| Comparison of Namibia indicators: 1991; 2001; 2011 and 2016 | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Namibia Indicator | | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2016 |
| Population Size | | | | | |
| | Total | 1 409 920 | 1 830 330 | 2 113 077 | 2 324 388 |
| | Females | 723 593 | 942 572 | 1 091 165 | 1 194 634 |
| | Males | 686 327 | 887 721 | 1 021 912 | 1 129 754 |
| Annual growth rate (%) | | - | 2.6 | 1.4 | 1.9 |
| Percent in Urban/Rural areas | | | | | |
| | Urban | 28 | 33 | 43 | 48 |
| | Rural | 72 | 67 | 57 | 52 |
| Sex ratio: Males per 100 females | | 95 | 94 | 94 | 95 |
| Population density | | | | | |
| | People per sq. km. | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 2.8 |
| Age composition, % | | | | | |
| | Under 5 years | 16 | 13 | 14 | 14 |
| | 5 – 14 years | 26 | 26 | 23 | 23 |
| | 15 – 59 years | 51 | 52 | 57 | 57 |
| | 60+ years | 7 | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| Marital status: 15+ years, % | | | | | |
| | Never married | 50 | 56 | 59 | 64 |
| | Married with certificate | ... | 19 | 20 | 16 |
| | Married traditionally | ... | 9 | 8 | 6 |
| | Married consensually | 12 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | Divorced/Separated | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| | Widowed | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Citizenship, % | | | | | |
| | Namibian | 96 | 97 | 97 | 97 |
| | Non-Namibian | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 |

| Comparison of Namibia indicators: 1991; 2001; 2011 and 2016 | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Namibia Indicator | | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2016 |
| Main language spoken at home, Percent of households | | | | | |
| | Oshiwambo | 51 | 48 | 49 | 50 |
| | Nama/Damara | 13 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| | Afrikaans | 9 | 11 | 10 | 9 |
| | Kavango | 10 | 10 | 9 | 10 |
| | Otjiherero | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| Private households | | | | | |
| | Number | 254 389 | 346 455 | 464 839 | 589 787 |
| | Average size | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 3.9 |
| Head of household, % | | | | | |
| | Females | 39 | 45 | 44 | 46 |
| | Males | 61 | 55 | 56 | 54 |
| Namibia Indicator | | 1991 | 2001 | 2011 | 2016 |
| Literacy rate, 15+ years, % | | 76 | 81 | 89 | 89 |
| Education, 15+ years, % | | | | | |
| | Never attended school | 26 | 15 | 13 | 11 |
| | Currently at school | 29 | 34 | 17 | 18 |
| | Left school | 55 | 45 | 66 | 71 |
| Housing conditions, % | | | | | |
| Households with | | | | | |
| | Safe water | 65 | 87 | 80 | 94 |
| | No toilet facility | 61 | 54 | 49 | 46 |
| | Electricity for lighting | 24 | 32 | 42 | 45 |
| | Wood/charcoal for cooking | 74 | 62 | 54 | 50 |
| Main source of income, % | | | | | |
| Household main income | | | | | |
| | Farming | - | 28 | 16 | 15 |
| | Wages & Salaries | - | 41 | 48 | 52 |
| | Cash remittance | - | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| | Business, non-farming | - | 9 | 12 | 7 |
| | Old age Pension | - | 11 | 15 | 10 |

Selected Indicators

| !Karas Region – Indicators, 2016 and 2011 | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|---|--------|--------|
| | 2016 | 2011 | | 2016 | 2011 |
| Population Size | | | Private households | | |
| Total | 85 759 | 77 421 | Number | 26 348 | 21 283 |
| Females | 42 489 | 38 014 | Average size | 3.3 | 4.2 |
| Males | 43 270 | 39 407 | | | |
| | | | Head of household, % | | |
| Annual growth rate (%) | 2.0 | 1.1 | Females | 39 | 44 |
| | | | Males | 61 | 56 |
| Percent in Urban/Rural areas | | | | | |
| Urban | 61 | 54 | Literacy rate, 15+ years, % | 96 | 97 |
| Rural | 39 | 46 | | | |
| | | | Education, 15+ years, % | | |
| Sex ratio: Males per 100 females | 102 | 104 | Never attended school | 5 | 6 |
| | | | Currently at school | 8 | 9 |
| Population density | | | Left school | 85 | 84 |
| People per sq. km. | 0.5 | 0.5 | | | |
| | | | Housing conditions, % | | |
| Age composition, % | | | Households with | | |
| Under 5 years | 14 | 11 | Safe water | 98 | 92 |
| 5 – 14 years | 17 | 19 | No toilet facility | 25 | 23 |
| 15 – 59 years | 63 | 63 | Electricity for lighting | 69 | 67 |
| 60+ years | 6 | 6 | Wood/charcoal for cooking | 25 | 28 |
| | | | | | |
| Marital status: 15+ years, % | | | Main source of income, % | | |
| Never married | 59 | 59 | Household main income | | |
| Married with certificate | 22 | 27 | Farming | 2 | 5 |
| Married traditionally | 4 | 3 | Wages & Salaries | 74 | 72 |
| Married consensually | 11 | 7 | Cash remittance | 2 | 5 |
| Divorced/Separated | 2 | 1 | Business, non-farming | 4 | 5 |
| Widowed | 2 | 3 | Old age Pension | 11 | 11 |
| | | | | | |
| Citizenship, % | | | Fertility | | |
| Namibian | 98 | 97 | Crude birth rate (CBR) per 1,000 population | 33.7 | 26.1 |
| Non-Namibian | 2 | 1 | | | |
| | | | Disability, % | | |
| Main language spoken at home, | | | With disability | 4 | 4 |
| Percent of households | | | | | |
| Afrikaans | 33 | 36 | Mortality | | |
| Oshiwambo | 30 | 27 | Crude death rate (CDR) per 1,000 population | 9.7 | 10.7 |
| Nama/Damara | 25 | 23 | | | |

| Erongo Region – Indicators, 2016 and 2011 | | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---|--------|--------|--|
| | 2016 | 2011 | | 2016 | 2011 | |
| Population Size | | | Private households | | | |
| Total | 182 402 | 150 809 | Number | 58 486 | 44 116 | |
| Females | 85 878 | 70 986 | Average size | 3.1 | 3.3 | |
| Males | 96 524 | 79 823 | | | | |
| | | | Head of household, % | | | |
| Annual growth rate (%) | 3.8 | 3.4 | Females | 38 | 34 | |
| | | | Males | 62 | 66 | |
| Percent in Urban/Rural areas | | | Literacy rate, 15+ years, % | | | |
| Urban | 92 | 87 | | 96 | 97 | |
| Rural | 8 | 13 | | | | |
| | | | Education, 15+ years, % | | | |
| Sex ratio: Males per 100 females | 112 | 112 | Never attended school | 4 | 6 | |
| | | | Currently at school | 8 | 9 | |
| Population density | | | Left school | 85 | 83 | |
| People per sq. km. | 2.9 | 2.4 | | | | |
| | | | Housing conditions, % | | | |
| Age composition, % | | | Households with | | | |
| Under 5 years | 12 | 11 | Safe water | 98 | 96 | |
| 5 – 14 years | 16 | 17 | No toilet facility | 13 | 11 | |
| 15 – 59 years | 67 | 67 | Electricity for lighting | 76 | 81 | |
| 60+ years | 5 | 6 | Wood/charcoal for cooking | 15 | 15 | |
| Marital status: 15+ years, % | | | Main source of income, % | | | |
| Never married | 59 | 58 | Household main income | | | |
| Married with certificate | 23 | 26 | Farming | 1 | 3 | |
| Married traditionally | 2 | 2 | Wages & Salaries | 78 | 73 | |
| Married consensually | 13 | 10 | Cash remittance | 2 | 5 | |
| Divorced/Separated | 1 | 2 | Business, non-farming | 7 | 9 | |
| Widowed | 2 | 2 | Old age Pension | 5 | 8 | |
| Citizenship, % | | | Fertility | | | |
| Namibian | 97 | 96 | Crude birth rate (CBR) per 1,000 population | 22.5 | 26.6 | |
| Non-Namibian | 3 | 4 | | | | |
| | | | Disability, % | | | |
| Main language spoken at home, | | | With disability | | | |
| | | | | 3 | 2 | |
| Percent of households | | | Mortality | | | |
| Oshiwambo | 44 | 39 | Crude death rate (CDR) per 1,000 population | 9.9 | 7.1 | |
| Afrikaans | 19 | 20 | | | | |
| Nama/Damara | 18 | 19 | | | | |
| Otjiherero | 8 | 10 | | | | |

Selected Indicators

| Hardap Region – Indicators, 2016 and 2011 | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|---------------------------|---|--------|--------|--|
| | 2016 | 2011 | | | 2016 | 2011 | |
| Population Size | | | Private households | | | | |
| Total | 87 186 | 79 507 | | Number | 30 108 | 19 307 | |
| Females | 42 471 | 38 935 | | Average size | 2.9 | 4.0 | |
| Males | 44 715 | 40 572 | | | | | |
| Head of household, % | | | | | | | |
| Annual growth rate (%) | 1.8 | 1.5 | | Females | 38 | 36 | |
| | | | | Males | 62 | 64 | |
| Percent in Urban/Rural areas | | | | | | | |
| Urban | 72 | 60 | | Literacy rate, 15+ years, % | 85 | 91 | |
| Rural | 28 | 40 | | | | | |
| Education, 15+ years, % | | | | | | | |
| Sex ratio: Males per 100 females | 105 | 104 | | Never attended school | 8 | 11 | |
| | | | | Currently at school | 7 | 9 | |
| Population density | | | | Left school | 82 | 79 | |
| People per sq. km. | 0.8 | 0.7 | | | | | |
| Housing conditions, % | | | | | | | |
| Age composition, % | | | Households with | | | | |
| Under 5 years | 15 | 11 | | Safe water | 98 | 93 | |
| 5 – 14 years | 18 | 21 | | No toilet facility | 44 | 35 | |
| 15 – 59 years | 59 | 59 | | Electricity for lighting | 56 | 66 | |
| 60+ years | 8 | 7 | | Wood/charcoal for cooking | 58 | 45 | |
| Marital status: 15+ years, % | | | | | | | |
| Main source of income, % | | | | | | | |
| Never married | 65 | 54 | | Household main income | | | |
| Married with certificate | 23 | 29 | | Farming | 3 | 7 | |
| Married traditionally | 0 | 1 | | Wages & Salaries | 61 | 64 | |
| Married consensually | 7 | 10 | | Cash remittance | 4 | 7 | |
| Divorced/Separated | 1 | 2 | | Business, non-farming | 4 | 4 | |
| Widowed | 4 | 5 | | Old age Pension | 9 | 15 | |
| Citizenship, % | | | | | | | |
| Fertility | | | | | | | |
| Namibian | 98 | 98 | | Crude birth rate (CBR) per 1,000 population | 29.2 | 26.2 | |
| Non-Namibian | 2 | 2 | | | | | |
| Disability, % | | | | | | | |
| Main language spoken at home, | | | With disability | | | | |
| | | | | | 3 | 4 | |
| Percent of households | | | | | | | |
| Nama/Damara | 49 | 43 | | Mortality | | | |
| Afrikaans | 29 | 41 | | Crude death rate (CDR) per 1,000 population | 15.8 | 13.0 | |

| Kavango East Region – Indicators, 2016 and 2011 | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---|--------|--------|
| | 2016 | 2011 | | 2016 | 2011 |
| Population Size | | | Private households | | |
| Total | 148 466 | 136 823 | Number | 35 848 | 23 050 |
| Females | 79 364 | 72 936 | Average size | 4.1 | 5.8 |
| Males | 69 102 | 63 887 | | | |
| | | | Head of household, % | | |
| Annual growth rate (%) | 1.6 | | Females | 45 | 45 |
| | | | Males | 55 | 55 |
| Percent in Urban/Rural areas | | | Literacy rate, 15+ years, % | | |
| Urban | 57 | 46 | | 85 | 81 |
| Rural | 43 | 54 | | | |
| | | | Education, 15+ years, % | | |
| Sex ratio: Males per 100 females | 87 | 88 | Never attended school | 15 | 20 |
| | | | Currently at school | 21 | 19 |
| Population density | | | Left school | 62 | 59 |
| People per sq. km. | 6.2 | 5.7 | | | |
| | | | Housing conditions, % | | |
| Age composition, % | | | Households with | | |
| Under 5 years | 14 | | Safe water | 86 | 72 |
| 5 – 14 years | 27 | | No toilet facility | 63 | 67 |
| 15 – 59 years | 53 | | Electricity for lighting | 26 | 32 |
| 60+ years | 6 | | Wood/charcoal for cooking | 75 | 79 |
| | | | | | |
| Marital status: 15+ years, % | | | Main source of income, % | | |
| Never married | 47 | 44 | Household main income | | |
| Married with certificate | 9 | 13 | Farming | 16 | 33 |
| Married traditionally | 8 | 20 | Wages & Salaries | 39 | 29 |
| Married consensually | 29 | 14 | Cash remittance | 6 | 7 |
| Divorced/Separated | 3 | 4 | Business, non-farming | 10 | 14 |
| Widowed | 4 | 5 | Old-aged Pension | 17 | 12 |
| | | | | | |
| Citizenship, % | | | Fertility | | |
| Namibian | 99 | | Crude birth rate (CBR) per 1,000 population | 45.5 | 33.8 |
| Non-Namibian | 1 | | | | |
| | | | Disability, % | | |
| Main language spoken at home, | | | With disability | 6 | 6 |
| Percent of households | | | | | |
| Kavango languages | 90 | 77 | Mortality | | |
| | | | Crude death rate (CDR) per 1,000 population | 16.9 | 15.0 |

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| Kavango West Region – Indicators, 2016 and 2011 | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|---|--------|--------|--|
| | 2016 | 2011 | | 2016 | 2011 | |
| Population Size | | | Private households | | | |
| Total | 89 313 | 86 529 | Number | 17 046 | 13 691 | |
| Females | 47 093 | 45 655 | Average size | 5.2 | 6.3 | |
| Males | 42 220 | 40 874 | | | | |
| Head of household, % | | | | | | |
| Annual growth rate (%) | 0.6 | | Females | 42 | 40 | |
| | | | Males | 58 | 60 | |
| Percent in Urban/Rural areas | | | | | | |
| Urban | 12 | 1 | Literacy rate, 15+ years, % | 76 | 77 | |
| Rural | 88 | 99 | | | | |
| Education, 15+ years, % | | | | | | |
| Sex ratio: Males per 100 females | 90 | 90 | Never attended school | 19 | 23 | |
| | | | Currently at school | 25 | 16 | |
| Population density | | | Left school | 55 | 57 | |
| People per sq. km. | 3.5 | 3.6 | | | | |
| Housing conditions, % | | | | | | |
| Age composition, % | | | Households with | | | |
| Under 5 years | 13 | | Safe water | 77 | 57 | |
| 5 – 14 years | 33 | | No toilet facility | 85 | 88 | |
| 15 – 59 years | 47 | | Electricity for lighting | 12 | 11 | |
| 60+ years | 6 | | Wood/charcoal for cooking | 91 | 94 | |
| Marital status: 15+ years, % | | | | | | |
| | | | Main source of income, % | | | |
| Never married | 44 | 44 | Household main income | | | |
| Married with certificate | 12 | 13 | Farming | 31 | 60 | |
| Married traditionally | 16 | 20 | Wages & Salaries | 25 | 10 | |
| Married consensually | 19 | 14 | Cash remittance | 3 | 3 | |
| Divorced/Separated | 2 | 4 | Business, non-farming | 9 | 9 | |
| Widowed | 7 | 5 | Old age Pension | 13 | 13 | |
| Citizenship, % | | | | | | |
| | | | Fertility | | | |
| Namibian | 99 | | Crude birth rate (CBR) per 1,000 population | 34.7 | 34.3 | |
| Non-Namibian | 1 | | | | | |
| Disability, % | | | | | | |
| Main language spoken at home, | | | With disability | 8 | 6 | |
| Percent of households | | | | | | |
| Kavango languages | 88 | 83 | Mortality | | | |
| | | | Crude death rate (CDR) per 1,000 population | 17.2 | 14.1 | |

| Khomas Region – Indicators, 2016 and 2011 | | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---|---------|--------|----|
| | 2016 | 2011 | | 2016 | 2011 | |
| Population Size | | | Private households | | | |
| Total | 415 780 | 342 141 | Number | 119 217 | 89 438 | |
| Females | 209 690 | 172 469 | Average size | 3.5 | 3.7 | |
| Males | 206 090 | 169 672 | | | | |
| | | | Head of household, % | | | |
| Annual growth rate (%) | | | Females | 40 | 39 | |
| | | | Males | 60 | 61 | |
| Percent in Urban/Rural areas | | | | | | |
| Urban | 95 | 95 | Literacy rate, 15+ years, % | | 97 | 97 |
| Rural | 5 | 5 | | | | |
| | | | Education, 15+ years, % | | | |
| Sex ratio: Males per 100 females | | | Never attended school | 5 | 5 | |
| | | | Currently at school | 16 | 19 | |
| Population density | | | Left school | 79 | 73 | |
| People per sq. km. | 11.3 | 9.2 | | | | |
| | | | Housing conditions, % | | | |
| Age composition, % | | | Households with | | | |
| Under 5 years | 13 | 11 | Safe water | 100 | 99 | |
| 5 – 14 years | 16 | 16 | No toilet facility | 25 | 20 | |
| 15 – 59 years | 68 | 69 | Electricity for lighting | 64 | 68 | |
| 60+ years | 3 | 4 | Wood/charcoal for cooking | 7 | 8 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Marital status: 15+ years, % | | | Main source of income, % | | | |
| Never married | 68 | 62 | Household main income | | | |
| Married with certificate | 20 | 23 | Farming | 0.3 | 1 | |
| Married traditionally | 3 | 3 | Wages & Salaries | 75 | 73 | |
| Married consensually | 6 | 9 | Cash remittance | 6 | 5 | |
| Divorced/Separated | 2 | 2 | Business, non-farming | 10 | 14 | |
| Widowed | 1 | 2 | Old age Pension | 2 | 4 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Citizenship, % | | | Fertility | | | |
| Namibian | 95 | 94 | Crude birth rate (CBR) per 1,000 population | 29.0 | 28.0 | |
| Non-Namibian | 5 | 6 | | | | |
| | | | Disability, % | | | |
| Main language spoken at home, | | | With disability | 2 | 3 | |
| Percent of households | | | | | | |
| Oshiwambo | 47 | 41 | Mortality | | | |
| Afrikaans | 16 | 19 | Crude death rate (CDR) per 1,000 population | 5.3 | 6.9 | |
| Otjiherero | 13 | 10 | | | | |
| Nama/Damara | 10 | 12 | | | | |

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| Kunene Region – Indicators, 2016 and 2011 | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------|----|
| | 2016 | 2011 | | | 2016 | 2011 | |
| Population Size | | | Private households | | | | |
| Total | 97 865 | 86 856 | | Number | 21 099 | 18 495 | |
| Females | 48 269 | 43 253 | | Average size | 4.6 | 4.6 | |
| Males | 49 596 | 43 603 | | | | | |
| Head of household, % | | | | | | | |
| Annual growth rate (%) | | | | Females | 50 | 40 | |
| | | | | Males | 50 | 60 | |
| Percent in Urban/Rural areas | | | | | | | |
| Urban | 32 | 26 | | Literacy rate, 15+ years, % | | 66 | 65 |
| Rural | 68 | 74 | | | | | |
| Education, 15+ years, % | | | | | | | |
| Sex ratio: Males per 100 females | | | | Never attended school | 33 | 37 | |
| | | | | Currently at school | 9 | 9 | |
| | | | | Left school | 57 | 50 | |
| Population density | | | | | | | |
| People per sq. km. | 0.8 | 0.8 | | | | | |
| Housing conditions, % | | | | | | | |
| Age composition, % | | | Households with | | | | |
| Under 5 years | 18 | 17 | | Safe water | 75 | 67 | |
| 5 – 14 years | 24 | 25 | | No toilet facility | 64 | 63 | |
| 15 – 59 years | 51 | 51 | | Electricity for lighting | 29 | 31 | |
| 60+ years | 7 | 7 | | Wood/charcoal for cooking | 69 | 77 | |
| Marital status: 15+ years, % | | | | | | | |
| | | | Main source of income, % | | | | |
| Never married | 63 | 56 | | Household main income | | | |
| Married with certificate | 11 | 13 | | Farming | 13 | 32 | |
| Married traditionally | 14 | 18 | | Wages & Salaries | 36 | 41 | |
| Married consensually | 7 | 8 | | Cash remittance | 2 | 5 | |
| Divorced/Separated | 2 | 2 | | Business, non-farming | 4 | 8 | |
| Widowed | 3 | 3 | | Old age Pension | 14 | 12 | |
| Citizenship, % | | | | | | | |
| | | | Fertility | | | | |
| Namibian | 99 | 97 | | Crude birth rate (CBR) per 1,000 population | 43.7 | 3.8 | |
| Non-Namibian | 1 | 3 | | | | | |
| Disability, % | | | | | | | |
| Main language spoken at home, | | | | | With disability | 5 | 4 |
| Percent of households | | | | | | | |
| Otjiherero | 46 | 47 | Mortality | | | | |
| Nama/Damara | 36 | 32 | | Crude death rate (CDR) per 1,000 population | 8.7 | 12.6 | |

| Ohangwena Region – Indicators, 2016 and 2011 | | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------------------------------|---|--------|--------|
| | 2016 | 2011 | | | 2016 | 2011 |
| Population Size | | | Private households | | | |
| Total | 255 510 | 245 446 | | Number | 49 470 | 43 723 |
| Females | 137 566 | 133 316 | | Average size | 5.2 | 5.6 |
| Males | 117 944 | 112 130 | | | | |
| Head of household, % | | | | | | |
| Annual growth rate (%) | 0.8 | 0.7 | | Females | 62 | 57 |
| | | | | Males | 38 | 44 |
| Percent in Urban/Rural areas | | | | | | |
| Urban | 6 | 10 | | Literacy rate, 15+ years, % | 86 | 86 |
| Rural | 94 | 90 | | | | |
| Education, 15+ years, % | | | | | | |
| Sex ratio: Males per 100 females | 86 | 84 | | Never attended school | 13 | 17 |
| | | | | Currently at school | 27 | 23 |
| Population density | | | | Left school | 59 | 56 |
| People per sq. km. | 23.9 | 23 | | | | |
| Housing conditions, % | | | | | | |
| Age composition, % | | | Households with | | | |
| Under 5 years | 14 | 15 | | Safe water | 86 | 56 |
| 5 – 14 years | 29 | 29 | | No toilet facility | 72 | 80 |
| 15 – 59 years | 49 | 47 | | Electricity for lighting | 15 | 11 |
| 60+ years | 8 | 9 | | Wood/charcoal for cooking | 87 | 88 |
| Marital status: 15+ years, % | | | | | | |
| | | | Main source of income, % | | | |
| Never married | 70 | 65 | | Household main income | | |
| Married with certificate | 15 | 18 | | Farming | 36 | 26 |
| Married traditionally | 5 | 7 | | Wages & Salaries | 23 | 22 |
| Married consensually | 4 | 3 | | Cash remittance | 6 | 6 |
| Divorced/Separated | 2 | 2 | | Business, non-farming | 4 | 12 |
| Widowed | 5 | 5 | | Old age Pension | 19 | 29 |
| Citizenship, % | | | | | | |
| | | | Fertility | | | |
| Namibian | 98 | 99 | | Crude birth rate (CBR) per 1,000 population | 38.2 | 30.1 |
| Non-Namibian | 2 | 1 | | | | |
| Disability, % | | | | | | |
| Main language spoken at home, | | | | With disability | 7 | 5 |
| Percent of households | | | | | | |
| Oshiwambo | 98 | 98 | | Mortality | | |
| | | | | Crude death rate (CDR) per 1,000 population | 9.9 | 12.5 |

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| Omaheke Region – Indicators, 2016 and 2011 | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--|---|--------|--------|--|
| | 2016 | 2011 | | | 2016 | 2011 | |
| Population Size | | | | Private households | | | |
| Total | 74 629 | 71 233 | | Number | 21 169 | 16 174 | |
| Females | 35 247 | 34 016 | | Average size | 3.5 | 4.3 | |
| Males | 39 382 | 37 217 | | | | | |
| Head of household, % | | | | | | | |
| Annual growth rate (%) | 0.9 | 0.5 | | Females | 37 | 34 | |
| | | | | Males | 63 | 66 | |
| Percent in Urban/Rural areas | | | | | | | |
| Urban | 42 | 30 | | Literacy rate, 15+ years, % | 75 | 73 | |
| Rural | 58 | 70 | | | | | |
| Education, 15+ years, % | | | | | | | |
| Sex ratio: Males per 100 females | 112 | 109 | | Never attended school | 22 | 29 | |
| | | | | Currently at school | 8 | 10 | |
| Population density | | | | Left school | 68 | 58 | |
| People per sq. km. | 0.9 | 0.8 | | | | | |
| Housing conditions, % | | | | | | | |
| Age composition, % | | | | Households with | | | |
| Under 5 years | 20 | 15 | | Safe water | 96 | 85 | |
| 5 – 14 years | 19 | 23 | | No toilet facility | 56 | 60 | |
| 15 – 59 years | 54 | 55 | | Electricity for lighting | 45 | 33 | |
| 60+ years | 6 | 7 | | Wood/charcoal for cooking | 63 | 73 | |
| Marital status: 15+ years, % | | | | | | | |
| Main source of income, % | | | | | | | |
| Never married | 58 | 58 | | Household main income | | | |
| Married with certificate | 12 | 16 | | Farming | 11 | 22 | |
| Married traditionally | 10 | 10 | | Wages & Salaries | 58 | 49 | |
| Married consensually | 16 | 11 | | Cash remittance | 5 | 6 | |
| Divorced/Separated | 2 | 2 | | Business, non-farming | 7 | 7 | |
| Widowed | 3 | 3 | | Old age Pension | 11 | 13 | |
| Citizenship, % | | | | | | | |
| Fertility | | | | | | | |
| Namibian | 99 | 99 | | Crude birth rate (CBR) per 1,000 population | 26.3 | 29.4 | |
| Non-Namibian | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Disability, % | | | | | | | |
| Main language spoken at home, | | | | With disability | 4 | 4 | |
| Percent of households | | | | | | | |
| Otjiherero | 48 | 42 | | Mortality | | | |
| Nama/Damara | 21 | 28 | | Crude death rate (CDR) per 1,000 population | 19.5 | 11.2 | |
| Afrikaans | 7 | 10 | | | | | |
| San | 6 | 5 | | | | | |

| Omusati Region – Indicators, 2016 and 2011 | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---|--------|--------|
| | 2016 | 2011 | | 2016 | 2011 |
| Population Size | | | Private households | | |
| Total | 249 885 | 243 166 | Number | 54 383 | 46 698 |
| Females | 137 073 | 133 621 | Average size | 4.6 | 5.2 |
| Males | 112 812 | 109 545 | | | |
| | | | Head of household, % | | |
| Annual growth rate (%) | 0.5 | 0.6 | Females | 57 | 55 |
| | | | Males | 43 | 45 |
| Percent in Urban/Rural areas | | | Literacy rate, 15+ years, % | | |
| Urban | 5 | 6 | | 88 | 88 |
| Rural | 95 | 94 | | | |
| | | | Education, 15+ years, % | | |
| Sex ratio: Males per 100 females | 82 | 82 | Never attended school | 9.0 | 13 |
| | | | Currently at school | 25 | 23 |
| Population density | | | Left school | 63 | 60 |
| People per sq. km. | 9.4 | 9.1 | | | |
| | | | Housing conditions, % | | |
| Age composition, % | | | Households with | | |
| Under 5 years | 12 | 14 | Safe water | 86 | 52 |
| 5 – 14 years | 27 | 26 | No toilet facility | 71 | 78 |
| 15 – 59 years | 51 | 49 | Electricity for lighting | 11 | 9 |
| 60+ years | 10 | 11 | Wood/charcoal for cooking | 90 | 88 |
| Marital status: 15+ years, % | | | Main source of income, % | | |
| Never married | 72 | 65 | Household main income | | |
| Married with certificate | 14 | 20 | Farming | 53 | 22 |
| Married traditionally | 4 | 6 | Wages & Salaries | 17 | 25 |
| Married consensually | 4 | 3 | Cash remittance | 5 | 5 |
| Divorced/Separated | 1 | 2 | Business, non-farming | 4 | 10 |
| Widowed | 6 | 5 | Old age Pension | 13 | 31 |
| Citizenship, % | | | Fertility | | |
| Namibian | 97 | 98 | Crude birth rate (CBR) per 1,000 population | 33.6 | 25.6 |
| Non-Namibian | 3 | 2 | | | |
| | | | Disability, % | | |
| Main language spoken at home, | | | With disability | 6 | 6 |
| Percent of households | | | Mortality | | |
| Oshiwambo | 96 | 96 | Crude death rate (CDR) per 1,000 population | 11.4 | 11.5 |

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| Oshana Region – Indicators, 2016 and 2011 | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|--|---|--------|--------|--|
| | 2016 | 2011 | | | 2016 | 2011 | |
| Population Size | | | | Private households | | | |
| Total | 189 237 | 176 674 | | Number | 44 544 | 37 284 | |
| Females | 103 242 | 96 559 | | Average size | 4.2 | 4.5 | |
| Males | 85 995 | 80 115 | | | | | |
| Head of household, % | | | | | | | |
| Annual growth rate (%) | 1.4 | 0.9 | | Females | 57 | 54 | |
| | | | | Males | 43 | 46 | |
| Percent in Urban/Rural areas | | | | | | | |
| Urban | 46 | 45 | | Literacy rate, 15+ years, % | 94 | 96 | |
| Rural | 54 | 54 | | | | | |
| Education, 15+ years, % | | | | | | | |
| Sex ratio: Males per 100 females | 83 | 83 | | Never attended school | 6 | 7 | |
| | | | | Currently at school | 20 | 21 | |
| Population density | | | | Left school | 73 | 68 | |
| People per sq. km. | 21.9 | 20.4 | | | | | |
| Housing conditions, % | | | | | | | |
| Age composition, % | | | | Households with | | | |
| Under 5 years | 14 | 12 | | Safe water | 98 | 84 | |
| 5 – 14 years | 21 | 21 | | No toilet facility | 27 | 46 | |
| 15 – 59 years | 59 | 59 | | Electricity for lighting | 43 | 31 | |
| 60+ years | 7 | 8 | | Wood/charcoal for cooking | 47 | 49 | |
| Marital status: 15+ years, % | | | | | | | |
| Main source of income, % | | | | | | | |
| Never married | 72 | 67 | | Household main income | | | |
| Married with certificate | 18 | 22 | | Farming | 12 | 13 | |
| Married traditionally | 1 | 2 | | Wages & Salaries | 46 | 40 | |
| Married consensually | 3 | 4 | | Cash remittance | 10 | 5 | |
| Divorced/Separated | 1 | 1 | | Business, non-farming | 11 | 17 | |
| Widowed | 4 | 4 | | Old age Pension | 14 | 19 | |
| Citizenship, % | | | | | | | |
| Fertility | | | | | | | |
| Namibian | 97 | 98 | | Crude birth rate (CBR) per 1,000 population | 33.7 | 26.0 | |
| Non-Namibian | 3 | 3 | | | | | |
| Disability, % | | | | | | | |
| Main language spoken at home, | | | | With disability | 6 | 5 | |
| Percent of households | | | | | | | |
| Oshiwambo | 94 | 94 | | Mortality | | | |
| | | | | Crude death rate (CDR) per 1,000 population | 8.4 | 11.1 | |

| Oshikoto Region – Indicators, 2016 and 2011 | | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------------------------------|---|--------|--------|
| | 2016 | 2011 | | | 2016 | 2011 |
| Population Size | | | Private households | | | |
| Total | 195 165 | 181 973 | | Number | 45 407 | 37 400 |
| Females | 101 065 | 94 907 | | Average size | 4.3 | 4.8 |
| Males | 94 100 | 87 066 | | | | |
| | | | Head of household, % | | | |
| Annual growth rate (%) | 1.4 | 1.2 | | Females | 51 | 49 |
| | | | | Males | 49 | 51 |
| Percent in Urban/Rural areas | | | | | | |
| Urban | 16 | 13 | | Literacy rate, 15+ years, % | 88 | 88 |
| Rural | 84 | 87 | | | | |
| | | | Education, 15+ years, % | | | |
| Sex ratio: Males per 100 females | 93 | 92 | | Never attended school | 10 | 14 |
| | | | | Currently at school | 21 | 20 |
| Population density | | | | Left school | 68 | 63 |
| People per sq. km. | 5.0 | 4.7 | | | | |
| | | | Housing conditions, % | | | |
| Age composition, % | | | Households with | | | |
| Under 5 years | 12 | 14 | | Safe water | 93 | 70 |
| 5 – 14 years | 26 | 26 | | No toilet facility | 57 | 69 |
| 15 – 59 years | 54 | 52 | | Electricity for lighting | 31 | 20 |
| 60+ years | 8 | 9 | | Wood/charcoal for cooking | 71 | 80 |
| Marital status: 15+ years, % | | | Main source of income, % | | | |
| Never married | 67 | 62 | | Household main income | | |
| Married with certificate | 18 | 23 | | Farming | 32 | 33 |
| Married traditionally | 3 | 4 | | Wages & Salaries | 38 | 30 |
| Married consensually | 7 | 5 | | Cash remittance | 4 | 5 |
| Divorced/Separated | 1 | 1 | | Business, non-farming | 5 | 10 |
| Widowed | 4 | 4 | | Old age Pension | 13 | 19 |
| Citizenship, % | | | Fertility | | | |
| Namibian | 98 | 98 | | Crude birth rate (CBR) per 1,000 population | 32.1 | 27.6 |
| Non-Namibian | 2 | 2 | | | | |
| | | | Disability, % | | | |
| Main language spoken at home, | | | | With disability | 5 | 7 |
| Percent of households | | | | | | |
| Oshiwambo | 87 | 86 | | Mortality | | |
| | | | | Crude death rate (CDR) per 1,000 population | 11.8 | 10.3 |

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| Otjozondjupa Region – Indicators, 2016 and 2011 | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---|--------|--------|
| | 2016 | 2011 | | 2016 | 2011 |
| Population Size | | | Private households | | |
| Total | 154 342 | 143 903 | Number | 39 761 | 33 192 |
| Females | 74 781 | 70 001 | Average size | 3.9 | 4.2 |
| Males | 79 561 | 73 902 | | | |
| | | | Head of household, % | | |
| Annual growth rate (%) | 1.4 | 0.6 | Females | 39 | 37 |
| | | | Males | 61 | 63 |
| Percent in Urban/Rural areas | | | | | |
| Urban | 66 | 54 | Literacy rate, 15+ years, % | 83 | 83 |
| Rural | 34 | 46 | | | |
| | | | Education, 15+ years, % | | |
| Sex ratio: Males per 100 females | 106 | 106 | Never attended school | 19 | 20 |
| | | | Currently at school | 15 | 11 |
| Population density | | | Left school | 64 | 66 |
| People per sq. km. | 1.5 | 1.4 | | | |
| | | | Housing conditions, % | | |
| Age composition, % | | | Households with | | |
| Under 5 years | 15 | 14 | Safe water | 98 | 95 |
| 5 – 14 years | 22 | 22 | No toilet facility | 39 | 39 |
| 15 – 59 years | 56 | 58 | Electricity for lighting | 63 | 56 |
| 60+ years | 6 | 6 | Wood/charcoal for cooking | 48 | 56 |
| | | | | | |
| Marital status: 15+ years, % | | | Main source of income, % | | |
| Never married | 62 | 57 | Household main income | | |
| Married with certificate | 12 | 18 | Farming | 3 | 10 |
| Married traditionally | 10 | 9 | Wages & Salaries | 66 | 60 |
| Married consensually | 13 | 11 | Cash remittance | 2 | 6 |
| Divorced/Separated | 2 | 2 | Business, non-farming | 7 | 10 |
| Widowed | 2 | 2 | Old age Pension | 10 | 10 |
| | | | | | |
| Citizenship, % | | | Fertility | | |
| Namibian | 98 | 94 | Crude birth rate (CBR) per 1,000 population | 24.5 | 29.8 |
| Non-Namibian | 2 | 6 | | | |
| | | | Disability, % | | |
| Main language spoken at home, | | | With disability | 4 | 5 |
| Percent of households | | | | | |
| Otjiherero | 29 | 27 | Mortality | | |
| Oshiwambo | 29 | 21 | Crude death rate (CDR) per 1,000 population | 13.1 | 10.3 |
| Nama/Damara | 17 | 21 | | | |

| Zambezi Region – Indicators, 2016 and 2011 | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|---------------------------------|---|--------|--------|
| | 2016 | 2011 | | | 2016 | 2011 |
| Population Size | | | Private households | | | |
| Total | 98 849 | 90 596 | | Number | 26 901 | 21 283 |
| Females | 50 406 | 46 497 | | Average size | 3.7 | 4.2 |
| Males | 48 443 | 44 099 | | | | |
| | | | Head of household, % | | | |
| Annual growth rate (%) | 1.7 | 1.3 | | Females | 42 | 44 |
| | | | | Males | 58 | 56 |
| Percent in Urban/Rural areas | | | | | | |
| Urban | 29 | 31 | | Literacy rate, 15+ years, % | 85 | 84 |
| Rural | 71 | 69 | | | | |
| | | | Education, 15+ years, % | | | |
| Sex ratio: Males per 100 females | 96 | 95 | | Never attended school | 11 | 16 |
| | | | | Currently at school | 23 | 18 |
| Population density | | | | Left school | 65 | 59 |
| People per sq. km. | 6.7 | 6.2 | | | | |
| | | | Housing conditions, % | | | |
| Age composition, % | | | Households with | | | |
| Under 5 years | 13 | 14 | | Safe water | 86 | 73 |
| 5 – 14 years | 26 | 25 | | No toilet facility | 82 | 74 |
| 15 – 59 years | 56 | 55 | | Electricity for lighting | 35 | 32 |
| 60+ years | 5 | 6 | | Wood/charcoal for cooking | 79 | 83 |
| | | | | | | |
| Marital status: 15+ years, % | | | Main source of income, % | | | |
| Never married | 45 | 45 | | Household main income | | |
| Married with certificate | 6 | 6 | | Farming | 8 | 21 |
| Married traditionally | 33 | 34 | | Wages & Salaries | 45 | 30 |
| Married consensually | 6 | 4 | | Cash remittance | 7 | 6 |
| Divorced/Separated | 4 | 5 | | Business, non-farming | 12 | 29 |
| Widowed | 5 | 6 | | Old age Pension | 12 | 15 |
| | | | | | | |
| Citizenship, % | | | Fertility | | | |
| Namibian | 87 | 90 | | Crude birth rate (CBR) per 1,000 population | 35.7 | 31.8 |
| Non-Namibian | 14 | 10 | | | | |
| | | | Disability, % | | | |
| Main language spoken at home, | | | With disability | | | |
| | | | | | 4 | 4 |
| Percent of households | | | | | | |
| Zambezi languages | 92 | 90 | | Mortality | | |
| | | | | Crude death rate (CDR) per 1,000 population | 12.5 | 11.7 |

Executive Summary



This report presents results of the 2016 Namibia Inter-censal Demographic Survey (NIDS) of which the field work was carried out in October to November 2016. The previous NIDSs were conducted in 1996 as well as in 2006, by then the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS), under the National Planning Commission (NPC) hence this is the first NIDS to be conducted by Namibia Statistics Agency.

A wide range of data on the characteristics of the population, households and housing conditions is presented in this report. The population characteristics include spatial distribution, age and sex composition, marital status, education, literacy, orphan-hood, disability, births and deaths. The household and housing conditions include average household size, housing amenities, ownership and the quality of housing. The results are presented at the national, urban, rural areas and regional levels.

The Inter-censal Demographic Survey (NIDS) is a sample survey which is taken at the mid-point of the censuses. The NIDS 2016 was conducted five years between the previous 2011 census and the next census of 2021.

The main objectives of the NIDS 2016 is to provide up to date statistics and data on population size, growth, migration, fertility, mortality, housing and household characteristics in Namibia. These statistics are necessary for policy making, planning, monitoring and evaluation, implementation of national and regional plan and programs. This survey was designed to produce estimates at the national and regional levels for most indicators.

The survey results show that the estimated population of Namibia has increased from 2,113,077 in 2011, to 2,324,388 in 2016. Similarly, the number of households increased by 124 948 households between the same period, that is, from 464,839 in 2011 to 589,787 households in 2016. With regard to sex distribution, there were more females (51.4%) than males (48.6%) in Namibia with a sex ratio of 95 males per 100 females.

With regard to population distribution, Khomas region recorded the highest number of people followed by Oshana and Erongo regions. Erongo region had the least number of people in 2016.

It is worth noting the increase in the annual growth rate between the period of 2011 to 2016. The Namibian population was estimated to have grown by 1.9 percent annual between 2011 and 2016 as compared to 1.4 that was recorded in 2011. The 2016 NIDS results also revealed that urban regions were growing at faster rate compared to rural regions. This is the case for Khomas and Erongo regions with a growth rate of 3.9 and 3.8 respectively, while Omusati and Kavango West regions had lower growth rates of 0.5 and 0.6 respectively. There was a noticeable movement of people from rural to urban areas where the population in urban areas increased from 43 percent in 2011 to 48 percent in 2016.

This results indicate that 4.7 percent of the total population lived with disabilities of which 4.8 percent were males and 4.6 percent females. The proportion of persons with disabilities was higher in rural areas (6.0%) than in urban areas (3.3%). With regard to orphan-hood, 11.1 percent of all children aged 18 years and below had lost at least one parent, while 1.4 percent had lost both parents. More orphans were found in rural areas compared to urban areas with 13.0 and 8.2 percent respectively.

The level of literacy in Namibia for the population aged 15 years and above remained the same at 88.7percent between 2011 and 2016 with slight increase in rural areas compare to urban areas where a slight decline in literacy level was recorded.

The average household size in Namibia is estimated to be about 3.9 persons with less number of persons per household in urban areas of 3.4 persons compared to rural areas which had on average 4.6 persons per household. The majority of households in Namibia were headed by males (53.6%). A situation of child headed households seems to prevail in the country although slightly improved. A total of 6,937 households in Namibia were headed by children aged 18 years or younger in 2016 compared to 7,671 in 2011. Of the number of households headed by children 2,040 households were headed by orphans which is a decrease from 2 953 households in 2011.

In terms of housing type, traditional dwellings seem to be common as it is occupied by 32.6 percent of all households in the country. These housing units were more common in rural areas as expected with 68.8 percent compared to urban areas with only 3.1 percent. Improvised housing units (shacks) were common in urban areas where they made up approximately 40 percent of all households.

There is improvement in the percentage of households with access to safe water. Households with access to safe water have increased with 14 percent, that is, from 80 percent in 2011 to 94 percent in 2016. However, more still need to be done with regard to sanitation since about 46 percent of households in Namibia indicated that they had no toilet facilities. These households used bush/ riverbed/ fields as means of toilet facility.

Chapter 1: Methodology



1.1 Introduction

Like in the previous surveys, the Namibia Demographic Inter-censal Survey 2016, herein referred to as the NIDS 2016 throughout this report, was conducted with the objective of generating “timely collection and release of key demographic indicators to update information on population size and growth, fertility, mortality, migration and other population characteristics as well as household facilities and amenities. It is a nationally representative sample survey taken between two censuses, the 2011 census and the envisaged 2021 census.

This chapter therefore presents the methodology adopted in the execution of the survey. The information presented is also useful to users to give them understanding about the survey and how the data was collected, its intended uses, strengths and limitations.

1.2 Users and uses

Key users of NIDS data in Namibia are government ministries, offices and agencies which use the data for monitoring and evaluating developmental initiatives e.g. National Development Plans (NDPs) and programs that are aimed at improving the living conditions of all citizens in the country.

Other users of NIDS data include local authorities, non-governmental organisations, academics and research institutions, international organisations, private sectors, individuals and the general public.

At the international level, NIDS data is important for measuring the progress made and or achievement of international goals in the country.

1.3 Strengths and limitations of NIDS 2016

The strengths of the NIDS 2016 is that it has more reliable statistics for estimation of demographic characteristics at national and regional levels.

The improved methodology (CAPI) ensures efficient geo-coding of the questionnaires during data capturing and processing.

Furthermore, NIDS 2016 is the first Inter-censal Demographic survey to use digital questionnaire using tablets devices to capture data during listing and data collection stages. This paperless method which is referred to as computer assisted personal interview (CAPI) made it possible to in-build quality checks, edit rules and validation mechanisms into the application to control for data errors and inconsistencies interactively during the interview process. Such approach enhances timeliness, data integrity and reliability.

One of the limitations of this type of survey was that it is a household-based survey, excluding the population that was in institutions at the time of the survey, such as school hostels, army/police barracks, hospitals wards, etc. Household members residing in these institutions were only included if they live in private accommodation which constitute households.

1.4 Organisation and preparation

1.4.1 Legal Basis

The NIDS 2016 was conducted by the Namibia Statistics Agency in accordance with the Statistics Act, 2011 (Act No.9 of 2011). The Act mandates the Agency, among others, to constitute the central statistical authority of the country and to collect, produce, analyse and disseminate official and other statistics in Namibia. By virtue of this Act, all information collected that could be linked to identified individuals or households was kept strictly confidential.

The survey was conducted in close collaboration with key stakeholders that form part of the National Statistics System (NSS). The collaboration took place in respect of the following areas:

- i. Review of variables and questions asked in the 2011 census
- ii. Contribution to the drafting of the questionnaire for the 2016 NIDS
- iii. Sourced new questions from stakeholders

1.4.2 Stakeholders' workshop

The field operation was preceded by two stakeholders' workshops. The first workshop was conducted in March 2016 where the NSA presented to stakeholders the NIDS 2016 questionnaire, as well as the survey activity plan. The second workshop was conducted in August 2016 just before the pilot survey took off. During this workshop, the stakeholders were presented with the changes (as per the first workshop comments) and final content of the NIDS 2016 questionnaire. The Stakeholders were also given a demonstration of how the CAPI application works and how the questions appear in the tablet. Generally, not many changes were made to the 2011 questionnaire but there a few questions that were added to the 2016. Below are the additional questions that were introduced in the 2016 questionnaire that were not included in the previous 2011 census questionnaire.

- What is [NAME's] age at first marriage?
- Has (NAME) been refused any services because of not having a Birth Certificate?
- Does (NAME) hold a Namibian Identification card (ID)?
- Has (NAME) moved from one region (or country) to another in the past 5 years (since September 2011 to October 2016)?
- When did [NAME] move to this present region (most recent move)?

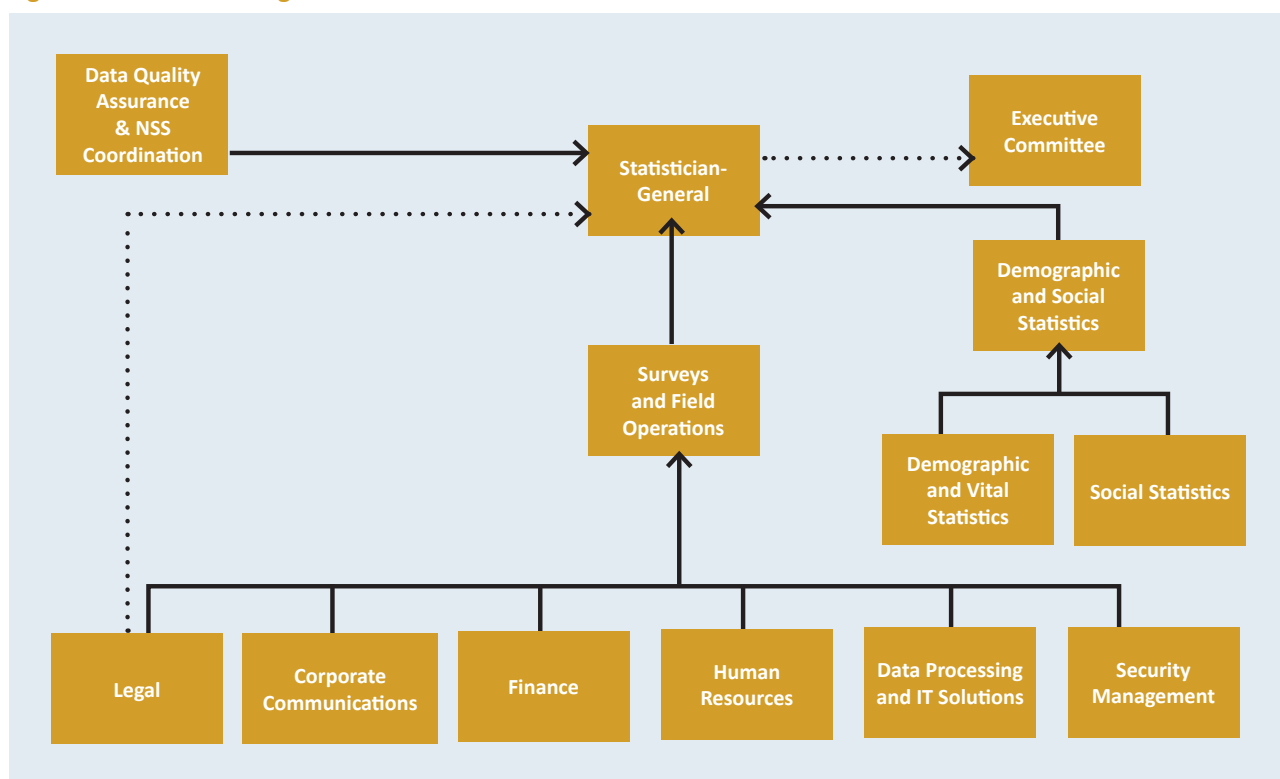
- What region/ country was [NAME] living in just before moving to this region?
- What was the main reason [NAME] moved to this region?
- Who did [NAME] move with when moved to this region?
- Does (Name) receive any social grants/ pension?
- Does (NAME) own a mobile phone or used one in the last 3 months?
- If (NAME) owns a mobile phone, is it a... ? mobile phone type
- Did (NAME) use a computer in the last 3 months?
- Did (NAME) use the Internet (Facebook, Google, email etc.) in last 3 months?
- Which health facility does (NAME) usually get medical services from?
- Who has the legal responsibility for taking care of (NAME)?
- What was the cause of (NAME)'s death?
- Did (NAME) die because of: cancer type
- How many live born children did (SHE) give birth to during her lifetime
- How many of her children are still alive?
- How many of her children are no longer alive?

The two workshops provided opportunity for key stakeholders to contribute to the improvements in the way questions were framed as well as ensuring that data to be collected are relevant for their use. This is one of the goals of the NSA, that is, to produce relevant statistics that is fit for evidence-based planning.

1.4.3 Survey organisation structure

During the undertaking of the NIDS 2016, the organizational structure presented in figure 1.1 was adopted.

Figure 1.1: NIDS 2016 Organisational Structure



The Surveys and Field Operations (SFO) division was responsible for planning, survey design, fieldwork, and administration of survey resources and progress reporting. The Social Statistics (SS) and the Demographic and Vital Statistics (DVS) divisions of Demographic and Social Statistics (DSS) department were responsible for the questionnaire design, analysis and report writing. The Data Quality Assurance department provided guidelines and procedures that ensure the data collected meets quality standards as set out in the Namibia Data Quality Assessment Framework (DQAF), the Data Collection, Processing and Dissemination Policy and Practice and the Code of Practice. The SFO worked closely with the following departments/divisions: DSS, Legal, Data Processing, Information Technology Solution, Quality Assurance, Human Resources, Finance, Administration and Logistics and Strategic Communication.

The survey progress was reported to the Statistician-General (SG) and the Executive Committee (EXCO) members on a bi-weekly basis or when asked to do so by the SG and this was done by the division of SFO during the planning and field work stages and the DSS department post field work.

The survey core team consists of NSA permanent staff members from various departments and divisions and chaired by the Manager SFO. The core team further dealt with the day to day planning of the survey activities, development of survey manual and instruments and training of field staff. In addition, the core team was also responsible for field monitoring during data collection and this was done to ensure absolute data quality.

1.5 Pilot survey

In order to ensure smooth running of the survey, a pilot test was undertaken covering two Primary Sampling Units (PSUs), one in lower income and the other in higher income areas of Khomas region. The Pilot Survey fieldwork was conducted from 22nd August to the 3rd of September 2016 and was done by four field staff. One Team Supervisor, two Enumerators were recruited from the NSA field staff database while one IT Field Technician was recruited through an advert in the local print media.

The main objective of the pilot was to test whether the survey data collection tools including the CAPI application and the questionnaire were adequate to provide the required data within a specified period of time. This also involved testing the adequacy of logistics and administrative arrangements on the ground. The data processing and analysis plans were tested through the use of the pilot survey data. The result of the pilot survey was used to review and improve areas of the survey implementation, such as review of the survey instruments and tools; and draw up the field deployment and final fieldwork plan.

1.5.1 Training for the Pilot Survey

In the undertaking of the NIDS 2016 Pilot Survey, two types of trainings took place namely the master training and the Pilot training. The master training was the first stage of training conducted for all NSA staff who were to be part of the pilot survey to acquaint them with the survey methodologies and instruments. This intensive training was done for a period of one week. The second stage of the training comprised of a large number of staff from the head office, regional statisticians, and field staff who were to be involved in the pilot field work and this training was called the Pilot Training and also took one week.

1.5.2 Outcome of the pilot survey and adjustment made

Subject matter received pilot data from data processing on the 8th September 2016. The data was evaluated by running basic tables from the 9th – 13th September 2016. Some challenges and errors that were found were noted and communicated to the Data Processing on the 13th September 2016 for corrections and for incorporating into the CAPI questionnaire. Some findings were then used to make changes improvements in the survey materials such as training manuals. Some key improvements that resulted from the pilot study were as follows:

a) Maximum age for the survey needed to be changed to 120 years instead of recording all those 95 years and above in one age group, because there were many cases found to be over 95 years. There is also a need to monitor how the population is aging hence such recommendation.

b) Other specify category came out with many observations that need to be reclassified or create new categories. Thus, Population Census and Demographic Surveys and Social Statistics (SS) divisions reviewed the field notes and it was noted that most of the notes came as a result of enumerators not knowing where to classify them

1.5.3 Lesson learned from pilot survey

It is worth mentioning that one of the pilot survey outcomes revealed that the selected sample was too small as result some variables in the questionnaire could not be tested since the pilot survey only covered two PSUs. This was one of the lessons learned for future NIDS and other survey in general that we should ensure that pilot survey samples are large enough to test all variables.

1.6 Recruitment, training and fieldwork

1.6.1. Recruitment of field staff

The distribution of the survey field staff that were recruited during the undertaking of the NIDS 2016 is presented in table 1.1 below. In the table, the total number of field staff who were trained and those who were employed for the survey and how they were allocated to the respective regions are presented.

Team Supervisors and Enumerators were recruited from the NSA field staff database while the positions of IT Field Technicians were advertised in the local print media.

Table 1.1: Distribution of recruited, trained and deployed staff for NIDS 2016

| Region | No of Field Teams | Actual Employment | | | Training | | It Field Technicians (LTFT)/ ARS | Regional Statistician (RS) |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Team Supervisors | Enumerators | Total Staff | Reserves | Total Staff For The Training | | |
| //Karas | 11 | 11 | 22 | 33 | 6 | 40 | 1 | 1 |
| Erongo | 17 | 17 | 34 | 51 | 6 | 58 | 1 | 1 |
| Hardap | 11 | 11 | 22 | 33 | 6 | 40 | 1 | 1 |
| Kavango East | 8 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 6 | 31 | 1 | 1 |
| Kavango West | 7 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 6 | 28 | 1 | 1 |
| Khomas | 17 | 17 | 34 | 51 | 6 | 58 | 1 | 1 |
| Kunene | 10 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 6 | 37 | 1 | 1 |
| Ohangwena | 11 | 11 | 22 | 33 | 6 | 40 | 1 | 1 |
| Omaheke | 10 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 6 | 37 | 1 | 1 |
| Omusati | 12 | 12 | 24 | 36 | 6 | 43 | 1 | 1 |
| Oshana | 11 | 11 | 22 | 33 | 6 | 40 | 1 | 1 |
| Oshikoto | 12 | 12 | 24 | 36 | 6 | 43 | 1 | 1 |
| Otjozondjupa | 12 | 12 | 24 | 36 | 6 | 43 | 1 | 1 |
| Zambezi | 10 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 6 | 37 | 1 | 1 |
| Namibia | 159 | 159 | 318 | 477 | 84 | 575 | 14 | 14 |

1.6.2 Main fieldwork Training

In the undertaking of the NIDS 2016 main fieldwork, two types of trainings took place namely the master training that was combined with the training of trainers and the main training. The master training (the training of trainers) was the first stage of training conducted for all NSA staff who were part of the Pilot Training and will be training the field staff during the main training. The objective was to acquaint them with the survey methodologies and instruments as well as to be introduced to the changes that were made as a result of the pilot survey outcomes. This intensive training was done for a period of one week in preparation for the main training. The group that attended this training comprised of a large number of staff from the head office, regional statisticians, and IT Field Technicians who were involved in the pilot field work and new additional 13 IT Field Technicians who also worked as Assistant Regional Statisticians. Those who were trained were deployed to different training centers to carry out the main training of the field staff.

The main training of all the field staff was conducted at three (3) different centers namely Ongwediva, Otjiwarongo and Rundu. All staff that were involved in the survey undertaking went through an intensive two weeks training program covering the survey methodology, questionnaire, concepts and definitions and the use of data capturing applications. In addition, all trainees were subjected to various assessments and only the top candidates were selected to be part of the main survey field work.

1.6.3 Survey field structure

The main survey consisted of field teams operating within a region under the regional supervisor a position held by the NSA Regional Statisticians (RS). Each regional supervisor was supported by an IT technician who provided IT support to the regional field team. There were in total 15 IT technicians employed during the survey field work period, 14 for the regions and one IT technician based at the NSA head office to oversee data transmission and management. The IT Technicians worked closely with Regional supervisors and also assisted them with administrative issues and field logistics.

The field teams consisted of a team supervisor and two interviewers. Field personnel were recruited from their own areas since they needed to be familiar with the local terrain/ locality and to facilitate interviews in local languages. In Total 491 field staff were deployed for the fieldwork for a period of approximately one month (30 days). The work plan was designed to include the first two weeks for listing of private households within the selected PSUs and the last two weeks to administer the questionnaire to the sampled 20 private households per PSU.

1.6.4 Survey publicity and advocacy

A Communication Strategy Plan that focused on advocacy and publicity of the NIDS 2016 both at national and regional level was developed. The most convenient method used was the distribution of flyers and pasting of posters to create awareness. During this activity, the Regional Statisticians were able to hold community meetings and had the opportunity to elaborate on the objectives of the survey. Mobilisation were done in each and every selected PSU before commencement of listing and data collection exercises to ensure that the local people were aware of the survey and what was expected from them.

Pamphlets about the survey were posted at traffic light intersections in PSUs with high income characteristics specifically in Khomas and Erongo regions. This was necessitated by the high refusals and non-contacts experienced in these areas in past surveys. Courtesy visits to constituency and local councillors was also undertaken to introduce the survey and its components as well as to request for their assistance in informing their constituency inhabitants about the survey during their respective radio announcements and community meetings.

In addition, road shows were held in various urban centers in collaboration with the Namibia Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) out broadcasting programme to create awareness in the selected PSUs. Radio announcements complimented by newspaper articles and newspaper advertisements were also placed in local newspapers to inform the general public about the survey and its approach.

Television strips were run on NBC-TV before the News Bulletin and specific talk shows such as Good morning Namibia and Business Today programmes to announce the commencement of the survey. Finally, the Agency has also made use of Community Watch groups in the Khomas region to seek for their cooperation and support during the visitation of households in their areas of operation. This approach proved to be very effective in informing respondents living in high income areas about the survey in order to minimize non-response rate.

1.6.5 Field monitoring and data quality control

To ensure reliable, quality and timely data were collected a series of data assurance activities were undertaken at different levels of monitoring. This was done by the Regional Supervisors (RS) who are constantly monitored by the National Supervisors (NS) who reports to the Surveys and Field Operation Manager who oversee the field work. In addition, a monitoring team comprised of staff from the head office were sent to regions at the beginning of the listing and interviewing phase to ensure that the field work started off as planned and that all data collection rules and guidelines are followed as prescribed. Monitoring teams also had to observe interviews by field staff at different households to ensure that they introduce the objective of the survey properly and questions are asked as trained including the translations of questions from English to vernacular languages. In doing so, remedial actions were undertaken timely without further delays and compromise to the data collection exercise.

In addition, daily transmission of the collected data to head office were undertaken to ensure minimum effect in the event of loss or damaged to the data collection tools. As a result secondary verification and completeness checks were carried out to ensure correct, complete and valid information are transmitted.

1.7 Sampling

1.7.1 Sample design

In the design of the sample, a national sampling frame was used. The national sampling frame is a list of small geographical areas called Primary Sampling Units (PSU), created using the enumeration areas (EA) based on the 2011 Population and Housing Census. The measure of size in the frame is the number of households within a particular PSU of which the size ranges between 40 and 120 households. The frame units were stratified first by regions, and then by urban/rural areas within the regions. The sample design was therefore a two stage stratified cluster sample, where the first stage units were the PSUs and the second stage units were the households. Sample sizes were determined to give reliable estimates of the population characteristics at the regional level which is the lowest domain of estimation for the NIDS 2016. A total of 12 480 households constituted the sample representing all 14 regions from 624 PSUs. Power allocation procedure was adopted to distribute the sample across the regions so that the smaller regions will get adequate samples.

1.7.2 Sample Accountability

The sample was designed such that direct survey estimates could be produced at national, urban/rural (national) and regional levels. The design weights were the inverse of the selection probabilities (i.e. Inverse sampling rate) at both first (PSU level) and second (Household level) stages. The PSUs that were found to be larger or difficult to manage were segmented and their design weights were adjusted accordingly to account for the third level of selection (selection of segment). In order to account for household non-response, the design weights were adjusted for household non-response. The non-response adjustment factor is defined as the ratio of the sampled households to the respondent households. The final step undertaken in constructing the final weights at person level for the NIDS 2016 was to calibrate the design weights such that the respective aggregate totals matched the distribution of the population across key demographic variables such as age and sex, nationally at urban/rural and at regional level. The control totals used for this calibration process were the 2016 population projections. This was achieved by running a Statistical Analysis System (SAS) Macro for calibration called GREGWT developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

1.7.3 Cautionary note on the application of weights on the dataset

The calibrated weight is used for the person level analysis but for the households only the design weight was used (Foot note 2 under sub section 4.3). This means the population estimates are based on the calibrated weight and the household estimates on the design weight. It should be noted that when ratio estimates involving the households are derived the weight used was the design weight for both variables. Therefore, users are being cautioned when using ratio indicator that involves population and households there might be slight differences if you use direct calculation. For instance, Average households size; if one take the estimated total population and divide it with estimated total households given in the report, the figure might not be equal to what was presented in this report for the ratio as those indicators were computed using the design weight for both variables.

1.7.4 Response rate

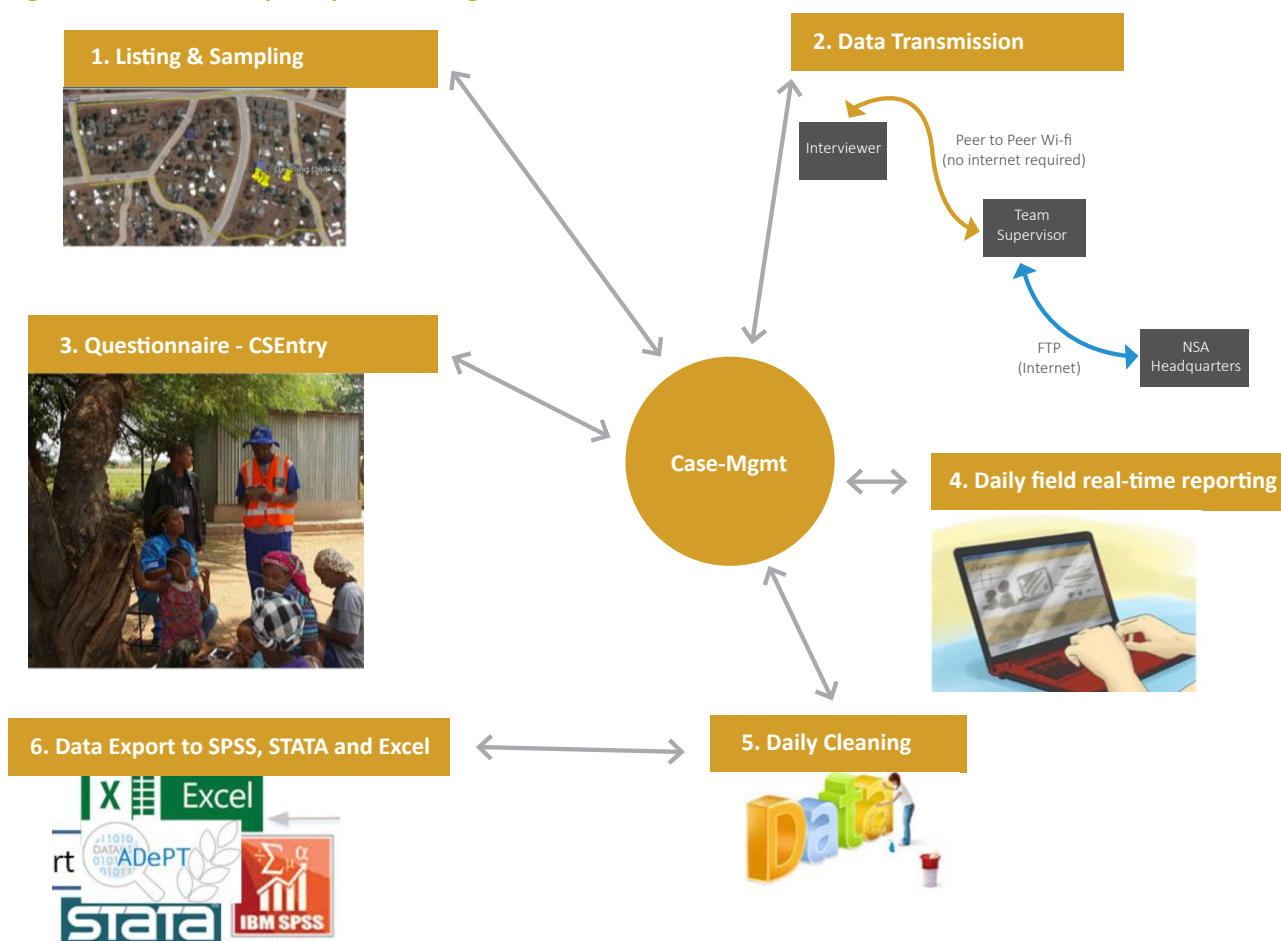
When the household sample was implemented it was not possible to interview some of households due to refusals or non-contacts. If such households were found to be more than two per PSU, they were substituted by other households closest to the originally selected ones. After data processing, the response rate was 98.1%.

1.8 Data Processing

The data processing methodology that was adopted for this study was the Computer Assisted Personal Interview method referred to as CAPI.

Data management tools to collect, transmit and store and clean survey data were designed and developed using CSPro 6.3.; the process involved is shown in Figure 1.2 below.

Figure 1.2 NIDS Data capture process using CAPI



The programs developed are listed below and explained on how they were used in the field;

a) In-field automated listing and sampling program

Data processing developed a systematic sampling routine program. This reduced errors of supervisors not properly following the sampling algorithm or introducing bias in the household selection. In addition, it ensured that replacement of households was done procedurally in that replacement households were selected from the same stratum as the households to be substituted.

b) Case Management program

This program allowed for the automation of the following field activities with minimum human interventions.

A team consisted of one supervisor and two interviewers. Interviewers listed households and then each independently transmitted the households' information to the supervisor's tablet. The supervisor then merged the listing files on a tablet and run the program to sample from the listed households.

The supervisor further assign the sampled households to the respective interviewers. During the household interview, the interviewers will then transmit the household roster data to the supervisor in order to ensure data quality. In order to successfully transmit the data, the interviewers were required to validate all household data in the tablet, while the supervisors were required to validate all primary sampling units (PSUs) data in the tablet before transmitting the data further to the headquarter server. At both levels of validation, if the data did not pass the validation tests, the staff concern was then required to provide an explanation as to why the submitted data are incomplete.

Case Management and data flow was tightly controlled, but the system allowed for some flexibility. For instance, replacement of sampled households, was done with the assistance of the data processing team who provided codes to unlock the replacement action.

c) Data Entry program

Data entry application was built with many consistency checks, skipping patterns and other validations such as maximum and minimum acceptance range per variable. Supervisors were given minimum variables to check on a day to day basis, especially for other's specify (notes) variables. As a result, data consistency checks, coding and validation was done at field level. This minimized the time spent on post data cleaning, validation and editing process.

d) Data synchronization program

This program allowed for the following; Supervisors were given SIM cards and controlled transmission of data to the Head Office. Since MD5 (Message Digest 5 Algorithm) hashes was stored on the program, only modified data was transferred and only newly collected data was sent to head office.

Interviewers did not have SIM cards and hence, their programs and files were updated via the supervisor's tablets. Transmissions between supervisor's tablets and interviewer's tablets was done via a locally created WI-FI hotspot.

e) Post data processing programs

The implementation of the CAPI application allowed for improved data quality due to consistency checks in the data entry application. In-field coding using lookups files eliminated the need for a time consuming coding process at the Data Processing Centre (DPC). For this survey, data cleaning was divided into two (2) parts, primary cleaning and secondly cleaning.

Primary cleaning was done by data processing unit and it involved the following programs and activities.

(i) Concatenate program

Data was transmitted to head office via ftp server and stored in folders by geographical hierarchy of the survey. The concatenate program was designed to concatenate data from each interviewer into one file per section. Then program takes the PSU level generated data and concatenate files per region to create a regional file. Subsequently, generate a national file for each section. In the end, there was PSU, Region and National folders created in this process.

(ii) Submission Analysis program

This program checks if all the sections have been validated and writes the finding to three output files (csv). These files are Kept cases, Removed cases and Review cases. KEPT cases are all the validated and complete households found in the data file. Removed cases included all the households removed from the data files. These can be blank households or replaced households from the sampled households and/ or household with missing sections either for household or individual. Review cases consisted of all the households that requires input / decision from subject matter whether it should be KEPT or Removed from the data file

(iii) Merge data program

This program simply merge all the data per section into one file per household.

(iv) Data consistency check program

Numerous batch programs were developed to run through the data to sort and fix inconsistencies. Main programs developed were; Case specific edits program – this program allowed for the implementation of edits which were specific to a case (household), these edits were provided by subject matter after checking/ investigating each household. General edits program – this program fixed any data inconsistency found during the run. Standardize data program – removed deleted persons and ensure that the head of household is on the first row for each household. In the end, only valid person lines are remaining in the data file. Recode variables program – this program recoded variable values from the notes (Other specify) to different values based on the input from subject matter (SM). An excel sheet is provided to SM to put the correct value for each case and variable for recoding, then the program converted the excel sheet to CSpro data file and implemented the changes. Add weight program – the weight was also applied through the CSpro post data processing program. Sampling team design weight (both individual and household) based on the completeness of survey interviews by PSU. Once the weight was applied to the dataset, Data Processing (DP) runs the final Merge flatten program, which converts and flattened the multi select answers into more human readable data. The final step was to drop the person identification information such as the person name from the dataset, this was done via an Anonymize data program.

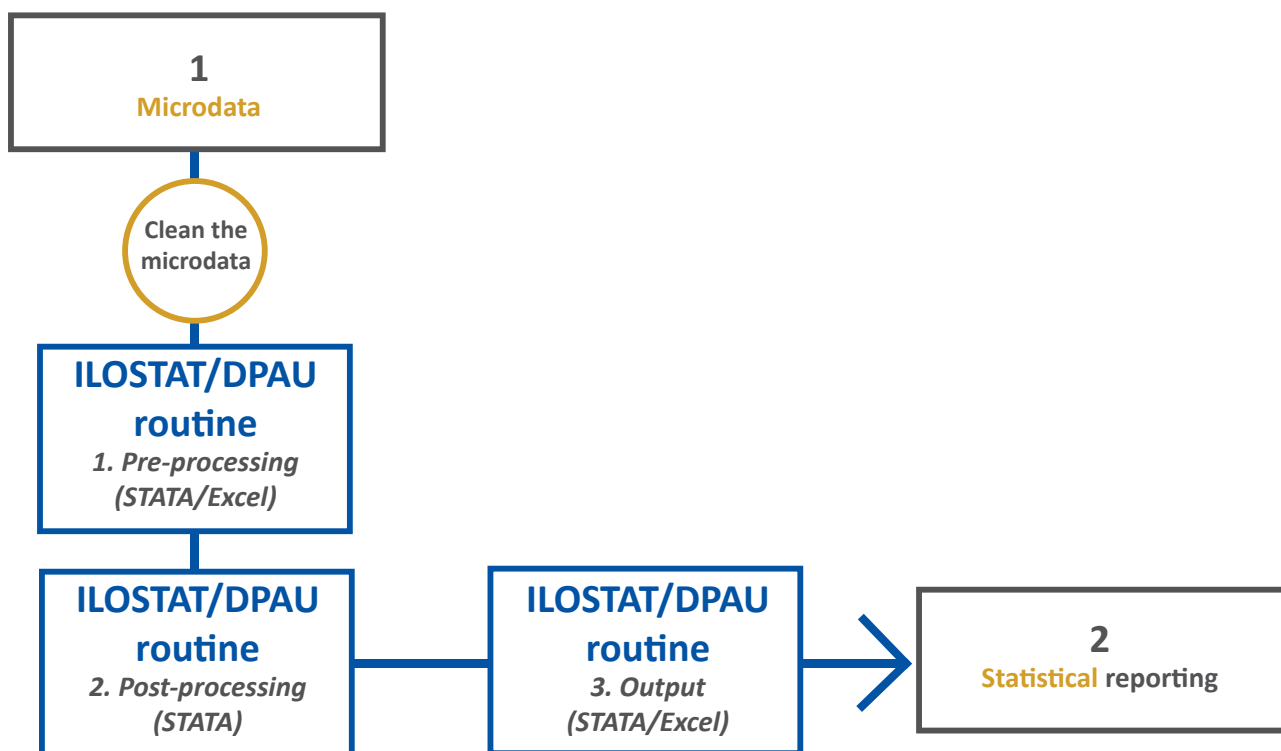
The first stage of the data processing activities ends at this stage, with the production of the version one (1) dataset. The planning, design, develop, test and implement the survey data management programs took at least six months before actual fieldwork, while the post data processing took only two (2) months to complete after the fieldwork. The next process was the secondly cleaning phase which was done by subject matter and produced version two (2) of the dataset.

1.8.1 Secondary data validation, edit checks and analysis

The Demographic and Vital Statistics division together with the Social Statistics division, with technical assistance from the ILO Department of STATISTICS has developed a comprehensive framework for processing NIDS survey micro data set that were received from the Data Processing Division. This framework is shown in figure 1.3 below.

Figure 1.3: Framework for producing standardised variable and indicators from NIDS

Concept map



The first phase, involves pre-processing activities of subject of the microdata set that was received from the Data Processing division to strict and rigorous checks and validate whether the collected data followed the edits rules built into the CAPI application before the data collection. The process involves developing STATA do-files programs to automate the checking of all variables and flag violations of edit (e.g. skipping) rules, invalid geo-codes, missing data values, incorrect data values, monotonic data values; and cases and section with missing values etc.

Reports generated from the STATA software particularly where there were violations of the edit rules were reviewed case by case by the Subject matter staff and decisions where arrived at how to treat such cases.

1.8.2 Quality assurance

Data quality assurance is one of the cornerstones of a good statistical data system, and institutions mandated with the responsibility of collecting demographic and household statistics must ensure that the data passes the test before being released to the public. In the NIDS 2016 survey, efforts were made during the implementation of the survey to minimize the under-coverage/over-coverage and non-response that may affect the quality of the survey estimates.

1.9 Basic terminologies in Demographic statistics

A major consideration with demographic surveys is to ensure that the correct terminology was adopted. In order to be able to interpret the results from the NIDS 2016, it is essential to be familiar with different concepts and definitions that were used. Here the definition of several key concepts used in the NIDS 2016 as well as some standard survey terms are presented:

Population: All persons living in Namibia during the reference period.

Total Population: All persons living in Namibia during the reference period.

Age was defined as the number of completed years lived by the respondent, i.e. age at last birthday.

Survey Reference Night (SRN): All interviews must relate to SRN. The reference night was the night of 30 October 2016.

Private household: A private household is defined as one or more persons, related or unrelated, who live together in one (or part of one) or more than one dwelling unit and have common catering arrangements and answerable to the same head of household. A person who lives alone and caters for himself/herself forms a one-person household.
Household members: Refers to all people who were actually present in the household on the survey reference night, including visitors, employees on night shift and resident domestic servants and their families.

Head of household: The head of household is the person of either sex who is looked upon by the other members of household as their leader or main decision-maker. If she/he was absent on the survey reference night, the next responsible adult member should be entered as head. The head should be 12 years or above.

De facto: A de-facto method enumerates all persons found within the borders of a particular country at a particular point in time (i.e. SRN). For example every person is enumerated at a place or household where he/she spent the SRN. This is the approach that has been adopted for 2016 NIDS.

Birth place: Birthplace refers to the place where the respondent's mother was usually living when she gave birth, not the town or hospital where the respondent was born.

Place of usual residence: Place of usual residence refers to the place where a person usually lives for the most part of any year (at least 6 months). It should not be confused with hometown or where a person originally comes from.

Previous residence: Previous residence refers to the place of residence 12 months prior to the survey date i.e. since November 2015 to October 2016.

Orphan-hood: Orphan-hood refers to persons aged 18 years and below who have lost either one or both parents.

Disability: A disability is a condition of loss of physical or mental function resulting in inability to perform daily activities. Disability is aggravated by physical, personal and environmental barriers. In the survey long term is defined as a condition lasting more than six months.

Live birth: Thus, a live birth is a birth, which results in a child that shows any sign of life irrespective of the time or period within which these signs are manifested. Miscarriages or abortions and stillbirths are not live births.

Chapter 2: Population Structure, Composition and Density

This chapter provides information on the estimated population size, structure, composition and density. In addition, it also analyses the population trends between 2011 and 2016 survey years.



2.1 Population size

The population has grown since the year 2011 and this is presented in figure 2.1.1 which shows the population size by survey years and area. Namibian population was estimated to have increased from 2, 113,077 in 2011 and 2,324,388 in 2016.

Figure 2.1.1 Population size by year and area

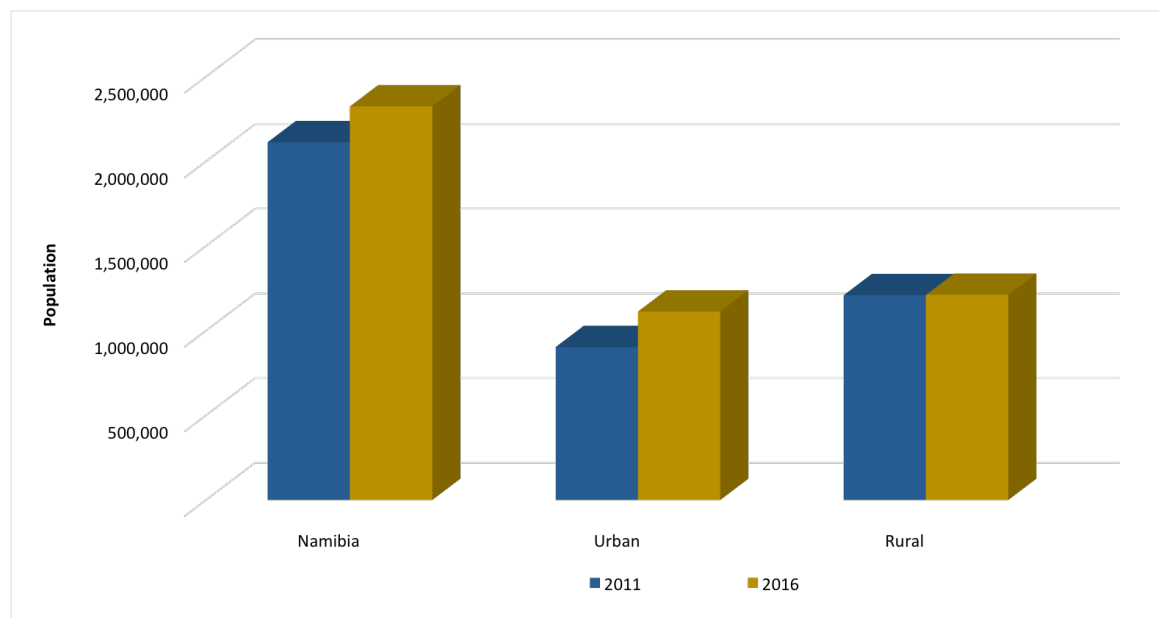


Table 2.1.1 show the estimated population by urban and rural areas and regions during 2011 and 2016. The result shows that the urban population increased from 42.8 percent in 2011 to 47.9 percent in 2016. This indicates a high trend of rural to urban migration in Namibia. Rural population decreased from 57.2 percent in 2011 to 52.1 percent in 2016. At regional level, Khomas region had the largest share of the total population with 17.9 percent followed by Ohangwena (11.0%) and Omusati (10.8%). Omaheke had the smallest share of the total population of 3.2 percent.

Table 2.1.1 Population size and percentage shared by year and area

| Area | 2011 | | 2016 | |
|--------------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
| | Population | Percent | Population | Percent |
| Namibia | 2 113 077 | 100.0 | 2 324 388 | 100.0 |
| Urban | 903 434 | 42.8 | 1 112 868 | 47.9 |
| Rural | 1 209 643 | 57.2 | 1 211 520 | 52.1 |
| !Karas | 77 421 | 3.7 | 85 759 | 3.7 |
| Erongo | 150 809 | 7.1 | 182 402 | 7.8 |
| Hardap | 79 507 | 3.8 | 87 186 | 3.8 |
| Kavango East | 136 823 | 6.5 | 148 466 | 6.4 |
| Kavango West | 86 529 | 4.1 | 89 313 | 3.8 |
| Khomas | 342 141 | 16.2 | 415 780 | 17.9 |
| Kunene | 86 856 | 4.1 | 97 865 | 4.2 |
| Ohangwena | 245 446 | 11.6 | 255 510 | 11.0 |
| Omaheke | 71 233 | 3.4 | 74 629 | 3.2 |
| Omusati | 243 166 | 11.5 | 249 885 | 10.8 |
| Oshana | 176 674 | 8.4 | 189 237 | 8.1 |
| Oshikoto | 181 973 | 8.6 | 195 165 | 8.4 |
| Otjozondjupa | 143 903 | 6.8 | 154 342 | 6.6 |
| Zambezi | 90 596 | 4.3 | 98 849 | 4.3 |

2.2 Sex composition and ratio

This sub-section presents information on the sex composition of the population which makes up important demographic characteristics of the population.

Table 2.2.1 shows that female population continues to be higher than the male population, representing 51.4 percent of the total population compared to 48.6 percent for males. A similar situation can be observed in urban and rural areas where the females makes up 51.2 percent (urban) and 51.6 percent (rural) respectively. Some regions are characterised by a greater number of females compared to males. The north-central regions and the two Kavango regions have higher proportions of females ranging from 52 to 55 percent.

Sex ratio is another important measure of sex composition. It is defined as the proportion of males per 100 females in a given population. Table 2.2.1 also provides the sex ratio by urban and rural areas and by regions. The sex ratio for Namibia was 95 which means that there are on average 95 males for every 100 females in Namibia. The sex ratio for urban area was slightly more than the rural areas. However, in some regions the sex ratio was recorded to be more than 100, which means that there are relatively more males than females in those regions such as !Karas, Erongo, Hardap as well as Kunene, Omaheke and Otjozondjupa.

Table 2.2.1 Population distribution and sex ratio by area

| Area | 2011 Population | 2016 Population | 2011 Percent distribution | | 2016 Percent distribution | | 2011 Sex Ratio | 2016 Sex Ratio |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | | Male | Female | Male | Female | | |
| Namibia | 2 113 077 | 2 324 388 | 48.4 | 51.6 | 48.6 | 51.4 | 94 | 95 |
| Urban | 903 434 | 1 112 868 | 48.7 | 51.3 | 48.8 | 51.2 | 95 | 95 |
| Rural | 1 209 643 | 1 211 520 | 48.1 | 51.9 | 48.4 | 51.6 | 93 | 94 |
| !Karas | 77 421 | 85 759 | 50.9 | 49.1 | 50.5 | 49.5 | 104 | 102 |
| Erongo | 150 809 | 182 402 | 52.9 | 47.1 | 52.9 | 47.1 | 112 | 112 |
| Hardap | 79 507 | 87 186 | 51.0 | 49.0 | 51.3 | 48.7 | 104 | 105 |
| Kavango East | 136 823 | 148 466 | 46.7 | 53.3 | 46.5 | 53.5 | 88 | 87 |
| Kavango West | 86 529 | 89 313 | 47.2 | 52.8 | 47.3 | 52.7 | 90 | 90 |
| Khomas | 342 141 | 415 780 | 49.6 | 50.4 | 49.6 | 50.4 | 98 | 98 |
| Kunene | 86 856 | 97 865 | 50.2 | 49.8 | 50.7 | 49.3 | 101 | 103 |
| Ohangwena | 245 446 | 255 510 | 45.7 | 54.3 | 46.2 | 53.8 | 84 | 86 |
| Omaheke | 71 233 | 74 629 | 52.2 | 47.8 | 52.8 | 47.2 | 109 | 112 |
| Omusati | 243 166 | 249 885 | 45.0 | 55.0 | 45.1 | 54.9 | 82 | 82 |
| Oshana | 176 674 | 189 237 | 45.3 | 54.7 | 45.4 | 54.6 | 83 | 83 |
| Oshikoto | 181 973 | 195 165 | 47.8 | 52.2 | 48.2 | 51.8 | 92 | 93 |
| Otjozondjupa | 143 903 | 154 342 | 51.4 | 48.6 | 51.5 | 48.5 | 106 | 106 |
| Zambezi | 90 596 | 98 849 | 48.7 | 51.3 | 49.0 | 51.0 | 95 | 96 |

2.3 Age group structure

The age distribution of the population by broad age groups and area is presented in Table 2.3.1. Namibia has a relatively young population, with close to 36.4 percent of the total population being less than 15 years of age. The share of young people below the age of 15 years in rural areas was higher than in urban with 41.7 and 30.6 percent, respectively. Likewise, the proportion of elderly population that is persons aged of 60 years and above in rural areas was twice as high as the elderly population in urban areas with 8.3 percent compared to 4.1 percent. This was an indication that rural areas is more characterised by elderly persons compare to urban areas. The situation was however different when it comes to the working age population which made up 65.3 percent of the population in urban areas compare to only 50 percent in rural areas. This situation can be attributed to the consequence of migration of working age population to urban areas.

Table 2.3.1 Percent distribution by broad age group and area

| Area | Total | Age group | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|-----|
| | | 0 - 4 | 5 - 14 | 15 - 59 | 60+ |
| Namibia | 2 324 388 | 13.8 | 22.6 | 57.3 | 6.3 |
| Urban | 1 112 868 | 13.7 | 16.9 | 65.3 | 4.1 |
| Rural | 1 211 520 | 14.0 | 27.7 | 50.0 | 8.3 |
| !Karas | 85 759 | 14.1 | 16.6 | 63.0 | 6.3 |
| Erongo | 182 402 | 12.6 | 15.7 | 66.9 | 4.8 |
| Hardap | 87 186 | 14.5 | 18.5 | 59.1 | 7.9 |
| Kavango East | 148 466 | 14.6 | 26.8 | 52.7 | 5.8 |
| Kavango West | 89 313 | 13.3 | 33.2 | 47.2 | 6.3 |
| Khomas | 415 780 | 13.3 | 15.6 | 67.8 | 3.3 |
| Kunene | 97 865 | 18.4 | 23.8 | 51.1 | 6.6 |
| Ohangwena | 255 510 | 13.7 | 29.5 | 49.1 | 7.6 |
| Omaheke | 74 629 | 20.1 | 19.4 | 54.1 | 6.4 |
| Omusati | 249 885 | 12.4 | 26.8 | 50.8 | 9.9 |
| Oshana | 189 237 | 13.5 | 20.7 | 59.2 | 6.6 |
| Oshikoto | 195 165 | 12.3 | 26.4 | 53.7 | 7.6 |
| Otjozondjupa | 154 342 | 15.4 | 22.3 | 56.3 | 6.0 |
| Zambezi | 98 849 | 12.9 | 26.0 | 56.3 | 4.8 |

Table 2.3.2 present the population distribution of youth (15–34 years) by age group and area. Among the youth in Namibia 28.4 percent were in the age group of 15 – 19 years of age. This is characterised by 37.5 percent of the youth in this age category who resides in rural areas as compared to 20.4 percent in urban areas. Overall the urban areas was dominated by youth in older ages 25 to 34 years who made up 55.5 percent of the total population. At the regional level, northern regions of Kavango West, Kavango East, Ohangwena, Omusati Oshikoto and Zambezi region had the largest proportions of youth in younger age groups of 15 – 24 years. On the other hand Erongo regions had the highest proportions of over 60 percent of youth in older ages of 25 to 34 years.

Table 2.3.2 Percent distribution by youth age group and area

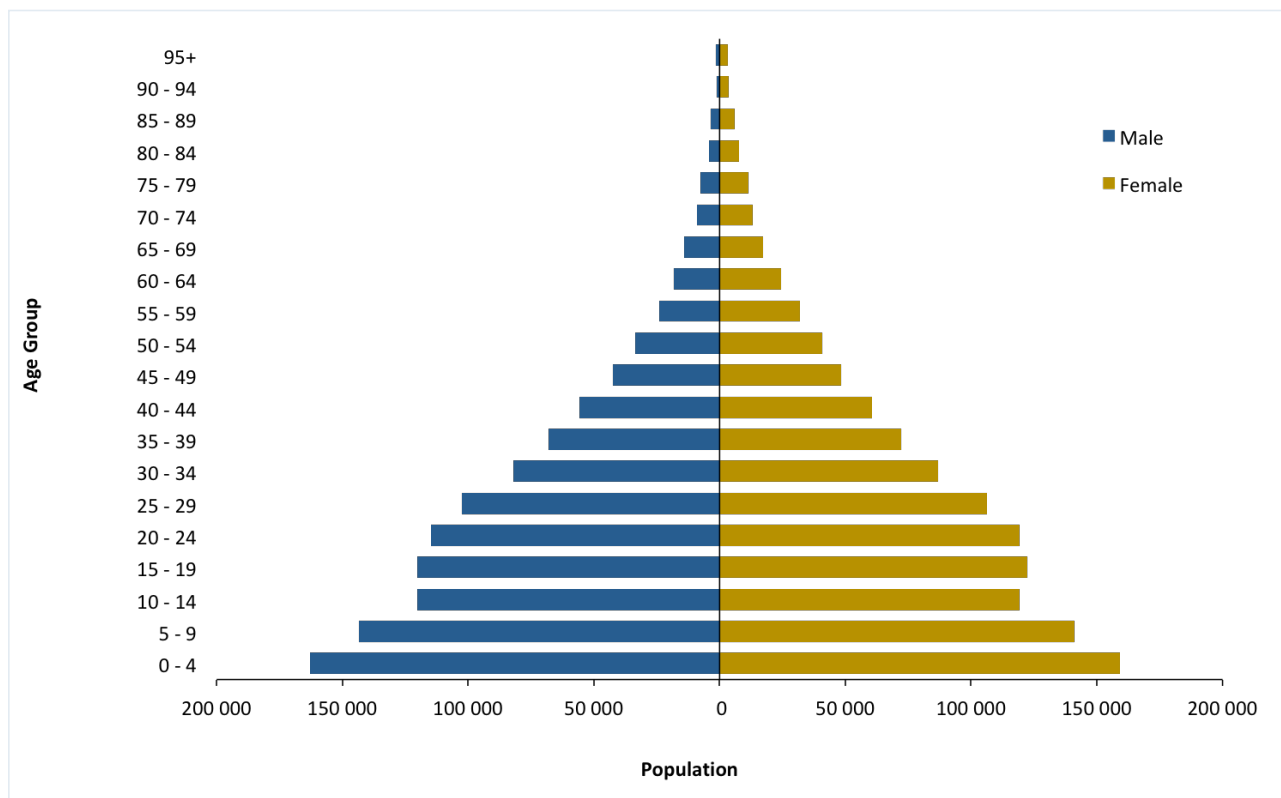
| Area | Total | Age group | | | |
|--------------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | 15 - 19 | 20 - 24 | 25 - 29 | 30 - 34 |
| Namibia | 854 567 | 28.4 | 27.4 | 24.4 | 19.8 |
| Urban | 454 833 | 20.4 | 24.1 | 30.2 | 25.3 |
| Rural | 399 734 | 37.5 | 31.2 | 17.9 | 13.4 |
| !Karas | 30 371 | 19.1 | 25.8 | 29.7 | 25.4 |
| Erongo | 69 825 | 17.7 | 21.6 | 32.1 | 28.6 |
| Hardap | 30 139 | 21.5 | 26.5 | 28.6 | 23.4 |
| Kavango East | 55 820 | 33.1 | 28.2 | 21.9 | 16.8 |
| Kavango West | 28 981 | 38.2 | 32.5 | 19.3 | 10.0 |
| Khomas | 177 398 | 17.5 | 25.9 | 31.3 | 25.3 |
| Kunene | 31 678 | 27.0 | 24.7 | 28.2 | 20.1 |
| Ohangwena | 89 338 | 43.4 | 29.2 | 15.4 | 12.1 |
| Omaheke | 23 621 | 24.0 | 32.3 | 23.8 | 19.9 |
| Omusati | 85 289 | 41.5 | 30.7 | 14.4 | 13.5 |
| Oshana | 74 369 | 26.5 | 29.8 | 24.7 | 19.0 |
| Oshikoto | 68 733 | 34.4 | 27.6 | 22.7 | 15.3 |
| Otjozondjupa | 52 222 | 26.0 | 25.5 | 25.2 | 23.3 |
| Zambezi | 36 783 | 33.7 | 26.9 | 21.0 | 18.4 |

2.4 Age and sex pyramids

Age-sex pyramids, which are pyramids of the distribution of the population by age and sex provides an illustration of important demographic characteristics of any population.

The national population pyramid presented in Figure 2.4.1 shows a very broad base illustrating young people and a very narrow apex representing a small proportion of elderly people who are aged 60 years and older. Therefore Namibia can be characterised as having a youthful population. Such shapes are a typical reflection of population that are characterised by high fertility and mortality rates. Furthermore, the pyramid shows that the share of female population was larger than that of males in older age groups.

Figure 2.4.1 National Population pyramid



There are significant differences in the age structure between urban and rural areas as observed in the pyramids presented in Figures 2.4.2 and 2.4.3 respectively. The Urban pyramid is bulky in the middle relatively a narrow apex indicating that urban areas have a larger proportion of working-age population (15-59 years) and a much smaller proportion of the elderly people. The pyramid for the rural areas shows the opposite. It has relatively a broader base and apex which compared to the urban pyramid was a reflection of a relatively higher proportions of both the young and old populations in that area. This situation also reflects a selective of working age migration from rural to urban areas and vice versa for older persons.

Figure 2.4.2 Urban Population pyramid

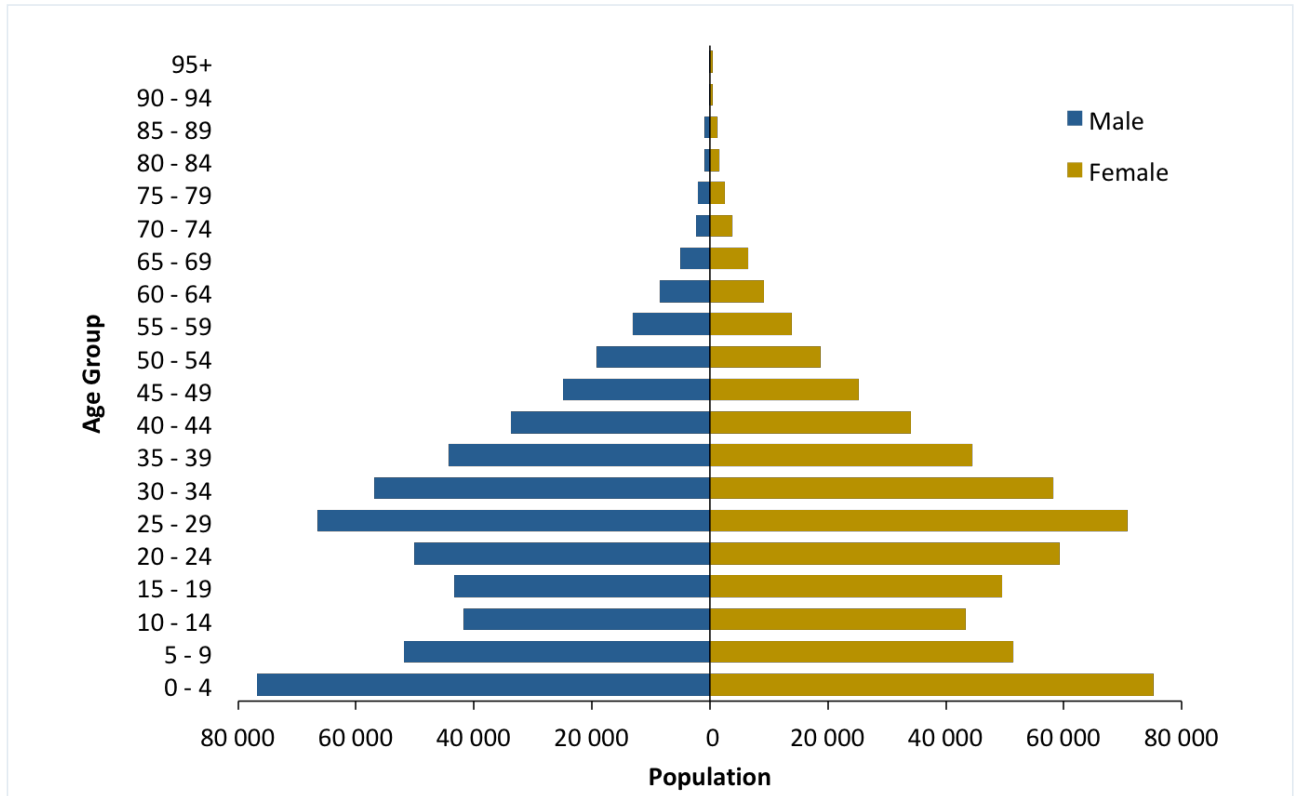
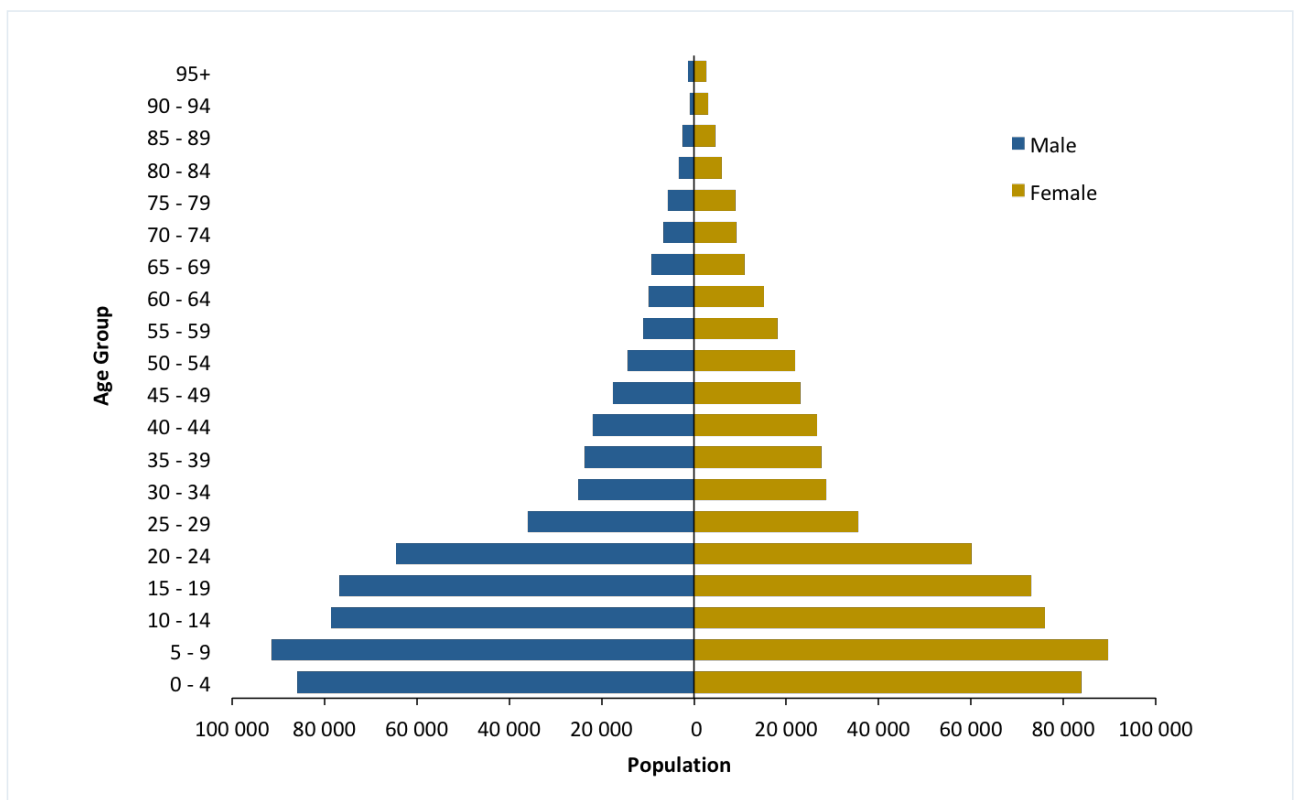


Figure 2.4.3 Rural Population pyramid



2.5 Population growth

Table 2.5.1 provides the distribution of the annual population growth rates between 2011 and 2016 by area. Generally the population of Namibia has been growing steadily and the table shows an annual population growth rate of 1.9 percent between 2011 and 2016. The annual growth rate for urban areas was 4.2 percent, which is much higher than the national growth rate. There was however, no growth recorded in rural areas due to high rural to urban migration.

The highest growth rates were recorded for Khomas with 3.9 percent and Erongo with 3.8 percent. The regions of Omusati (0.5%) and Kavango West (0.6%) have the lowest growth rates across the regions.

Table 2.5.1 Population growth rate (2011 - 2016) by area

| Area | Population 2011 | Population 2016 | Annual growth rate (2011 - 2016) |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| Namibia | 2 113 077 | 2 324 388 | 1.9 |
| Urban | 903 434 | 1 112 868 | 4.2 |
| Rural | 1 209 643 | 1 211 520 | 0.0 |
| !Karas | 77 421 | 85 759 | 2.0 |
| Erongo | 150 809 | 182 402 | 3.8 |
| Hardap | 79 507 | 87 186 | 1.8 |
| Kavango East | 136 823 | 148 466 | 1.6 |
| Kavango West | 86 529 | 89 313 | 0.6 |
| Khomas | 342 141 | 415 780 | 3.9 |
| Kunene | 86 856 | 97 865 | 2.4 |
| Ohangwena | 245 446 | 255 510 | 0.8 |
| Omaheke | 71 233 | 74 629 | 0.9 |
| Omusati | 243 166 | 249 885 | 0.5 |
| Oshana | 176 674 | 189 237 | 1.4 |
| Oshikoto | 181 973 | 195 165 | 1.4 |
| Otjozondjupa | 143 903 | 154 342 | 1.4 |
| Zambezi | 90 596 | 98 849 | 1.7 |

2.6 Population Density

Population density is the average number of people per square kilometre. Thus, it shows the relationship between a given population to the size of the land area they are occupying. Population densities calculated for all regions are presented in Table 2.6.

From the Table 2.6.1 the population density for Namibia has grown from 2.6 to 2.8 persons per square kilometre in 2016. This was expected due to population growth.

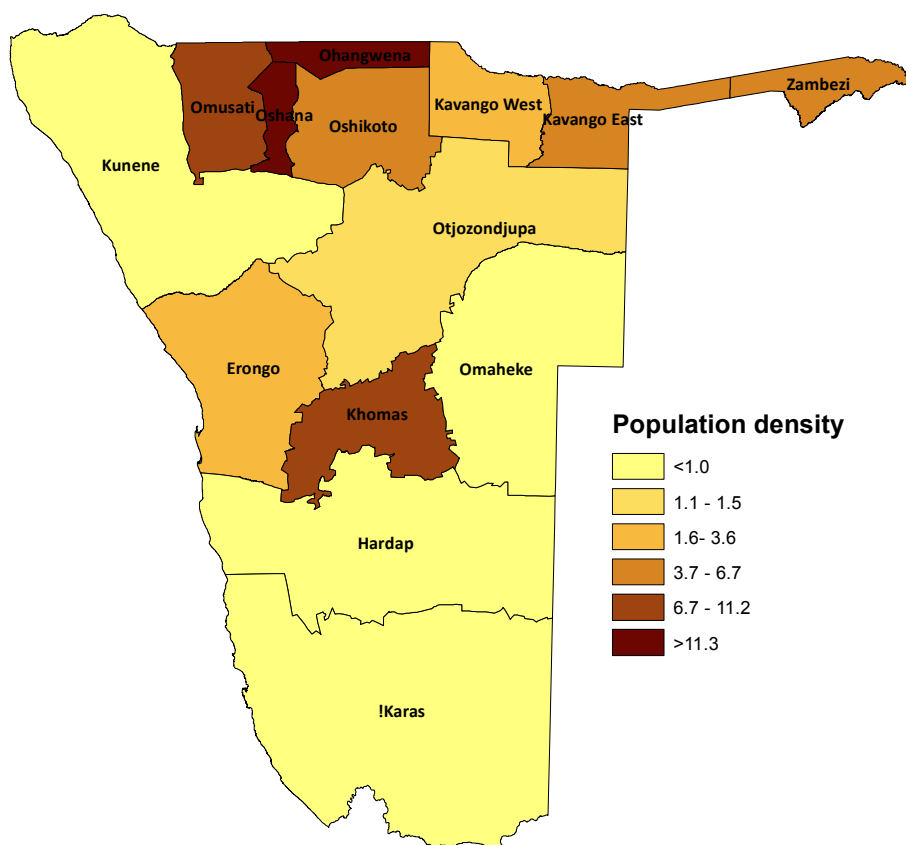
At regional level, Oshana and Ohangwena were the most densely populated regions with 23.9 and 21.9 persons per square kilometre, followed by Khomas with 11.3 persons per square kilometres. On the other hand, !Karas region was the least densely populated region with a density of 0.5 persons per square kilometre followed by Hardap and Kunene each with 0.8 persons per square kilometre. Omaheke also recorded a lesser density of 0.9 persons per square kilometre.

Table 2.6.1 Population density by survey years and area

| Area | Area in Km ² | 2011 Population | 2016 Population | 2011 Persons per Km ² | 2016 Persons per Km ² |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Namibia | 825 229 | 2 113 077 | 2 324 388 | 2.6 | 2.8 |
| !Karas | 161 395 | 77 421 | 85 759 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Erongo | 63 639 | 150 809 | 182 402 | 2.4 | 2.9 |
| Hardap | 109 713 | 79 507 | 87 186 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Kavango East | 23 987 | 136 823 | 148 466 | 5.7 | 6.2 |
| Kavango West | 24 592 | 86 529 | 89 313 | 3.5 | 3.6 |
| Khomas | 36 949 | 342 141 | 415 780 | 9.3 | 11.3 |
| Kunene | 115 616 | 86 856 | 97 865 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Ohangwena | 10 709 | 245 446 | 255 510 | 22.9 | 23.9 |
| Omaheke | 84 742 | 71 233 | 74 629 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| Omusati | 26 600 | 243 166 | 249 885 | 9.1 | 9.4 |
| Oshana | 8 656 | 176 674 | 189 237 | 20.4 | 21.9 |
| Oshikoto | 38 673 | 181 973 | 195 165 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| Otjozondjupa | 105 295 | 143 903 | 154 342 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| Zambezi | 14 663 | 90 596 | 98 849 | 6.2 | 6.7 |

Note: The population density for 2011 was adjusted using the correct area size

Figure 2.4.4 Population density by area



2.7 Marital status

All persons aged 8 years and above were asked to state their marital status in one of the following categories: never married, married with certificate, married traditionally, consensual union, widowed, divorced, and separated. For international comparisons the analysis focused only on the population aged 15 years and above although we acknowledge that there could be cases of child marriage in Namibia.

Table 2.7.1 indicates that 63.5 percent of the population aged 15 years and older were never married at the time of the survey. Slightly over 22 percent were either married with certificates or married traditionally. The table further reveals that a higher proportion of males (66.5%) than females (60.9%) were never married. Approximately 9 percent of the couples were in consensual unions. Furthermore there were relatively more females who were divorced, widowed or separated than males

Table 2.7.1 Population aged 15 years and above by marital status and sex

| Marital Status | Population | | | Percent | | |
|--------------------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Total | 1 478 193 | 703 139 | 775 054 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Never Married | 939 310 | 467 658 | 471 651 | 63.5 | 66.5 | 60.9 |
| Married with Certificate | 243 137 | 117 924 | 125 213 | 16.4 | 16.8 | 16.2 |
| Married traditionally | 87 515 | 41 215 | 46 300 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 6.0 |
| Consensual Union | 131 239 | 62 789 | 68 450 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 8.8 |
| Widowed | 51 154 | 5 434 | 45 720 | 3.5 | 0.8 | 5.9 |
| Divorced | 15 115 | 4 909 | 10 206 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| Separated | 9 713 | 2 636 | 7 077 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.9 |
| Don` t Know | 1 010 | 574 | 436 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

2.8 Citizenship

The survey asked all people to state their country of citizenship, from which the number of Namibians and non-Namibians was computed and the resulting outcome reported in Table 2.8.1. The largest part of the population (97%) were Namibians. The table further indicates that amongst the non-Namibians enumerated, men (3.5%) were more than women (2.6%).

Table 2.8.1 Population by citizenship and sex

| Citizenship | Population | | | Percent | | |
|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------|------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Total | 2 324 388 | 1 129 754 | 1 194 634 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Namibian | 2 253 833 | 1 089 844 | 1 163 988 | 97.0 | 96.5 | 97.4 |
| Non - Namibian | 70 373 | 39 821 | 30 552 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 2.6 |
| Not stated | 182 | 89 | 93 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Table 2.8.2 below presents the distribution of non-Namibians by selected countries of origin. The presented countries are only those countries of origin from which citizens constitute a substantial share of the total non-Namibian population.

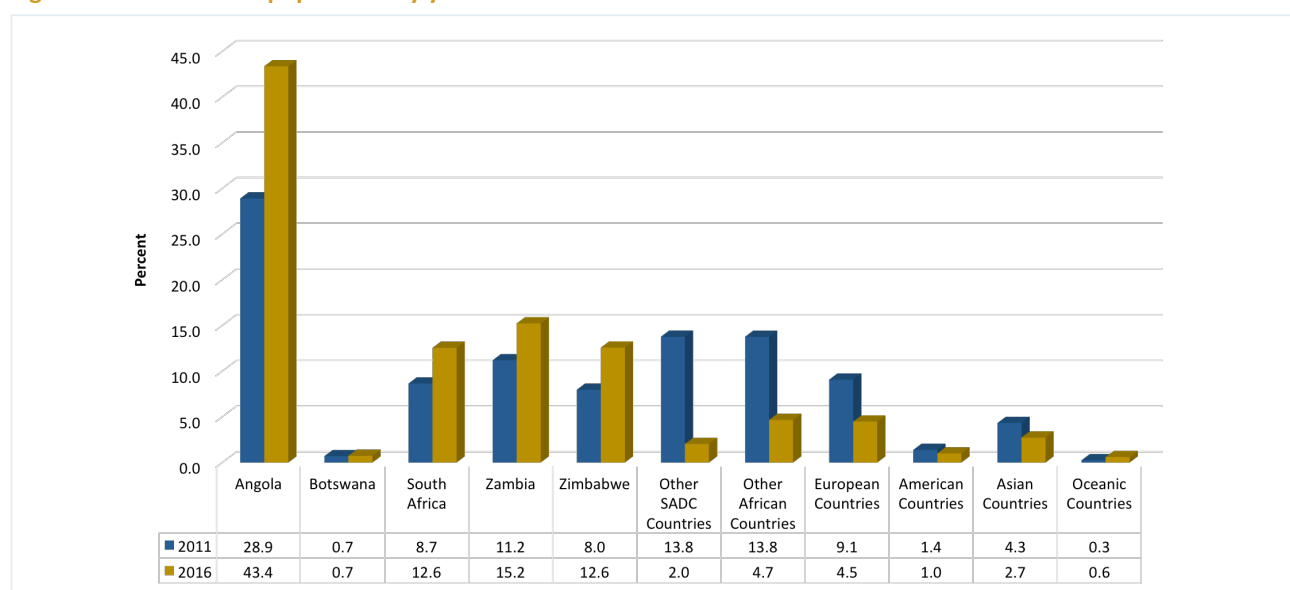
Angolan nationals represented the highest proportion of foreigners residing in Namibia with 43.4 percent of which the majority were females (44.6%) than males (42.4%). This was followed by Zambians who made up 15.2 percent followed by Zimbabweans and South Africans who each constituted of 12.6 percent of foreign nationals in Namibia.

Table 2.8.2 Non-citizens population by sex

| Citizenship | Population | | | Percent | | |
|-------------------------|------------|--------|--------|---------|-------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Total | 70 373 | 39 821 | 30 552 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Angola | 30 521 | 16 883 | 13 638 | 43.4 | 42.4 | 44.6 |
| Botswana | 521 | 116 | 405 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 1.3 |
| South Africa | 8 839 | 4 694 | 4 145 | 12.6 | 11.8 | 13.6 |
| Zambia | 10 716 | 6 542 | 4 174 | 15.2 | 16.4 | 13.7 |
| Zimbabwe | 8 851 | 5 262 | 3 589 | 12.6 | 13.2 | 11.7 |
| Other SADC Countries | 1 433 | 936 | 497 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 1.6 |
| Other African Countries | 3 285 | 1 693 | 1 592 | 4.7 | 4.3 | 5.2 |
| European Countries | 3 155 | 1 468 | 1 687 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 5.5 |
| American Countries | 702 | 422 | 280 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 |
| Asian Countries | 1 925 | 1 640 | 286 | 2.7 | 4.1 | 0.9 |
| Oceanic Countries | 425 | 165 | 260 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.9 |

Figure 2.8 below shows the distribution of non-Namibians by selected countries of origin between 2011 and 2016. Angolan nationals presented the highest proportion of foreigners in Namibia with a very high increase from 2011 to 2016. The same trends was observed with the South Africans, Zambians and Zimbabweans. However, the proportion of other African, European, American and Asian countries have decreased between 2011 and 2016.

Figure 2.8 Non-citizens population by year



2.9 Birth Registration

Information on whether the respondent was in possession of a Namibian birth registration certificate or not was collected during the survey. Birth certificates provide proof of identity and it is essential to obtain national identity card as it facilitates accessing of social services, such as social grants and educational services.

The result presented in Table 2.9.1 shows that a significant proportion, 87.8 percent of the population had Namibian birth certificates while 1.5 percent had other Non-Namibian birth certificates. In contrast, the result further indicates that 10.4 percent of the population are without birth certificates. Similar results is reflected at both urban/rural and across regional divide. In particular, at regional level, the highest proportions of people with birth certificates was in !Karas, (96.2%), Erongo (93%), Hardap (92.4%) and Khomas (91.3%). The result further showed that the Kavango West region had the highest percentage of the population without birth certificates (32.2 percent) followed by Kavango East with 19.9 percent and Zambezi region with 17.2 percent respectively.

Table 2.9.1 Status of having a birth certificate by area

| Area | Population | With Namibian Birth Certificate | With Non-Namibian Birth Certificate | Without Birth Certificate | Don't Know |
|--------------|------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Namibia | 2 324 388 | 87.8 | 1.5 | 10.4 | 0.3 |
| Urban | 1 112 868 | 91.4 | 2.1 | 6.2 | 0.3 |
| Rural | 1 211 520 | 84.6 | 0.9 | 14.2 | 0.3 |
| !Karas | 85 759 | 96.2 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 0.0 |
| Erongo | 182 402 | 93.0 | 2.1 | 4.6 | 0.2 |
| Hardap | 87 186 | 92.4 | 0.4 | 6.6 | 0.6 |
| Kavango East | 148 466 | 79.5 | 0.2 | 19.9 | 0.4 |
| Kavango West | 89 313 | 67.3 | 0.3 | 32.2 | 0.2 |
| Khomas | 415 780 | 91.3 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 0.2 |
| Kunene | 97 865 | 90.7 | 0.2 | 8.7 | 0.4 |
| Ohangwena | 255 510 | 84.9 | 0.8 | 14.0 | 0.3 |
| Omaheke | 74 629 | 89.5 | 0.9 | 8.9 | 0.7 |
| Omusati | 249 885 | 86.2 | 0.8 | 12.6 | 0.3 |
| Oshana | 189 237 | 92.7 | 0.9 | 6.1 | 0.2 |
| Oshikoto | 195 165 | 86.9 | 0.6 | 12.3 | 0.3 |
| Otjozondjupa | 154 342 | 90.9 | 0.7 | 8.1 | 0.3 |
| Zambezi | 98 849 | 78.3 | 4.2 | 17.2 | 0.2 |

Table 2.9.2 shows the status of having a birth certificate for population aged 0-5 years. It is observed from the table that 77.6 percent of the population aged 0-5 had Namibian birth certificates, while 21.4 percent were without a Namibian birth certificate. Those with the non-Namibian birth certificates accounts for less than 1 percent.

Table 2.9.2 Population aged 0-5 years by status of having a birth certificate and area

| Area | Total | Yes, Namibian | Yes, Non Namibian | No | Don't Know |
|--------------|---------|---------------|-------------------|------|------------|
| Total | 388 178 | 77.6 | 0.5 | 21.4 | 0.5 |
| Urban | 175 305 | 84.4 | 1.0 | 14.5 | 0.1 |
| Rural | 212 874 | 71.9 | 0.2 | 27.1 | 0.9 |
| !Karas | 13 924 | 95.4 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 0.0 |
| Erongo | 26 057 | 90.1 | 0.3 | 9.6 | 0.0 |
| Hardap | 15 603 | 83.9 | 0.0 | 16.1 | 0.0 |
| Kavango East | 26 316 | 58.1 | 0.2 | 41.0 | 0.7 |
| Kavango West | 15 468 | 44.9 | 0.0 | 54.9 | 0.3 |
| Khomas | 63 961 | 87.9 | 2.0 | 10.0 | 0.0 |
| Kunene | 21 522 | 83.0 | 0.0 | 16.4 | 0.7 |
| Ohangwena | 44 472 | 71.5 | 0.3 | 27.6 | 0.7 |
| Omaheke | 17 674 | 79.8 | 0.1 | 18.1 | 2.0 |
| Omusati | 37 896 | 74.9 | 0.1 | 23.6 | 1.3 |
| Oshana | 30 826 | 83.3 | 0.7 | 15.9 | 0.0 |
| Oshikoto | 30 427 | 71.6 | 0.1 | 27.4 | 0.8 |
| Otjozondjupa | 28 197 | 80.7 | 0.0 | 18.6 | 0.7 |
| Zambezi | 15 835 | 65.5 | 1.1 | 33.1 | 0.4 |

2.10 National Identification Document

The Survey asked people aged 16 years and above to state whether they were in possession of national Identification Document (ID). National Identification documents are issued to Namibian citizens or permanent residence permit holders who are 16 years or older. The ID card serves as a legal form of identity for a person to identify her/himself and is important to access national services and facilities when dealing with public and private institutions.

The result presented in Table 2.10.1 shows that a significant proportion (82.9%) of the population had Namibian ID, with the urban areas having the highest proportion of 88.9 percent compared to 76.2 percent in rural areas. At regional level, the highest proportions of people with Namibian ID were in !Karas with 93.1 percent and Erongo with 91.3 percent. In contrast, Kavango West (31.8%), Zambezi (24.9%) and Kavango East (22.1%) were the regions with the highest percentage of the population without Namibian ID's.

Table 2.10.1 Population aged 16 years and above by national ID status and area

| Area | Total | With Namibian ID | With South West African ID | Without ID | Don't Know | Not stated |
|--------------|-----------|------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Namibia | 1 427 395 | 82.9 | 0.8 | 12.8 | 0.1 | 3.4 |
| Urban | 754 224 | 88.9 | 0.5 | 7.9 | 0.1 | 2.5 |
| Rural | 673 171 | 76.2 | 1.1 | 18.2 | 0.2 | 4.4 |
| !Karas | 58 374 | 93.1 | 0.3 | 4.6 | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| Erongo | 128 276 | 91.3 | 0.4 | 6.0 | 0.1 | 2.2 |
| Hardap | 57 493 | 87.7 | 0.8 | 8.7 | 0.1 | 2.8 |
| Kavango East | 83 387 | 72.1 | 1.7 | 22.1 | 0.3 | 3.8 |
| Kavango West | 45 613 | 62.3 | 1.8 | 31.8 | 0.3 | 3.9 |
| Khomas | 290 098 | 89.8 | 0.6 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 2.1 |
| Kunene | 54 448 | 84.6 | 0.3 | 11.8 | 0.2 | 3.2 |
| Ohangwena | 135 908 | 75.3 | 0.8 | 18.4 | 0.2 | 5.3 |
| Omaheke | 44 306 | 85.3 | 0.7 | 11.3 | 0.1 | 2.6 |
| Omusati | 144 041 | 76.0 | 0.8 | 17.5 | 0.1 | 5.6 |
| Oshana | 120 134 | 87.9 | 0.5 | 8.3 | 0.3 | 3.0 |
| Oshikoto | 114 461 | 79.5 | 1.2 | 14.8 | 0.2 | 4.3 |
| Otjozondjupa | 93 485 | 85.9 | 0.8 | 10.4 | 0.2 | 2.8 |
| Zambezi | 57 372 | 69.7 | 0.7 | 24.9 | 0.1 | 4.5 |

With respect to the age classifications, Table 2.10.2 presents the distribution of national ID status among the age groups. It is worth noting that only a smaller proportion (41.3%) of the youth aged 16 to 19 years had national identity cards as compared to 33 percent who had no identity cards. Furthermore, there are still a notable proportion amongst the population in the age group from 40 to 44 years and above who are still in position of the old South West Africa (SWA) ID cards.

Table 2.10.2 Population aged 16 years and above by national ID status and age group

| Age group | Population | With Namibian ID | With South West African ID | Without ID | Don't Know | Not stated |
|-----------|------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total | 1 427 395 | 82.9 | 0.8 | 12.8 | 0.1 | 3.4 |
| 16 - 19 | 192 021 | 41.3 | 0.0 | 33.0 | 0.3 | 25.4 |
| 20 - 24 | 234 097 | 82.6 | 0.0 | 17.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| 25 - 29 | 208 797 | 90.1 | 0.0 | 9.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| 30 - 34 | 168 854 | 90.4 | 0.0 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 35 - 39 | 140 133 | 90.8 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 40 - 44 | 116 501 | 92.2 | 0.3 | 7.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 45 - 49 | 90 798 | 91.3 | 1.7 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| 50 - 54 | 74 259 | 91.0 | 3.4 | 5.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 55 - 59 | 56 074 | 91.9 | 2.8 | 5.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 60 - 64 | 42 602 | 92.4 | 2.3 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 65 - 69 | 31 485 | 92.2 | 1.7 | 5.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| 70 - 74 | 22 204 | 91.0 | 2.8 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 75 - 79 | 19 178 | 92.9 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 80 - 84 | 11 867 | 91.3 | 3.5 | 5.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 85 - 89 | 9 301 | 89.3 | 6.6 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 90 - 94 | 4 682 | 83.3 | 11.3 | 4.4 | 1.0 | 0.0 |
| 95+ | 4 542 | 82.8 | 10.7 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Chapter 3: Population Characteristics

This chapter deals with characteristics of the population and the sub-topics discussed includes: Disability, Orphan-hood, Information Communication Technology (ICT) and health facilities.



3.1 Disability

Disability means physical, psycho-social or sensory impairment that alone or in combination with social and environmental barriers, affects the ability of a person concerned to take part in education, vocational or recreational activities (National Disability Policy, 1997).

For the purpose of this survey, long term is defined as a condition lasting for more than six months, however, obvious disabilities such as legs and arms amputations, were recorded even if they happened within less than six months.

Seven types of disability were identified for this purpose: hearing impairment, visual impairment, speech impairment, physical impairment of lower and upper limbs, mental disability and albinism. It is important to mention that the survey collected information on albinism in order to identify these groups of people for the formulation of special programmes and policies targeting this special group.

Although disability is manifested in any form that can be categorised as either mild or profound (severe) it is important to note that the survey collected all the disabilities as per the definition above regardless of their seriousness.

The result presented in Table 3.1.1 reveals that 4.7 percent of the total population were persons with disabilities comprising of 4.8 percent males and 4.6 females. The proportion of persons with disabilities was higher in rural (6.0%) than in urban (3.3%) areas. Regional figures show that Kavango West (7.6%) and Ohangwena (6.8%) recorded the highest proportions of persons with disabilities, while Khomas region (2.3%) recorded the lowest number of persons with disabilities.

Table 3.1.1 Population with disability by sex and area

| Area | Population | | | With Disabilities | | | Percent | | |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|--------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Namibia | 2 324 388 | 1 129 754 | 1 194 634 | 108 992 | 54 102 | 54 890 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| Urban | 1 112 868 | 542 893 | 569 975 | 36 404 | 18 247 | 18 156 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.2 |
| Rural | 1 211 520 | 586 861 | 624 659 | 72 588 | 35 855 | 36 733 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 5.9 |
| !Karas | 85 759 | 43 270 | 42 489 | 3 006 | 1 541 | 1 465 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| Erongo | 182 402 | 96 524 | 85 878 | 4 955 | 2 769 | 2 186 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.5 |
| Hardap | 87 186 | 44 715 | 42 471 | 2 319 | 1 158 | 1 161 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Kavango East | 148 466 | 69 102 | 79 364 | 8 837 | 4 070 | 4 767 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.0 |
| Kavango West | 89 313 | 42 220 | 47 093 | 6 807 | 3 536 | 3 271 | 7.6 | 8.4 | 6.9 |
| Khomas | 415 780 | 206 090 | 209 690 | 9 670 | 5 638 | 4 032 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 1.9 |
| Kunene | 97 865 | 49 596 | 48 269 | 4 742 | 2 794 | 1 949 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 4.0 |
| Ohangwena | 255 510 | 117 944 | 137 566 | 17 497 | 8 274 | 9 222 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 6.7 |
| Omaheke | 74 629 | 39 382 | 35 247 | 3 287 | 1 912 | 1 375 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 3.9 |
| Omusati | 249 885 | 112 812 | 137 073 | 14 950 | 6 214 | 8 736 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 6.4 |
| Oshana | 189 237 | 85 995 | 103 242 | 11 587 | 5 209 | 6 378 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.2 |
| Oshikoto | 195 165 | 94 100 | 101 065 | 10 681 | 5 542 | 5 139 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 5.1 |
| Otjozondjupa | 154 342 | 79 561 | 74 781 | 6 629 | 3 455 | 3 174 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.2 |
| Zambezi | 98 849 | 48 443 | 50 406 | 4 024 | 1 990 | 2 033 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 4.0 |

Table 3.1.2 shows that visual impairment was the most common type of disability affecting 29.3 percent of persons with disabilities. Similarly, Physical Impairment of Lower Limbs (26.4%) and Upper limbs (20.6%) were the second and third most sited type of disability.

Table 3.1.2 Population with disability by type and sex

| Disability type | Number | | | Percent | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Total (1) | 108 992 | 54 102 | 54 890 | | | |
| Hearing impairment | 17 454 | 7 686 | 9 768 | 16.0 | 14.2 | 17.8 |
| Visual impairment | 31 968 | 14 047 | 17 920 | 29.3 | 26.0 | 32.6 |
| Speech impairment | 7 488 | 4 285 | 3 204 | 6.9 | 7.9 | 5.8 |
| Physical impairment - upper limb | 22 450 | 12 266 | 10 184 | 20.6 | 22.7 | 18.6 |
| Physical impairment - lower limb | 28 745 | 15 232 | 13 513 | 26.4 | 28.2 | 24.6 |
| Mental disability | 16 609 | 8 456 | 8 153 | 15.2 | 15.6 | 14.9 |
| Albinism | 822 | 419 | 403 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| Other (2) | 820 | 414 | 406 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| Don't Know | 706 | 396 | 310 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 |

Note: (1). Total is the number of person with disability hence this is not the total in the column as some people have multiple disabilities
(2). Other includes person with multiple disabilities not listed such as paralyzed etc...

Table 3.1.3 shows that at a national level, visual impairment was the most common type of disability reported, affecting 29.3 percent of persons with disabilities. Urban and rural areas had a similar pattern, where visual impairment affected 32.2 and 27.4 percent respectively. At regional level, most of the regions recorded visual impairment as the most type of disability.

Table 3.1.3 Population with disability by type and area

| Area | Total* | Hearing impairment | Visual impairment | Speech impairment | Physical impairment - upper limb | Physical impairment - lower limb | Mental disability | Albinism | Other | Don't Know |
|--------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------|-------|------------|
| Namibia | 108 992 | 16.0 | 29.3 | 6.9 | 20.6 | 26.4 | 15.2 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Urban | 36 404 | 16.2 | 33.2 | 7.1 | 19.2 | 27.0 | 9.2 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| Rural | 72 588 | 15.9 | 27.4 | 6.7 | 21.3 | 26.1 | 18.2 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| !Karas | 3 006 | 18.9 | 37.8 | 10.1 | 12.0 | 20.0 | 18.2 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 |
| Erongo | 4 955 | 16.8 | 35.9 | 5.7 | 16.4 | 28.5 | 8.2 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| Hardap | 2 319 | 13.5 | 32.5 | 10.7 | 9.4 | 29.6 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 3.4 |
| Kavango East | 8 837 | 14.4 | 30.7 | 4.8 | 22.7 | 22.5 | 15.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Kavango West | 6 807 | 15.2 | 26.3 | 6.0 | 22.9 | 23.7 | 13.6 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| Khomas | 9 670 | 19.5 | 33.6 | 11.3 | 21.6 | 21.6 | 7.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.0 |
| Kunene | 4 742 | 9.8 | 25.8 | 10.1 | 20.6 | 39.7 | 12.6 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Ohangwena | 17 497 | 18.2 | 25.5 | 5.3 | 25.3 | 25.6 | 18.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Omaheke | 3 287 | 10.9 | 30.4 | 13.1 | 25.4 | 25.6 | 20.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Omusati | 14 950 | 18.7 | 29.5 | 8.0 | 13.8 | 20.2 | 21.8 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.4 |
| Oshana | 11 587 | 15.5 | 31.9 | 6.9 | 20.3 | 30.3 | 13.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Oshikoto | 10 681 | 11.7 | 20.5 | 3.6 | 22.1 | 38.8 | 16.1 | 0.5 | 3.1 | 0.6 |
| Otjozondjupa | 6 629 | 12.8 | 38.8 | 3.4 | 22.7 | 27.4 | 14.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| Zambezi | 4 024 | 21.4 | 24.5 | 7.0 | 22.3 | 16.7 | 14.4 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 |

Note: Total* is the number of person with disabilities, hence this is not the total in the column as some persons have multiple disabilities

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With respect to multiple disabilities, Table 3.1.4 shows that 86.3 percent of persons with disability, were affected by one type of disabilities. Similarly, 10.8 percent were affected by two disability types, while 2.9 percent were affected by three types of disabilities.

Table 3.1.4 Population with multiple disabilities by area

| Area | Total | With one Disability | With two Disability | With three Disability |
|--------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Namibia | 108 992 | 86.3 | 10.8 | 2.9 |
| Urban | 36 404 | 87.9 | 9.9 | 2.3 |
| Rural | 72 588 | 85.5 | 11.3 | 3.2 |
| !Karas | 3 006 | 84.1 | 12.9 | 2.9 |
| Erongo | 4 955 | 85.5 | 13.7 | 0.8 |
| Hardap | 2 319 | 89.9 | 9.6 | 0.5 |
| Kavango East | 8 837 | 90.4 | 8.1 | 1.5 |
| Kavango West | 6 807 | 90.8 | 7.2 | 2.0 |
| Khomas | 9 670 | 87.8 | 8.0 | 4.2 |
| Kunene | 4 742 | 85.5 | 9.2 | 5.4 |
| Ohangwena | 17 497 | 83.3 | 15.1 | 1.7 |
| Omaheke | 3 287 | 82.1 | 9.5 | 8.4 |
| Omusati | 14 950 | 87.7 | 8.2 | 4.1 |
| Oshana | 11 587 | 84.0 | 13.5 | 2.5 |
| Oshikoto | 10 681 | 86.7 | 9.5 | 3.8 |
| Otjozondjupa | 6 629 | 82.2 | 14.6 | 3.2 |
| Zambezi | 4 024 | 91.3 | 8.7 | 0.0 |

Table 3.1.5 shows that about 63.6 percent of the population that were aged 15 years and above with disabilities had difficulties engaging in any economic activity of which there were no major differences between females (64.2%) and males (62.8%). A high proportions of these persons were in rural (68.9%) than in urban (53.3%) areas.

Table 3.1.5 Population aged 15 years and above with difficulties to engage in any economic activities

| Area | With Disabilities | | | Inability | | | Percent | | |
|--------------|-------------------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Namibia | 94 328 | 45 890 | 48 438 | 59 953 | 28 833 | 31 120 | 63.6 | 62.8 | 64.2 |
| Urban | 32 215 | 15 890 | 16 324 | 17 168 | 7 924 | 9 244 | 53.3 | 49.9 | 56.6 |
| Rural | 62 113 | 30 000 | 32 113 | 42 785 | 20 908 | 21 876 | 68.9 | 69.7 | 68.1 |
| !Karas | 2 597 | 1 469 | 1 128 | 1 543 | 850 | 693 | 59.4 | 57.9 | 61.4 |
| Erongo | 4 555 | 2 477 | 2 077 | 2 529 | 1 406 | 1 123 | 55.5 | 56.8 | 54.1 |
| Hardap | 1 942 | 1 028 | 914 | 1 102 | 657 | 445 | 56.7 | 63.9 | 48.7 |
| Kavango East | 7 513 | 3 373 | 4 140 | 5 302 | 2 045 | 3 257 | 70.6 | 60.7 | 78.7 |
| Kavango West | 5 517 | 2 775 | 2 742 | 4 275 | 2 172 | 2 103 | 77.5 | 78.3 | 76.7 |
| Khomas | 8 800 | 4 953 | 3 846 | 4 360 | 2 344 | 2 016 | 49.5 | 47.3 | 52.4 |
| Kunene | 3 997 | 2 376 | 1 620 | 2 460 | 1 419 | 1 041 | 61.6 | 59.7 | 64.2 |
| Ohangwena | 14 835 | 6 794 | 8 042 | 10 237 | 4 790 | 5 447 | 69.0 | 70.5 | 67.7 |
| Omaheke | 2 775 | 1 555 | 1 219 | 1 641 | 966 | 675 | 59.1 | 62.1 | 55.4 |
| Omusati | 13 148 | 5 393 | 7 755 | 9 237 | 3 842 | 5 396 | 70.3 | 71.2 | 69.6 |
| Oshana | 10 236 | 4 465 | 5 770 | 6 490 | 2 770 | 3 719 | 63.4 | 62.0 | 64.5 |
| Oshikoto | 8 790 | 4 232 | 4 558 | 5 330 | 2 893 | 2 437 | 60.6 | 68.3 | 53.5 |
| Otjozondjupa | 6 088 | 3 370 | 2 718 | 3 126 | 1 731 | 1 394 | 51.3 | 51.4 | 51.3 |
| Zambezi | 3 536 | 1 629 | 1 907 | 2 322 | 946 | 1 376 | 65.7 | 58.1 | 72.1 |

The result presented in Table 3.1.6 shows that 52.2 percent of persons aged 4 years and above had difficulties engaging in any learning activity. The majority (56.7%) of these persons are found in rural areas as oppose to urban areas (43.2%). At regional disaggregation, the result showed that Kavango West (71.3%), !Karas (62.3%) and Omusati (61.9%) regions had the highest percentage of person aged 4 years and above having difficulties in any learning activities. On the other hand the percentage where lowest in Khomas region accounting for 36.1 percent.

Table 3.1.6 Population aged 4 years and above with difficulties to engage in any learning activities

| Area | With Disabilities | | | Inability | | | Percent | | |
|--------------|-------------------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Namibia | 107 171 | 53 145 | 54 026 | 55 938 | 27 263 | 28 675 | 52.2 | 51.3 | 53.1 |
| Urban | 35 724 | 17 830 | 17 894 | 15 439 | 7 074 | 8 365 | 43.2 | 39.7 | 46.8 |
| Rural | 71 447 | 35 315 | 36 133 | 40 498 | 20 189 | 20 309 | 56.7 | 57.2 | 56.2 |
| !Karas | 2 941 | 1 541 | 1 400 | 1 850 | 853 | 997 | 62.9 | 55.3 | 71.3 |
| Erongo | 4 810 | 2 624 | 2 186 | 2 169 | 1 117 | 1 052 | 45.1 | 42.6 | 48.1 |
| Hardap | 2 271 | 1 158 | 1 112 | 978 | 480 | 498 | 43.1 | 41.4 | 44.8 |
| Kavango East | 8 573 | 3 951 | 4 622 | 5 245 | 2 391 | 2 854 | 61.2 | 60.5 | 61.8 |
| Kavango West | 6 727 | 3 484 | 3 243 | 4 798 | 2 390 | 2 407 | 71.3 | 68.6 | 74.2 |
| Khomas | 9 670 | 5 638 | 4 032 | 3 491 | 1 788 | 1 703 | 36.1 | 31.7 | 42.2 |
| Kunene | 4 575 | 2 709 | 1 866 | 1 987 | 1 094 | 892 | 43.4 | 40.4 | 47.8 |
| Ohangwena | 17 394 | 8 226 | 9 168 | 9 235 | 4 375 | 4 860 | 53.1 | 53.2 | 53.0 |
| Omaheke | 3 186 | 1 811 | 1 375 | 1 566 | 930 | 636 | 49.2 | 51.4 | 46.3 |
| Omusati | 14 645 | 6 063 | 8 582 | 9 067 | 3 982 | 5 085 | 61.9 | 65.7 | 59.3 |
| Oshana | 11 393 | 5 170 | 6 223 | 5 329 | 2 356 | 2 973 | 46.8 | 45.6 | 47.8 |
| Oshikoto | 10 334 | 5 325 | 5 010 | 5 052 | 2 758 | 2 294 | 48.9 | 51.8 | 45.8 |
| Otjozondjupa | 6 629 | 3 455 | 3 174 | 3 107 | 1 669 | 1 438 | 46.9 | 48.3 | 45.3 |
| Zambezi | 4 024 | 1 990 | 2 033 | 2 064 | 1 079 | 985 | 51.3 | 54.2 | 48.4 |

3.2 Orphan-hood

For this survey, orphan hood refers to the state of being 18 years of age and below, who is without one or both parents due to death. Although this analysis only look at orphan hood for this age group, Information on orphans was collected from all members of the households.

Table 3.2.1 reveals that 11.1 percent of all children aged 18 years and below had lost at least one parent, with only 1.4 percent indicated having lost both parents. Orphan hood was more prevalent in rural than in urban areas with 13 percent of the population in this age group being orphaned by at least one parent compared to rural areas which had 8.2 percent. At regional level, the highest levels of orphan hood was recorded in Zambezi with 16.6 percent followed by Kavango East and Ohangwena with 15.9 and 15.5 percent of children who were orphaned respectively. A slightly low levels of orphan hood were recorded in Erongo and Khomas with 6.2 and 7.8 percent respectively.

Table 3.2.1 Percent distribution of orphans aged 18 years and below by Orphan-hood status and area

| Area | Population age 18 years and below | With one parent dead | With both parent dead |
|--------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Namibia | 1 043 323 | 11.1 | 1.4 |
| Urban | 413 196 | 8.2 | 1.1 |
| Rural | 630 128 | 13.0 | 1.6 |
| !Karas | 30 942 | 8.6 | 1.6 |
| Erongo | 61 667 | 5.6 | 0.6 |
| Hardap | 33 811 | 11.0 | 1.3 |
| Kavango East | 76 569 | 13.9 | 2.0 |
| Kavango West | 50 793 | 12.9 | 1.1 |
| Khomas | 142 915 | 6.8 | 1.0 |
| Kunene | 48 322 | 13.5 | 1.3 |
| Ohangwena | 142 376 | 13.9 | 1.6 |
| Omaheke | 33 673 | 7.3 | 0.7 |
| Omusati | 128 305 | 13.0 | 1.6 |
| Oshana | 80 996 | 11.7 | 1.4 |
| Oshikoto | 95 116 | 12.5 | 1.3 |
| Otjozondjupa | 68 672 | 7.3 | 1.0 |
| Zambezi | 49 166 | 14.6 | 2.0 |

In addition, Table 3.2.2 presents a comparison of orphans with at least one parent dead between 2011 and 2016. It is evident from the table that overall at national level, there has been a decline in 2016 in the number of orphans aged 18 years and below from 2011. This result is further observed at urban/rural levels. However a different picture can be observed at regional level, where regions such as !Karas, Hardap, Kavango East, Kavango West, Kunene, Otjozondjupa and Zambezi showing an increase in the percentage of orphans in 2016. The highest increase were recorded in Kunene (2.7%), Kavango East (1.4%) and Zambezi (1.2%), whereas Khomas region has recorded no change in the percentage of orphans with at least one parent dead.

Table 3.2.2 Percent distribution of orphans aged 18 years and below by orphan with at least one parent dead and area, 2011 and 2016

| Area | Orphan with at least one parent dead 2011 | Orphan with at least one parent dead 2016 |
|--------------|--|--|
| Namibia | 150 589 | 129 920 |
| Urban | 28.6 | 29.6 |
| Rural | 71.4 | 70.4 |
| !Karas | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| Erongo | 3.2 | 3.0 |
| Hardap | 2.6 | 3.2 |
| Kavango East | 8.0 | 9.4 |
| Kavango West | 4.9 | 5.4 |
| Khomas | 8.5 | 8.5 |
| Kunene | 2.8 | 5.5 |
| Ohangwena | 18.1 | 17.0 |
| Omaheke | 2.5 | 2.1 |
| Omusati | 16.8 | 14.5 |
| Oshana | 10.2 | 8.2 |
| Oshikoto | 10.8 | 10.1 |
| Otjozondjupa | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| Zambezi | 5.1 | 6.3 |

3.3. Information Communication Technology (ICT)

This section provides valuable information on ICT which is required by institutions that deals with ICT infrastructure and regulations such as Telecommunication of Namibia, Mobile Tele Communication (MTC) and Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN), International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and Scan Information and Communication (ICT).

Information on mobile phone usage is presented in Table 3.3.1. The results show that 79.2 percent of the population aged 15 years and above owned mobile phones, with a high proportion (88.0%) in urban areas than rural areas (69.6%). At regional level, Erongo and Khomas had the highest proportion of well over 90 percent, while Kavango West was the lowest with 52.1 percent.

Table 3.3.1 Percent of population aged 15 years and above by mobile phone status in the last three months and area

| Area | Population aged 15+ | Owns a mobile phone | Neither owns nor used a mobile phone | Does not own a mobile but used one | Owns a mobile phone | Neither owns nor used a mobile phone | Does not own a mobile but used one |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Namibia | 1 478 193 | 1 171 307 | 143 689 | 163 029 | 79.2 | 9.7 | 11.0 |
| Urban | 772 262 | 679 804 | 35 609 | 56 705 | 88.0 | 4.6 | 7.3 |
| Rural | 705 931 | 491 503 | 108 079 | 106 325 | 69.6 | 15.3 | 15.1 |
| !Karas | 59 447 | 50 720 | 3 836 | 4 891 | 85.3 | 6.5 | 8.2 |
| Erongo | 130 791 | 120 219 | 3 216 | 7 357 | 91.9 | 2.5 | 5.6 |
| Hardap | 58 401 | 44 603 | 5 482 | 8 316 | 76.4 | 9.4 | 14.2 |
| Kavango East | 86 941 | 58 836 | 13 335 | 14 770 | 67.7 | 15.3 | 17.0 |
| Kavango West | 47 746 | 24 887 | 10 104 | 12 754 | 52.1 | 21.2 | 26.7 |
| Khomas | 295 684 | 270 069 | 8 327 | 17 288 | 91.3 | 2.8 | 5.8 |
| Kunene | 56 549 | 35 867 | 11 186 | 9 496 | 63.4 | 19.8 | 16.8 |
| Ohangwena | 145 074 | 101 811 | 24 171 | 19 092 | 70.2 | 16.7 | 13.2 |
| Omaheke | 45 155 | 33 496 | 6 350 | 5 285 | 74.2 | 14.1 | 11.7 |
| Omusati | 151 780 | 110 807 | 20 179 | 20 794 | 73.0 | 13.3 | 13.7 |
| Oshana | 124 524 | 106 863 | 6 808 | 10 801 | 85.8 | 5.5 | 8.7 |
| Oshikoto | 119 561 | 92 224 | 16 062 | 11 275 | 77.1 | 13.4 | 9.4 |
| Otjozondjupa | 96 136 | 80 155 | 6 169 | 9 748 | 83.4 | 6.4 | 10.1 |
| Zambezi | 60 404 | 40 750 | 8 466 | 11 160 | 67.5 | 14.0 | 18.5 |

Information on the population that own a mobile phone by type is presented in Table 3.3.2. It was observed that 58.2 percent of the population aged 15 years and above owned a basic phone. The majority (73.1%) who owns a basic phone were in rural area as opposed to 47.5 percent who are in urban areas. Similarly, feature phones were also common in rural areas owned by 15.1 percent of the population ages 15 years and above compared to 12.7 percent owned in urban areas. However in contrast, smart phones appear to be more common with urban population with 39.8 percent of the population 15 years and above owning one compare to only 11.8 percent in rural areas.

The above results are further reflected at regional levels, where most urbanised regions appear to have low percentage of the population owning feature phones and high on the proportion owning smart phones.

Table 3.3.2 Percent of population aged 15 years and above owning mobile phones by type of mobile phone and area

| Area | Population | Basic phone | Feature phone | Smart phone | Basic phone | Feature phone | Smart phone |
|--------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Namibia | 1 171 307 | 682 122 | 160 709 | 328 475 | 58.2 | 13.7 | 28.0 |
| Urban | 679 804 | 322 926 | 86 478 | 270 401 | 47.5 | 12.7 | 39.8 |
| Rural | 491 503 | 359 196 | 74 232 | 58 075 | 73.1 | 15.1 | 11.8 |
| !Karas | 50 720 | 26 503 | 7 493 | 16 724 | 52.3 | 14.8 | 33.0 |
| Erongo | 120 219 | 46 090 | 18 227 | 55 902 | 38.3 | 15.2 | 46.5 |
| Hardap | 44 603 | 29 261 | 6 018 | 9 324 | 65.6 | 13.5 | 20.9 |
| Kavango East | 58 836 | 38 726 | 9 251 | 10 859 | 65.8 | 15.7 | 18.5 |
| Kavango West | 24 887 | 20 444 | 2 052 | 2 391 | 82.1 | 8.2 | 9.6 |
| Khomas | 270 069 | 121 000 | 30 471 | 118 598 | 44.8 | 11.3 | 43.9 |
| Kunene | 35 867 | 23 088 | 5 073 | 7 706 | 64.4 | 14.1 | 21.5 |
| Ohangwena | 101 811 | 76 175 | 12 451 | 13 185 | 74.8 | 12.2 | 13.0 |
| Omaheke | 33 496 | 18 913 | 6 417 | 8 165 | 56.5 | 19.2 | 24.4 |
| Omusati | 110 807 | 85 377 | 15 853 | 9 576 | 77.1 | 14.3 | 8.6 |
| Oshana | 106 863 | 64 858 | 11 317 | 30 689 | 60.7 | 10.6 | 28.7 |
| Oshikoto | 92 224 | 59 832 | 15 681 | 16 712 | 64.9 | 17.0 | 18.1 |
| Otjozondjupa | 80 155 | 45 366 | 12 730 | 22 059 | 56.6 | 15.9 | 27.5 |
| Zambezi | 40 750 | 26 488 | 7 677 | 6 585 | 65.0 | 18.8 | 16.2 |

The result on the distribution of the population aged 15 years and above who used a computer in the last 3 months by area is presented in Table 3.3.3. The results shows that 71.5 percent of the population aged 15 years and above have not used a computer in the last three months, of which the majority (87.6%) were in rural areas.

At regional level, Kavango West (92.7%) had the highest proportion of the population that have not used a computer while Erongo region recorded the lowest proportion of 47.4 percent.

Table 3.3.3 Percent of population aged 15 years and above who used a Computers in last three months by area

| Area | Population aged 15+ | Not used | Used his or her own computer or laptop | Used the household computer or laptop | Used a computer or laptop at work, school or Internet Cafe | Used a mobile phone that you do not own | Used a computer/laptop/tablet that you do not own | Don't know |
|--------------|---------------------|----------|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|------------|
| Namibia | 1 478 193 | 71.5 | 15.5 | 4.1 | 5.2 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 0.5 |
| Urban | 772 262 | 56.9 | 22.8 | 6.5 | 8.8 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 0.5 |
| Rural | 705 931 | 87.6 | 7.6 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| !Karas | 59 447 | 64.8 | 19.9 | 4.9 | 6.5 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 0.2 |
| Erongo | 130 791 | 47.4 | 33.0 | 7.7 | 6.1 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 0.8 |
| Hardap | 58 401 | 83.3 | 8.8 | 1.8 | 4.4 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| Kavango East | 86 941 | 82.3 | 11.0 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 0.7 |
| Kavango West | 47 746 | 92.7 | 4.0 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 0.0 |
| Khomas | 295 684 | 51.2 | 22.3 | 9.7 | 12.8 | 1.1 | 2.7 | 0.3 |
| Kunene | 56 549 | 84.4 | 8.8 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| Ohangwena | 145 074 | 86.5 | 9.4 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 0.2 |
| Omaheke | 45 155 | 78.8 | 12.7 | 1.8 | 3.7 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 0.5 |
| Omusati | 151 780 | 86.9 | 7.6 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.9 |
| Oshana | 124 524 | 66.4 | 17.4 | 3.2 | 5.7 | 1.9 | 3.6 | 1.8 |
| Oshikoto | 119 561 | 82.3 | 9.7 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 0.9 |
| Otjozondjupa | 96 136 | 73.0 | 17.9 | 2.6 | 4.1 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 0.0 |
| Zambezi | 60 404 | 82.2 | 9.6 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 0.4 |

Similarly, the result of the distribution of the population aged 15 years and above who used internet in the last 3 month presented in Table 3.3.4 shows that 80 percent of the population have not used internet in the last three months. Rural areas had the highest proportion (92.7%) of the population who did not use internet in the last 3 months, contributing to this were the rural regions of Kavango West, Omusati, Ohangwena and Kunene with over 90 percent.

Table 3.3.4 Percent of population aged 15 years and above who used internet in the last 3 months

| Area | Population aged 15+ | Not used | Used the Internet on own mobile phone only | Used it only on a computer/laptop/tablet | Used it on own mobile phone and on a computer/laptop/tablet | Don't know |
|--------------|---------------------|----------|--|--|---|------------|
| Namibia | 1 478 193 | 80.0 | 7.9 | 4.1 | 7.4 | 0.5 |
| Urban | 772 262 | 68.4 | 12.6 | 7.1 | 11.4 | 0.6 |
| Rural | 705 931 | 92.7 | 2.8 | 0.9 | 3.1 | 0.5 |
| !Karas | 59 447 | 75.3 | 8.5 | 6.0 | 9.8 | 0.4 |
| Erongo | 130 791 | 67.0 | 11.1 | 8.5 | 12.5 | 0.8 |
| Hardap | 58 401 | 88.1 | 5.4 | 2.8 | 3.7 | 0.1 |
| Kavango East | 86 941 | 86.6 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 5.3 | 0.6 |
| Kavango West | 47 746 | 95.5 | 1.9 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 0.0 |
| Khomas | 295 684 | 59.9 | 18.5 | 9.3 | 12.0 | 0.3 |
| Kunene | 56 549 | 90.3 | 4.1 | 1.5 | 3.9 | 0.1 |
| Ohangwena | 145 074 | 91.9 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 4.0 | 0.1 |
| Omaheke | 45 155 | 85.0 | 5.2 | 2.0 | 7.3 | 0.5 |
| Omusati | 151 780 | 92.6 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 4.5 | 0.8 |
| Oshana | 124 524 | 77.4 | 7.5 | 2.9 | 10.4 | 1.7 |
| Oshikoto | 119 561 | 88.7 | 4.2 | 1.2 | 5.3 | 0.6 |
| Otjozondjupa | 96 136 | 85.3 | 6.8 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 0.4 |
| Zambezi | 60 404 | 87.2 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 5.0 | 0.4 |

3.4 Health facility

Table 3.4.1 presents the percent distribution of population acquiring medical services by type of health facility and area. The table shows that the majority (43.9%) of the population acquires their medical services from clinics, while 28.1 percent receive their medical services from hospitals. Overall, clinics (54%) and health centres (15.1%) were most common in the rural areas, while facilities like hospitals (33.7%), private doctor (17.8%) and spiritual healers (0.5%) were common in urban centres.

At regional level, the result show that a large percentage of people in most regions, with exceptions of Erongo, Khomas, Kunene, Omaheke, Oshana and Otjozondjupa utilise clinics for medical care. On the other hand, hospitals were more prominent in regions such as Erongo, Kunene, Oshana and Omusati, having the highest proportion of the population receiving medical services from hospitals. Private Doctors were more prominent in Khomas with a large share of 25.6 percent receiving medical services from this facility compare to other regions.

Table 3.4.1 Percent distribution of population acquiring medical services by type of health facility and area

| Area | Population | Hospital | Health Centre | Clinic | VCT | Traditional Healers | Spiritual healers | Private Doctor | Other | None | Don't Know |
|--------------|------------|----------|---------------|--------|-----|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|------|------------|
| Namibia | 2 324 388 | 28.1 | 12.6 | 43.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 9.7 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 0.1 |
| Urban | 1 112 868 | 33.7 | 10.0 | 33.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 17.8 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 0.1 |
| Rural | 1 211 520 | 22.9 | 15.1 | 54.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 0.0 |
| Karas | 85 759 | 16.3 | 8.4 | 61.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 11.8 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 0.1 |
| Erongo | 182 402 | 42.8 | 13.3 | 22.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 15.6 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 0.1 |
| Hardap | 87 186 | 15.1 | 1.4 | 69.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.4 | 0.5 | 2.8 | 0.0 |
| Kavango East | 148 466 | 15.8 | 3.4 | 75.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 3.2 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.0 |
| Kavango West | 89 313 | 3.5 | 40.4 | 49.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 3.7 | 1.7 | 0.0 |
| Khomas | 415 780 | 22.2 | 11.6 | 36.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 25.6 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 0.1 |
| Kunene | 97 865 | 43.2 | 14.4 | 32.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 4.0 | 0.0 |
| Ohangwena | 255 510 | 27.1 | 13.0 | 52.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 1.1 | 0.0 |
| Omaheke | 74 629 | 22.3 | 25.1 | 37.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 9.6 | 1.9 | 3.5 | 0.0 |
| Omusati | 249 885 | 30.6 | 18.9 | 45.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 0.1 |
| Oshana | 189 237 | 45.8 | 10.8 | 32.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 6.4 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 0.0 |
| Oshikoto | 195 165 | 25.0 | 7.8 | 49.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 8.7 | 3.0 | 0.1 |
| Otjozondjupa | 154 342 | 45.9 | 4.5 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 2.9 | 9.3 | 4.7 | 7.1 | 0.2 |
| Zambezi | 98 849 | 17.7 | 16.5 | 56.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 5.2 | 0.8 | 3.3 | 0.1 |

Note: Other: Includes health facilities not in the list provided by MoHSS

Chapter 4: Education And Literacy

This chapter deals with information on education (including early childhood development) and literacy which are crucial for planning and monitoring national development programs and plans that aim to address challenges in the education sector.



4.1 Early Childhood Development (ECD)

Information on early childhood development (ECD) were collected from children aged 0-5 years on the type of ECD programmes attended, which were Edu-care (day-care, crèche, and kindergarten), pre-primary and primary school.

Table 4.1.1 below shows that the 2016 Intercensal survey estimated a total of 388,202 children aged 0-5 years and out of this number, 24.6 percent were attending ECD programmes country wide. The access in urban areas was better with 30.4 percent of the population aged 0-5 years attending ECD facilities compared to rural areas where only 19.9 percent were attending. Slightly more boys than girls were attended ECD in urban areas.

At regional level, a higher proportion of children attended ECD were in Erongo (37.7%), Khomas (34.3%) and Oshana (33.6%), while Kunene region had the lowest (8.8%) proportion of children attending ECD.

Table 4.1.1 Population aged 0-5 years attending ECD by sex and area

| Area | Children 0 - 5 years | | | Attending ECD | | | Percent attending | | |
|--------------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------------|--------|--------|-------------------|------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Namibia | 388 202 | 196 165 | 192 037 | 95 659 | 47 399 | 48 260 | 24.6 | 24.2 | 25.1 |
| Urban | 175 328 | 88 476 | 86 852 | 53 298 | 27 402 | 25 896 | 30.4 | 31.0 | 29.8 |
| Rural | 212 874 | 107 689 | 105 185 | 42 361 | 19 997 | 22 364 | 19.9 | 18.6 | 21.3 |
| !Karas | 13 924 | 6 605 | 7 319 | 3 723 | 1 620 | 2 103 | 26.7 | 24.5 | 28.7 |
| Erongo | 26 057 | 12 977 | 13 080 | 9 830 | 5 072 | 4 758 | 37.7 | 39.1 | 36.4 |
| Hardap | 15 603 | 7 585 | 8 019 | 2 864 | 1 234 | 1 630 | 18.4 | 16.3 | 20.3 |
| Kavango East | 26 316 | 13 679 | 12 637 | 4 052 | 1 807 | 2 245 | 15.4 | 13.2 | 17.8 |
| Kavango West | 15 468 | 7 762 | 7 706 | 3 136 | 1 660 | 1 476 | 20.3 | 21.4 | 19.1 |
| Khomas | 63 961 | 32 490 | 31 471 | 21 930 | 12 199 | 9 731 | 34.3 | 37.5 | 30.9 |
| Kunene | 21 522 | 10 731 | 10 791 | 1 888 | 805 | 1 083 | 8.8 | 7.5 | 10.0 |
| Ohangwena | 44 472 | 22 862 | 21 610 | 11 397 | 6 013 | 5 383 | 25.6 | 26.3 | 24.9 |
| Omaheke | 17 674 | 8 741 | 8 933 | 2 072 | 992 | 1 080 | 11.7 | 11.3 | 12.1 |
| Omusati | 37 896 | 18 558 | 19 337 | 8 033 | 3 802 | 4 232 | 21.2 | 20.5 | 21.9 |
| Oshana | 30 826 | 15 300 | 15 526 | 10 350 | 4 564 | 5 787 | 33.6 | 29.8 | 37.3 |
| Oshikoto | 30 427 | 15 934 | 14 494 | 8 110 | 3 510 | 4 600 | 26.7 | 22.0 | 31.7 |
| Otjozondjupa | 28 197 | 14 655 | 13 543 | 5 163 | 2 652 | 2 511 | 18.3 | 18.1 | 18.5 |
| Zambezi | 15 858 | 8 287 | 7 572 | 3 111 | 1 469 | 1 642 | 19.6 | 17.7 | 21.7 |

Table 4.1.2 shows the population aged 0 to 5 years who were attending ECD by type of programme and areas. Attendance in Edu-care programmes was higher (79.1%) followed by pre-primary (19.2%). As expected for children in this age group, primary school recorded the lowest proportion (1.7%) of children attending this program. Edu-care programme was the most common in all the regions, exception in Kavango East which has a lower percentage of 47.8 percent.

Table 4.1.2 Percentage of children aged 0-5 years attending ECD by type and area

| Area | Total ECD | ECD Programme | | |
|--------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| | | Edu-care | Pre-Primary | Primary School |
| Namibia | 95 659 | 79.1 | 19.2 | 1.7 |
| Urban | 53 297 | 81.7 | 16.5 | 1.8 |
| Rural | 42 362 | 75.8 | 22.5 | 1.6 |
| !Karas | 3 723 | 75.9 | 22.6 | 1.5 |
| Erongo | 9 830 | 88.1 | 11.3 | 0.5 |
| Hardap | 2 864 | 85.6 | 12.5 | 2.0 |
| Kavango East | 4 051 | 47.8 | 46.5 | 5.7 |
| Kavango West | 3 136 | 74.1 | 24.8 | 1.2 |
| Khomas | 21 930 | 78.9 | 18.8 | 2.4 |
| Kunene | 1 888 | 68.7 | 31.3 | 0.0 |
| Ohangwena | 11 397 | 90.1 | 9.9 | 0.0 |
| Omaheke | 2 072 | 73.8 | 26.2 | 0.0 |
| Omusati | 8 033 | 79.0 | 18.6 | 2.4 |
| Oshana | 10 350 | 79.9 | 19.8 | 0.3 |
| Oshikoto | 8 110 | 83.1 | 16.1 | 0.8 |
| Otjozondjupa | 5 163 | 70.8 | 23.6 | 5.6 |
| Zambezi | 3 111 | 66.2 | 30.1 | 3.7 |

Table 4.1.3 shows population aged 4-5 years attending ECD by type. Information on various types of ECD programmes were collected with the main focus being pre-primary, which lays a foundation for a child's enrolment into primary education.

The total number of children aged 4-5 years was 129,932 and out of this number, 38 percent were attending Edu-care, 12.5 percent were attending pre-primary school and only 1.6 percent were attending primary school. In contrast, 47.8 percent were not attending any ECD programme.

With respect to urban/rural, most (45.1%) of the population aged 4-5 years that are attending ECD were in urban areas, while the majority (54.4%) of those in rural areas were not attending ECD.

At regional level, the percentage of the population who are attending ECD were higher in areas such as Oshana (53.5%) and Ohangwena (51.0%), while those that are not attending were more prominent in regions such as Kunene (76.0%), Omaheke (72.4%) and Kavango East (60.1%).

Table 4.1.3 Population aged 4-5 years attending ECD by type and area

| Area | Population | Edu-care | Pre-Primary | Attending Primary School | Not Attending ECD | Don't know |
|--------------|------------|----------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Namibia | 129 932 | 38.0 | 12.5 | 1.6 | 47.8 | 0.1 |
| Urban | 52 197 | 45.1 | 14.5 | 2.2 | 38.0 | 0.1 |
| Rural | 77 735 | 33.2 | 11.0 | 1.2 | 54.4 | 0.2 |
| !Karas | 3 864 | 41.5 | 17.1 | 1.5 | 39.9 | 0.0 |
| Erongo | 8 676 | 48.3 | 12.6 | 0.6 | 38.5 | 0.0 |
| Hardap | 5 043 | 40.6 | 6.7 | 1.1 | 51.6 | 0.0 |
| Kavango East | 8 502 | 17.1 | 19.3 | 3.1 | 60.1 | 0.3 |
| Kavango West | 6 230 | 33.1 | 11.4 | 0.6 | 55.0 | 0.0 |
| Khomas | 19 643 | 42.3 | 17.6 | 3.4 | 36.7 | 0.0 |
| Kunene | 6 985 | 16.1 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 76.0 | 0.0 |
| Ohangwena | 16 700 | 51.0 | 5.5 | 0.7 | 42.5 | 0.3 |
| Omaheke | 5 244 | 17.2 | 10.3 | 0.0 | 72.4 | 0.0 |
| Omusati | 13 191 | 36.7 | 9.8 | 2.2 | 51.3 | 0.0 |
| Oshana | 10 514 | 53.5 | 17.7 | 0.3 | 28.1 | 0.0 |
| Oshikoto | 11 245 | 44.4 | 11.2 | 1.0 | 43.4 | 0.0 |
| Otjozondjupa | 8 478 | 27.6 | 11.2 | 3.4 | 56.9 | 1.0 |
| Zambezi | 5 616 | 24.0 | 16.0 | 2.0 | 57.9 | 0.0 |

Note: Educare includes Day-care, Crèche, Kinder-garten

Similarly, Table 4.1.4 presents the distribution of the number of children aged 4-5 years by reason for not attending ECD. The main reason for not attending ECD at national level was distance to centres cited by 41.6 percent of the target population, while 36.2 percent were not attending due to financial constraints. Illness and disability accounted for less than 2 percent of the reasons for not attending ECD. Furthermore, at urban/rural level, financial constraints (56.5%) was the main reason for not attending ECD in urban areas as opposed to distance to centre (53.1%) which was prominent in rural areas. These results translate further at the regional levels.

Table 4.1.4 Percentage of children aged 4-5 years by reason of not attending ECD and area

| Area | Total | Reason not attending ECD | | | | | Don't know |
|--------------|--------|--------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------|-------|------------|
| | | Financial constraints | Illness | Disability | Distance to centre | Other | |
| Namibia | 62 109 | 36.2 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 41.6 | 15.7 | 4.0 |
| Urban | 19 825 | 56.5 | 3.8 | 1.2 | 16.9 | 18.1 | 3.6 |
| Rural | 42 284 | 26.8 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 53.1 | 14.5 | 4.2 |
| !Karas | 1 543 | 42.2 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 26.5 | 21.3 | 7.8 |
| Erongo | 3 340 | 42.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 32.0 | 22.1 | 3.2 |
| Hardap | 2 602 | 71.9 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 13.8 | 9.2 | 3.5 |
| Kavango East | 5 112 | 36.3 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 43.3 | 9.9 | 7.9 |
| Kavango West | 3 427 | 24.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 48.1 | 16.6 | 5.8 |
| Khomas | 7 205 | 65.1 | 6.8 | 2.2 | 13.2 | 10.3 | 2.5 |
| Kunene | 5 305 | 35.9 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 35.9 | 23.9 | 3.9 |
| Ohangwena | 7 095 | 22.4 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 59.8 | 15.5 | 1.2 |
| Omaheke | 3 798 | 33.4 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 45.9 | 16.0 | 1.1 |
| Omusati | 6 765 | 24.6 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 54.0 | 11.7 | 8.5 |
| Oshana | 2 958 | 44.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 34.7 | 18.8 | 0.0 |
| Oshikoto | 4 885 | 17.1 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 69.3 | 12.0 | 0.8 |
| Otjozondjupa | 4 823 | 30.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 35.7 | 28.8 | 4.8 |
| Zambezi | 3 251 | 35.9 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 45.4 | 9.8 | 5.8 |

4.2 Formal Education

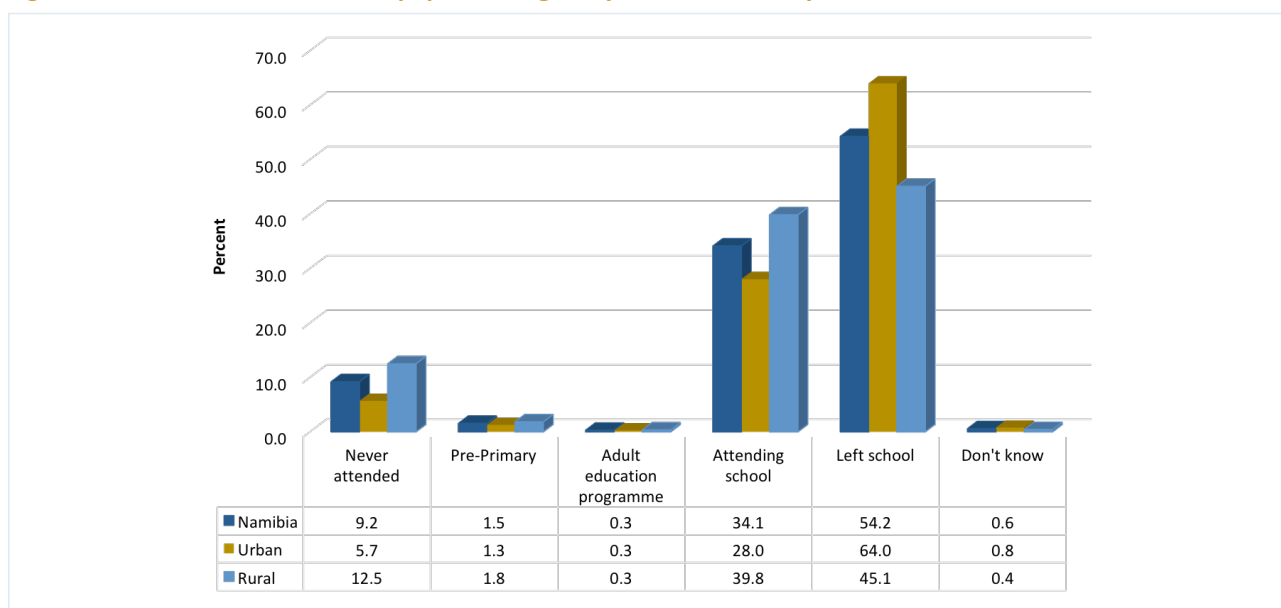
Formal education was defined as a full-time attendance at any regular educational institution, public or private, for systematic instruction.

The categories of formal education used during the survey were: pre-primary, primary schools, secondary or high schools, technical schools, agricultural institutions, teacher training colleges and universities.

4.2.1 School Attendance

Figure 4.2.1 presents the population aged 6 years and above by school attendance and area. The figure indicates that 54.2 percent had left school, followed by 34.1 percent who were currently attending school while only 9.2 percent never attended school. A similar trend was observed for urban and rural areas.

Figure 4.2.1 Percent distribution of population aged 6 years and above by school attendance and area



4.2.2 School Enrolment

Figure 4.2.2a shows percent school enrolment for school-going population aged 6 to 24 years. Enrolment rates were high for ages 7 to 15 years, exceeding 90 percent but started decreasing at age 18. The highest enrolment rate was at age 10 for girls (97%) and for boys it was highest at age 11 (96%). The population aged 24 years had the lowest enrolment rate, which was recorded to be close to 12 percent for both boys and girls.

Figure 4.2.2a School enrolment of the school going population aged 6-24 years by sex

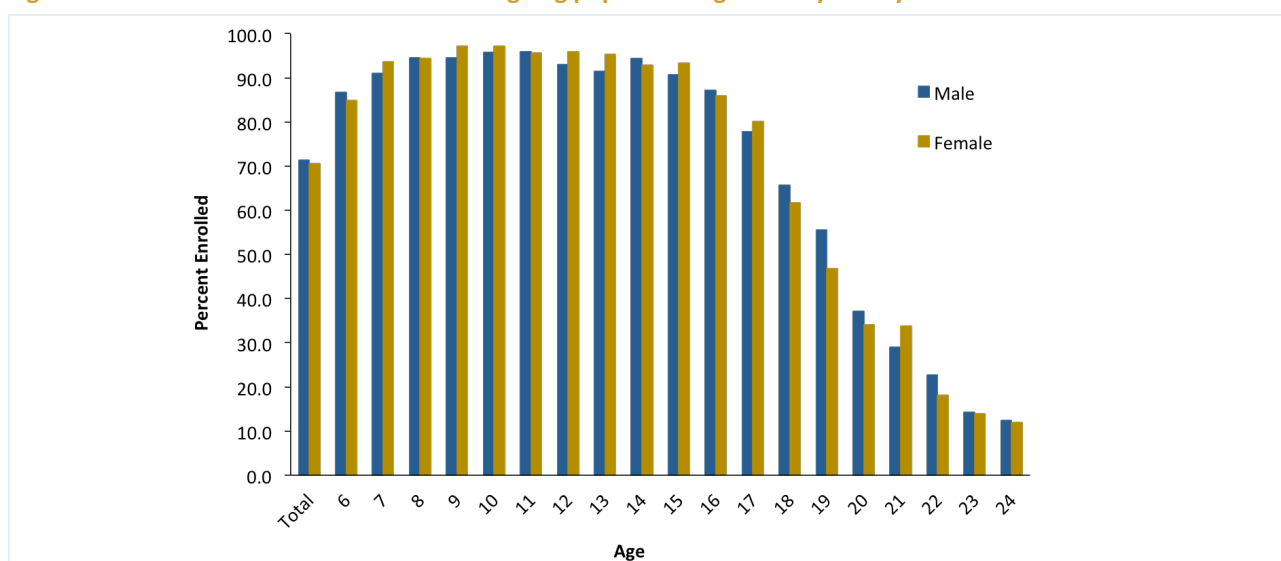
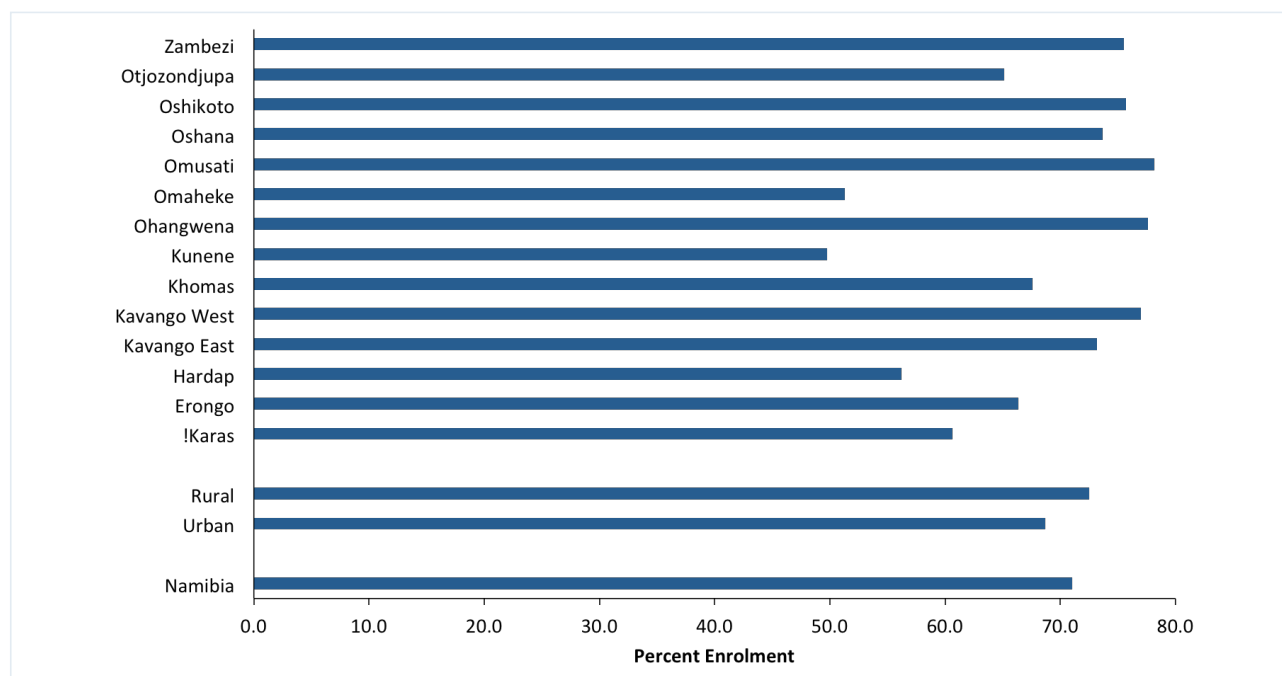


Figure 4.2.2b provides school enrolment rates for persons aged 6-24 by sex and area. The result shows that enrolment rates were slightly higher in rural area (72.5%) than in urban area (68.7%). The figure further reveals that school enrolment was high in Omusati region where it was above 78.2 percent. By contrast, the lowest rates of enrolment were recorded in Kunene region where only less than half of the school-going population was enrolled in school.

Figure 4.2.2b Enrolment rate for school going population aged 6-24 years by area



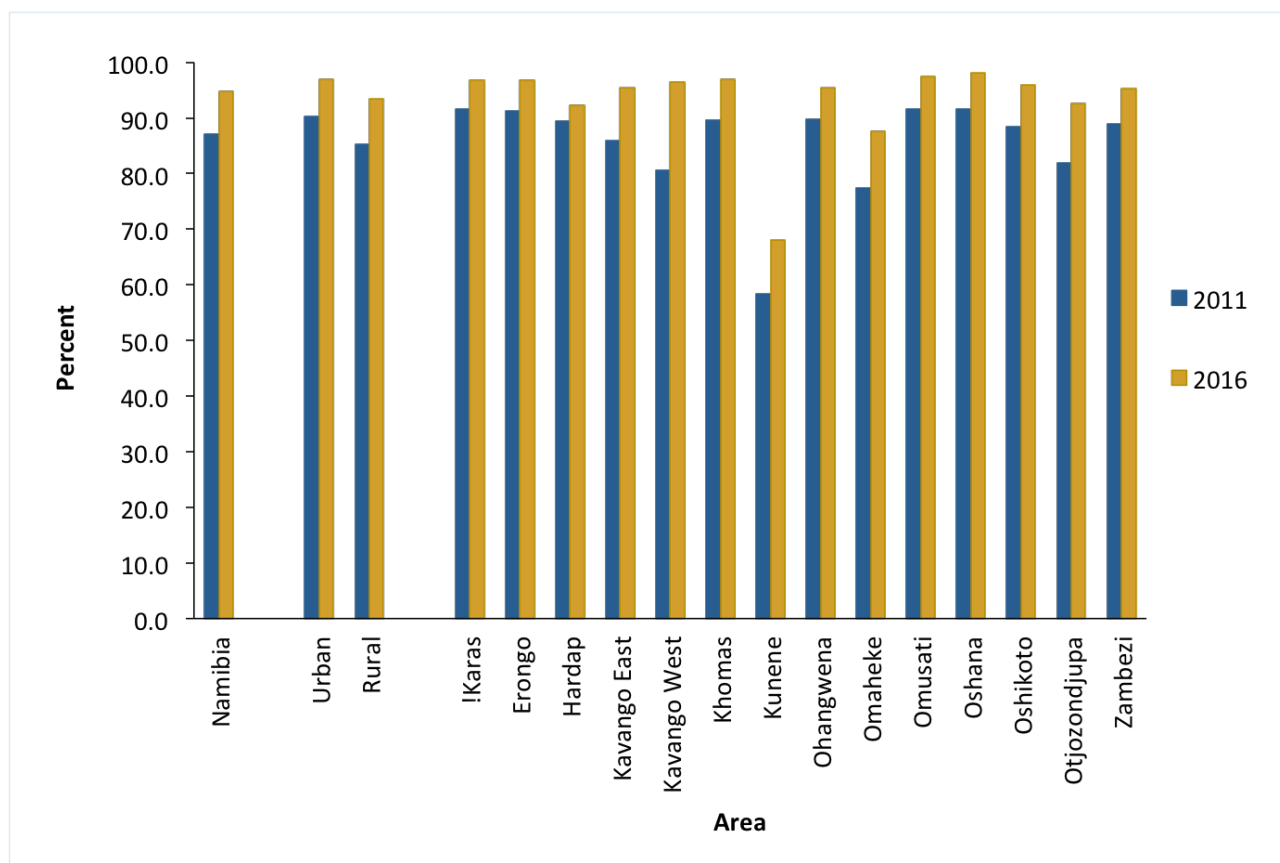
Primary school enrolment rate is presented in table 4.2.2. The result shows that overall the enrolment rate for Primary school was 94.7 percent for children aged 7-13 years old. The enrolment rate was higher (97%) in urban than in rural areas (93%). More girls in this age group were likely to enrol in school than boys. At regional level, the highest enrolment rate of 98 percent was recorded in Oshana region, while Kunene region recorded the lowest enrolment rate of children in Primary school of 68 percent.

Table 4.2.2 Primary school enrolment for population aged 7-13 years old by sex and area

| Area | Population aged 7 - 13 | | | Enrolled | | | Enrolment rate | | |
|--------------|------------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|----------------|------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Total | 357 736 | 179 444 | 178 293 | 338 772 | 168 334 | 170 438 | 94.7 | 93.8 | 95.6 |
| Urban | 129 444 | 63 999 | 65 445 | 125 503 | 61 509 | 63 994 | 97.0 | 96.1 | 97.8 |
| Rural | 228 292 | 115 445 | 112 848 | 213 269 | 106 825 | 106 444 | 93.4 | 92.5 | 94.3 |
| !Karas | 9 587 | 5 110 | 4 477 | 9 269 | 5 004 | 4 265 | 96.7 | 97.9 | 95.3 |
| Erongo | 19 148 | 9 466 | 9 682 | 18 539 | 9 160 | 9 379 | 96.8 | 96.8 | 96.9 |
| Hardap | 10 847 | 5 789 | 5 057 | 10 007 | 5 219 | 4 788 | 92.3 | 90.1 | 94.7 |
| Kavango East | 27 299 | 13 071 | 14 229 | 26 059 | 11 917 | 14 142 | 95.5 | 91.2 | 99.4 |
| Kavango West | 20 725 | 10 500 | 10 225 | 20 001 | 10 019 | 9 982 | 96.5 | 95.4 | 97.6 |
| Khomas | 44 563 | 22 773 | 21 790 | 43 207 | 22 158 | 21 049 | 97.0 | 97.3 | 96.6 |
| Kunene | 14 471 | 7 429 | 7 041 | 9 841 | 4 860 | 4 981 | 68.0 | 65.4 | 70.7 |
| Ohangwena | 50 770 | 25 264 | 25 506 | 48 443 | 23 810 | 24 633 | 95.4 | 94.2 | 96.6 |
| Omaheke | 9 149 | 5 010 | 4 139 | 8 020 | 4 183 | 3 837 | 87.7 | 83.5 | 92.7 |
| Omusati | 48 110 | 24 172 | 23 938 | 46 842 | 23 489 | 23 353 | 97.4 | 97.2 | 97.6 |
| Oshana | 26 416 | 13 072 | 13 344 | 25 894 | 12 794 | 13 100 | 98.0 | 97.9 | 98.2 |
| Oshikoto | 35 575 | 17 642 | 17 933 | 34 143 | 16 679 | 17 464 | 96.0 | 94.5 | 97.4 |
| Otjozondjupa | 23 624 | 11 655 | 11 968 | 21 890 | 10 957 | 10 933 | 92.7 | 94.0 | 91.3 |
| Zambezi | 17 453 | 8 490 | 8 964 | 16 618 | 8 084 | 8 535 | 95.2 | 95.2 | 95.2 |

Figure 4.2.2c presents the primary school enrolment rate by area and years. The results show that overall the enrolment rate for children aged 7-13 years old had increased with 8 percentage points, from 87 percent in 2011 to 95 percent in 2016. The enrolment rate also increased in both urban and rural areas as well as across regions. At the regional level, the highest increase in enrolment was in Kavango West with an increment of 16 percent between 2011 and 2016, while Hardap region recorded the lowest increase of 3 percent.

Figure 4.2.2c Primary school enrolment for population aged 7-13 years old by area and year



4.2.3 Educational Attainment

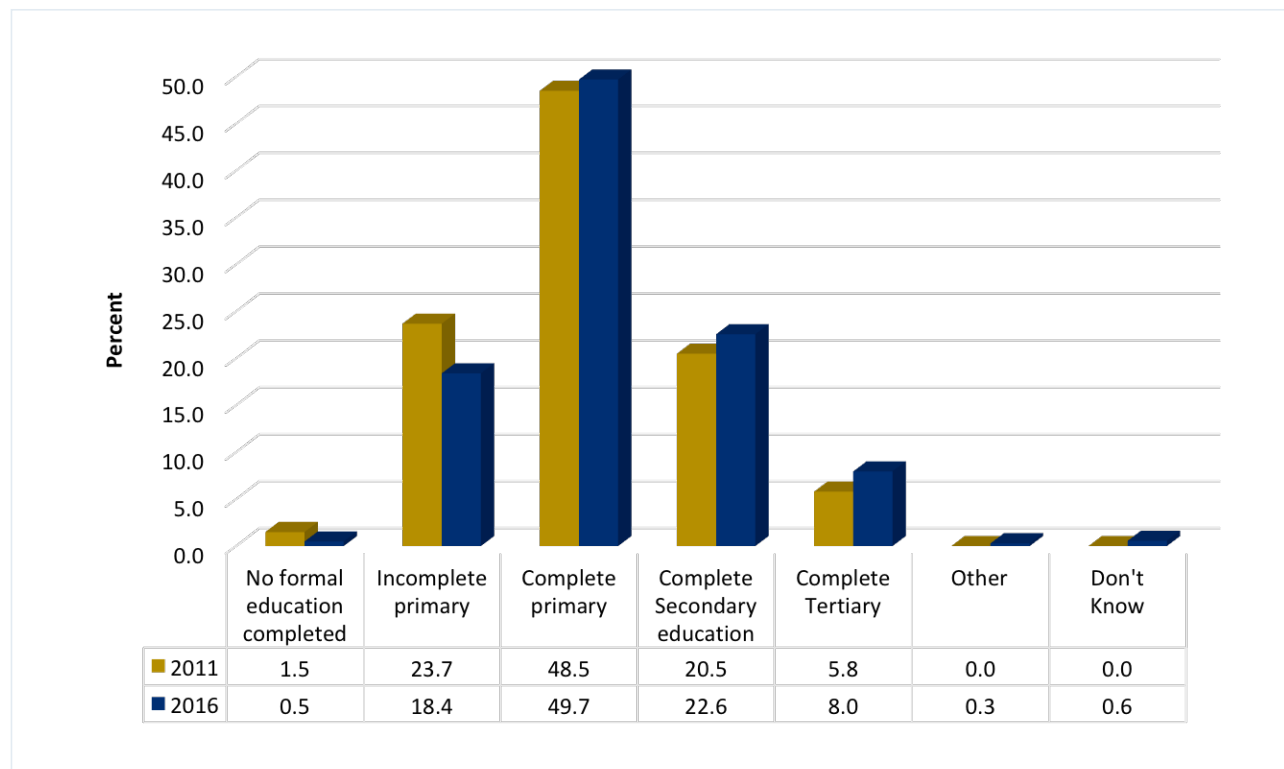
Table 4.2.3 shows that the largest proportion (49.7 percent) of the population aged 15 years and above had completed primary education before leaving school, while another 22.6 percent had completed secondary school. On the other hand, 18.4 percent of the population aged 15 years and above did not complete primary, with only 0.5 percent having no formal education. The percentage of those who left school after completing tertiary education was only 8 percent.

Table 4.2.3 Percent of the population aged 15 years and above who left school by sex and educational attainment

| Educational attainment | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|------|--------|
| Total | 1 000 768 | 470 626 | 530 142 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| No formal education | 4 922 | 1 653 | 3 269 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Incomplete primary | 184 234 | 93 210 | 91 025 | 18.4 | 19.8 | 17.2 |
| Complete primary | 497 459 | 224 718 | 272 741 | 49.7 | 47.7 | 51.4 |
| Complete Secondary education | 225 874 | 109 816 | 116 058 | 22.6 | 23.3 | 21.9 |
| Complete Tertiary | 79 638 | 36 543 | 43 095 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 8.1 |
| Other | 2 925 | 1 236 | 1 689 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Don't Know | 5 716 | 3 449 | 2 266 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.4 |

With respect to comparison between 2011 and 2016, Figure 4.2.3 shows that generally the level of education is increasing in Namibia although the population who completed primary education still dominates among the levels of education attainment. The proportion of those with Primary education had increased from 48.5 percent in 2011 to 49.7 percent in 2016. It is also worth noting that the proportion of those with incomplete primary education, had decreased from 23.7 percent in 2011 to 18.4 percent in 2016.

Figure 4.2.3 Percent of the population aged 15 years and above who left school by educational attainment and year



4.3 Literacy

During the survey, specific Information on education and literacy was collected from all persons aged 6 years and above but the analysis focused on 15 years and above.

Literacy is defined as the ability to read and write with understanding in any language. All people aged 6 years and above were asked whether they could read and write in any language with understanding, however no test was administered to actually determine the level of literacy, hence it is possible that literacy rate could be overestimated.

Table 4.3.1 provides information on literacy rates for the population aged 15 years and above, usually referred to as the adult literacy rate. This table shows that literacy rate in Namibia was 88.7 percent with more literate males (89.4%) than their females (87.9%) counterparts. The adult literacy rate in urban stood at 94.1 compared to 82.7 percent in rural areas. Furthermore, literacy was high in the region of Khomas (96.7%) and low in Kunene (66.5%) region.

Table 4.3.1 Literate population aged 15 years and above by sex and area

| Area | Population aged 15 years and above | | | Literate | | | Literacy rate | | |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|---------------|------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Namibia | 1 478 193 | 703 139 | 775 054 | 1 310 456 | 628 848 | 681 609 | 88.7 | 89.4 | 87.9 |
| Urban | 772 262 | 372 270 | 399 992 | 726 497 | 350 777 | 375 720 | 94.1 | 94.2 | 93.9 |
| Rural | 705 931 | 330 869 | 375 062 | 583 959 | 278 070 | 305 889 | 82.7 | 84.0 | 81.6 |
| !Karas | 59 447 | 30 044 | 29 403 | 57 109 | 28 985 | 28 125 | 96.1 | 96.5 | 95.7 |
| Erongo | 130 791 | 70 462 | 60 329 | 125 414 | 67 891 | 57 524 | 95.9 | 96.4 | 95.4 |
| Hardap | 58 401 | 30 154 | 28 247 | 49 483 | 25 282 | 24 201 | 84.7 | 83.8 | 85.7 |
| Kavango East | 86 941 | 38 362 | 48 579 | 73 677 | 33 841 | 39 835 | 84.7 | 88.2 | 82.0 |
| Kavango West | 47 746 | 21 065 | 26 681 | 36 103 | 16 548 | 19 555 | 75.6 | 78.6 | 73.3 |
| Khomas | 295 684 | 145 757 | 149 927 | 286 072 | 140 039 | 146 033 | 96.7 | 96.1 | 97.4 |
| Kunene | 56 549 | 28 589 | 27 960 | 37 582 | 20 167 | 17 415 | 66.5 | 70.5 | 62.3 |
| Ohangwena | 145 074 | 62 384 | 82 690 | 124 204 | 53 690 | 70 515 | 85.6 | 86.1 | 85.3 |
| Omaheke | 45 155 | 24 297 | 20 858 | 34 021 | 18 291 | 15 730 | 75.3 | 75.3 | 75.4 |
| Omusati | 151 780 | 63 482 | 88 298 | 133 021 | 57 158 | 75 863 | 87.6 | 90.0 | 85.9 |
| Oshana | 124 524 | 53 895 | 70 629 | 117 077 | 51 031 | 66 045 | 94.0 | 94.7 | 93.5 |
| Oshikoto | 119 561 | 55 773 | 63 788 | 105 252 | 48 376 | 56 877 | 88.0 | 86.7 | 89.2 |
| Otjozondjupa | 96 136 | 49 891 | 46 245 | 79 817 | 41 334 | 38 483 | 83.0 | 82.8 | 83.2 |
| Zambezi | 60 404 | 28 984 | 31 420 | 51 625 | 26 216 | 25 409 | 85.5 | 90.4 | 80.9 |

The level of literacy in Namibia for the population 15 years and above remained the same between 2011 and 2016 with 88.7 percent of the population being literate this trend is also observed in the rural areas.

Furthermore, for urban areas, the literacy rate recorded a decrease in 2016 when compared to 2011. Literacy rate decreases in most regions in 2016 except for regions such as Kavango East, Kunene, Omaheke and Zambezi respectively.

Figure 4.3.1 Literate population aged 15 years and above by area and year

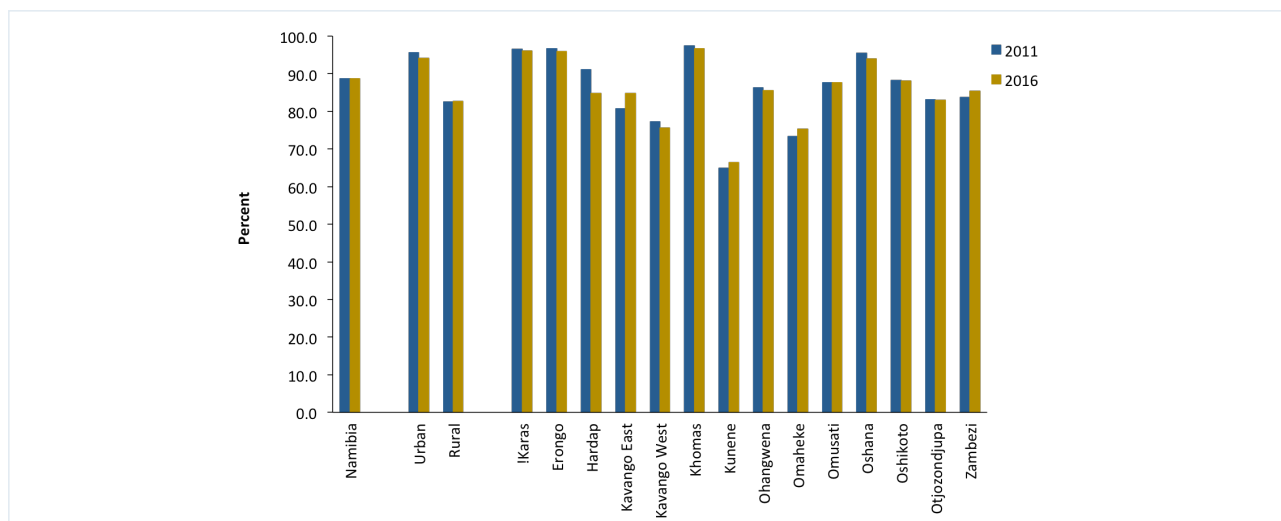


Table 4.3.2 indicates that the literacy rate for the youth (15-34 years) in Namibia was 93.6 percent, with slightly high proportions of women (97.1%) than men (96.4%) being literate. The urban areas showed a higher rate of youth literate with 96.7 percent compare to rural areas which had a rate of 90 percent. The table also shows that youth literacy was highest in !Karas (98.1%) and lowest in Kunene (70.9%).

Table 4.3.2 Literate youth population aged 15 - 34 years by sex and area

| Area | Population aged 15 - 34 years and above | | | Literate | | | Literacy rate | | |
|--------------|---|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------------|------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Namibia | 854 567 | 419 535 | 435 032 | 799 782 | 390 533 | 409 249 | 93.6 | 93.1 | 94.1 |
| Urban | 454 833 | 217 038 | 237 795 | 439 976 | 209 156 | 230 821 | 96.7 | 96.4 | 97.1 |
| Rural | 399 734 | 202 497 | 197 237 | 359 806 | 181 377 | 178 428 | 90.0 | 89.6 | 90.5 |
| !Karas | 30 371 | 15 191 | 15 180 | 29 787 | 14 849 | 14 938 | 98.1 | 97.8 | 98.4 |
| Erongo | 69 825 | 37 062 | 32 763 | 68 252 | 36 406 | 31 846 | 97.7 | 98.2 | 97.2 |
| Hardap | 30 139 | 15 813 | 14 326 | 27 540 | 14 396 | 13 144 | 91.4 | 91.0 | 91.7 |
| Kavango East | 55 820 | 25 519 | 30 301 | 53 191 | 24 222 | 28 969 | 95.3 | 94.9 | 95.6 |
| Kavango West | 28 981 | 13 432 | 15 549 | 25 852 | 11 690 | 14 162 | 89.2 | 87.0 | 91.1 |
| Khomas | 177 398 | 86 034 | 91 364 | 173 523 | 83 580 | 89 943 | 97.8 | 97.1 | 98.4 |
| Kunene | 31 678 | 16 061 | 15 617 | 22 476 | 11 853 | 10 623 | 70.9 | 73.8 | 68.0 |
| Ohangwena | 89 338 | 42 309 | 47 029 | 82 704 | 38 650 | 44 054 | 92.6 | 91.4 | 93.7 |
| Omaheke | 23 621 | 12 842 | 10 779 | 18 905 | 10 214 | 8 691 | 80.0 | 79.5 | 80.6 |
| Omusati | 85 289 | 40 613 | 44 676 | 80 912 | 38 748 | 42 164 | 94.9 | 95.4 | 94.4 |
| Oshana | 74 369 | 34 242 | 40 127 | 72 630 | 33 353 | 39 277 | 97.7 | 97.4 | 97.9 |
| Oshikoto | 68 733 | 34 993 | 33 740 | 64 075 | 31 974 | 32 101 | 93.2 | 91.4 | 95.1 |
| Otjozondjupa | 52 222 | 27 264 | 24 958 | 46 188 | 23 878 | 22 310 | 88.4 | 87.6 | 89.4 |
| Zambezi | 36 783 | 18 160 | 18 623 | 33 748 | 16 721 | 17 027 | 91.7 | 92.1 | 91.4 |

In addition, the distribution of literate population aged 15 years and above by sex and first language in which they are literate presented in Table 4.3.3 indicates that about 25.5 percent of all literate persons can write and read with understanding in Oshindonga, followed by Oshikwanyama (21.9%) and English (14.6%).

Table 4.3.3 Percentage of Literate population aged 15 years and above by sex and first language in which they are literate

| First language | Total | Male | Female |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Literate Population | 1 310 456 | 628 848 | 681 609 |
| Ju/'hoansi | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Silozi (Sikololo) | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.0 |
| Otjiherero | 5.8 | 5.9 | 5.7 |
| Rukwangali | 6.5 | 6.1 | 6.7 |
| Thimbukushu | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| Rumanyo | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.6 |
| Khoekhoegowab | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| Oshikwanyama | 21.9 | 21.5 | 22.3 |
| Oshindonga | 25.5 | 24.4 | 26.5 |
| Setswana | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Afrikaans | 13.2 | 13.6 | 12.8 |
| German | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| English | 14.6 | 15.1 | 14.1 |
| French | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| Italian | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Other Language | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| Don't know | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |

Chapter 5: Population Trends

This chapter discusses fertility and mortality estimates as well as migration presented at national, rural/urban and regional levels. The indices of fertility and mortality presented herein are: crude birth rate (CBR) and crude death rate (CDR).



5.1 FERTILITY

The survey collected information on live births from women aged 12-54 years as well as month and year of last live birth. However, for the sake of comparability, the fertility indicators will be computed for women of child bearing ages 15 to 49. This section only presents Crude Birth Rate (CBR). Crude birth rate is a general indicator of fertility in a population for a particular country or area. CBR is defined as the number of births in a year divided by the mid-year population, times 1,000. The indicator on CBR includes all births in the population including from women outside the reproductive age group 15 – 49. CBR is given by the formula:

$$\frac{B}{P} \times 1000$$

Where **B** is births in a year, **P** is the total population or mid-year population.

By international standards a crude birth rate (CBR) of more than 30 per 1,000 is considered high, while a CBR of less than 18 is considered low.

5.1.1 Reported Births

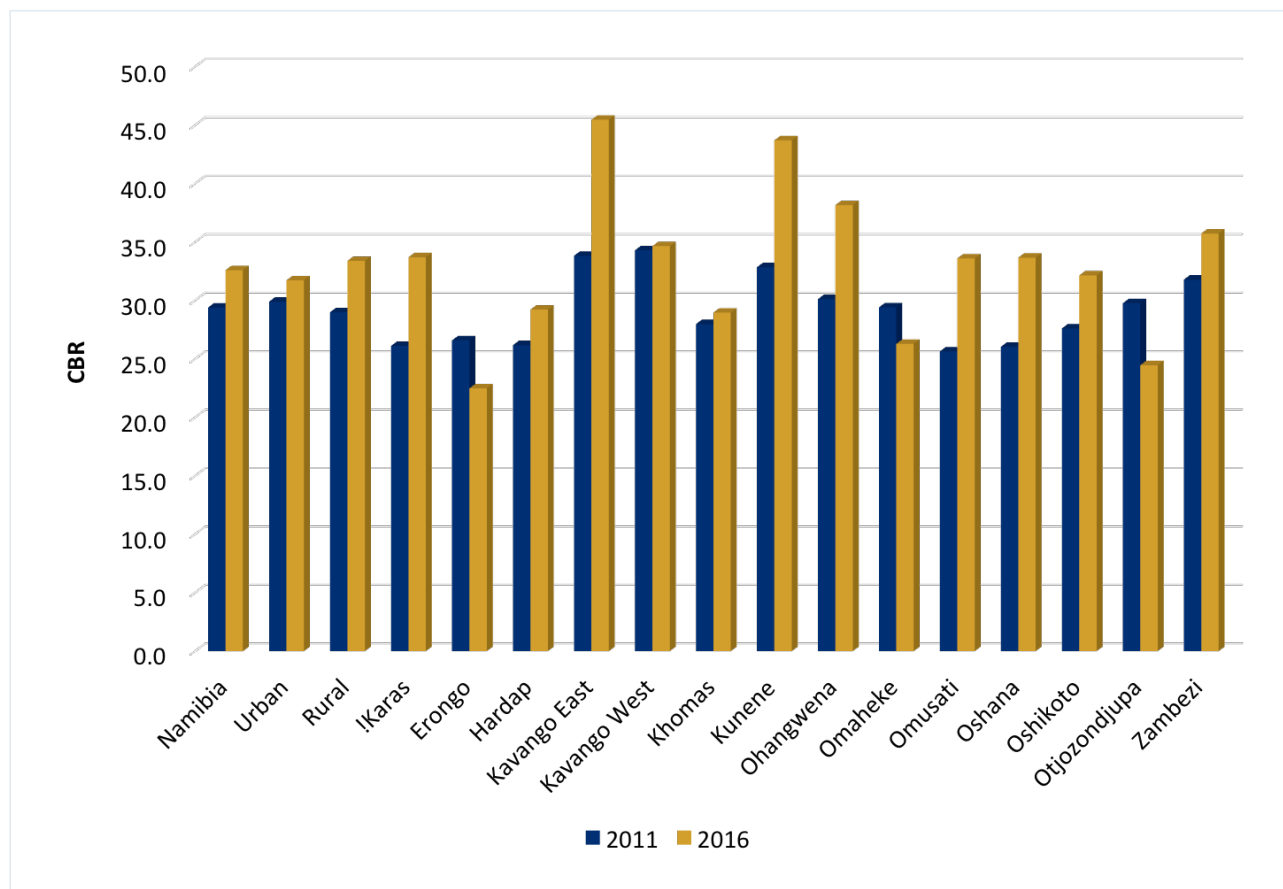
The reported CBR for Namibia was 32.6 births per 1,000 persons, which is slightly high. This implies that for every 1,000 population there were about 33 births, which is slightly less than what was reported in 2011 (29.4 births). There is a slight difference between urban and rural areas with the CBR of 31.7 and 33.4 births per 1,000 population respectively. At regional level, Kavango East and Kunene had the highest CBR of 45.5 and 43.7 births, respectively, which is much higher than the national CBR, while Erongo region recorded the lowest CBR of 22.5 births for every 1,000 population.

Table 5.1 Reported Crude birth rate by area, NIDS 2016

| Area | Population | Reported Births 15-49 | CBR |
|--------------|------------|-----------------------|------|
| Namibia | 2 324 388 | 75 765 | 32.6 |
| Urban | 1 112 868 | 35 309 | 31.7 |
| Rural | 1 211 520 | 40 457 | 33.4 |
| !Karas | 85 759 | 2 890 | 33.7 |
| Erongo | 182 402 | 4 101 | 22.5 |
| Hardap | 87 186 | 2 548 | 29.2 |
| Kavango East | 148 466 | 6 751 | 45.5 |
| Kavango West | 89 313 | 3 095 | 34.7 |
| Khomas | 415 780 | 12 043 | 29.0 |
| Kunene | 97 865 | 4 277 | 43.7 |
| Ohangwena | 255 510 | 9 750 | 38.2 |
| Omaheke | 74 629 | 1 962 | 26.3 |
| Omusati | 249 885 | 8 396 | 33.6 |
| Oshana | 189 237 | 6 371 | 33.7 |
| Oshikoto | 195 165 | 6 274 | 32.1 |
| Otjozondjupa | 154 342 | 3 776 | 24.5 |
| Zambezi | 98 849 | 3 532 | 35.7 |

Figure 5.1 Shows that there were slight difference in terms of CBR for 2011 (29.4) and 2016 (32.6) births at national level. Furthermore, at regional level, most regions had recorded an increase in the CBR in 2016 except for Erongo, Omaheke and Otjozondjupa region.

Figure 5.1 Reported Crude Birth rate, 2011 Census and 2016 NIDS by area



5.2 Mortality

Mortality is one of the three factors that affect the population size, age and sex distribution. Other factors are fertility and migration. Information on deaths in the last 12 months, starting from November 2015 to October 2016 was collected to give indication of the mortality situation in the households during the above mentioned period.

5.2.1 Reported Deaths

Table 5.2 presents the number of reported deaths in the last 12 months by sex and area. The results show that a total of 25,096 deaths has occurred during the last 12 months prior to the survey. Households in rural areas reported 4,558 more deaths than those in urban areas. At regional level, Omusati reported the highest number of deaths (2,859), followed by Ohangwena with 2,533 and Kavango East with 2,509 deaths.

Table 5.2 Number of reported deaths in the last 12 months by sex and area

| Area | Total | Female | Male |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Namibia | 25 096 | 11 609 | 13 487 |
| Urban | 10 269 | 4 932 | 5 337 |
| Rural | 14 827 | 6 677 | 8 150 |
| !Karas | 829 | 360 | 468 |
| Erongo | 1 800 | 920 | 881 |
| Hardap | 1 374 | 632 | 743 |
| Kavango East | 2 509 | 1 417 | 1 092 |
| Kavango West | 1 535 | 695 | 840 |
| Khomas | 2 197 | 956 | 1 241 |
| Kunene | 856 | 327 | 528 |
| Ohangwena | 2 533 | 936 | 1 597 |
| Omaheke | 1 454 | 532 | 922 |
| Omusati | 2 859 | 1 182 | 1 677 |
| Oshana | 1 595 | 825 | 770 |
| Oshikoto | 2 300 | 1 169 | 1 130 |
| Otjozondjupa | 2 021 | 980 | 1 040 |
| Zambezi | 1 234 | 677 | 558 |

Furthermore, Figure 5.2 shows the percent distribution of reported deaths in the last 12 months by sex and areas. The majority (53.7%) of the reported deaths were for males as compared to 46.3 percent of reported deaths attributed to females. The same trend was also observed in urban and rural areas.

Figure 5.2 Percent distribution of reported deaths in the last 12 months by sex and area

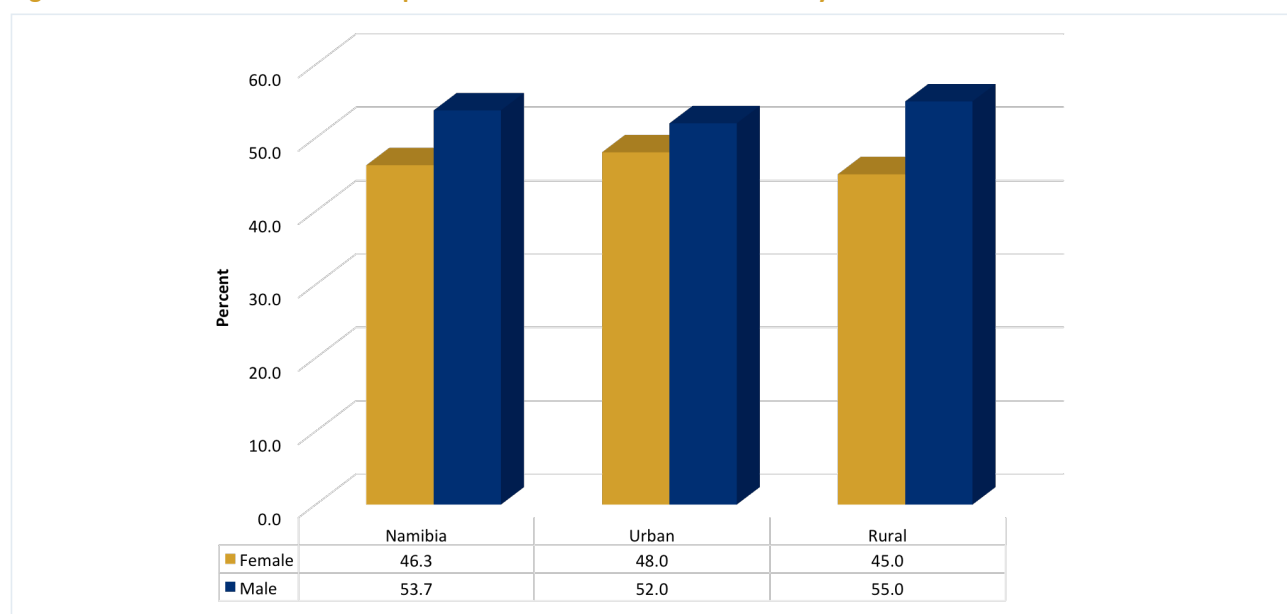
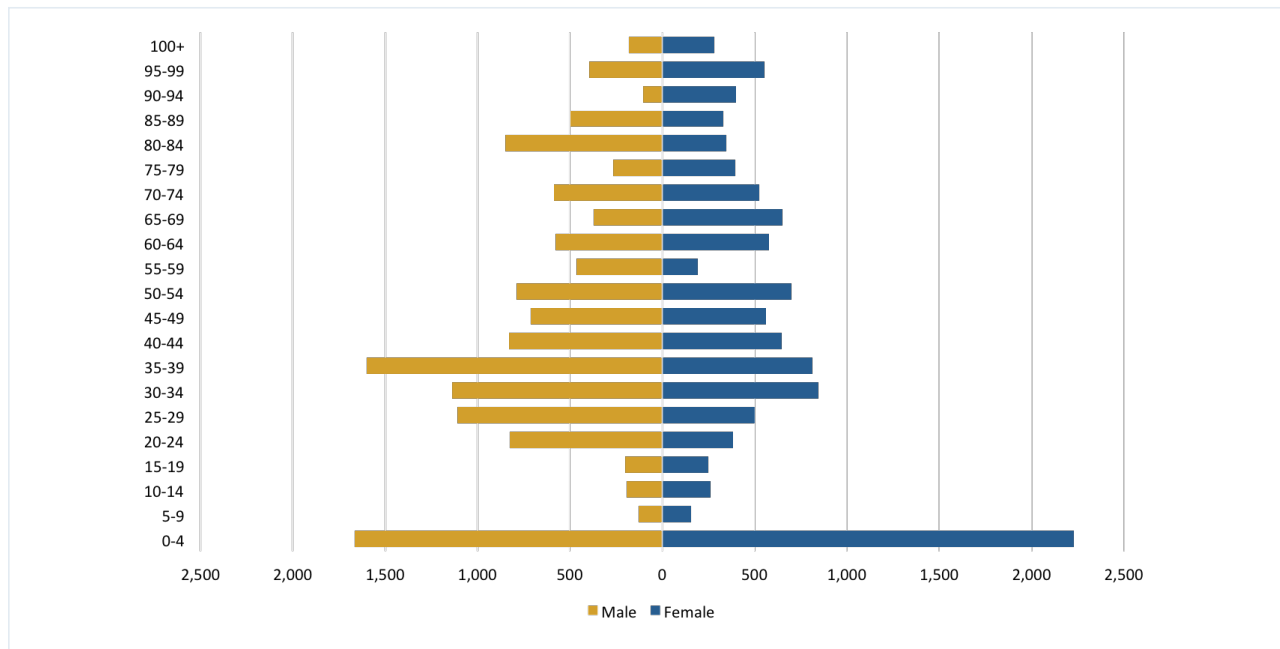


Figure 5.3 shows the distribution of reported deaths by age and sex. The results show that deaths are more among children under five years and this is mainly attributed to infant deaths who are dying before reaching the age of one. Regarding the population in the working ages, deaths were more among the males than females, while at older ages of 90 and above it is observed that female deaths were more than males.

Figure 5.3 Distribution of reported deaths by age and sex, Namibia 2016



5.2.2 Crude Death Rate (CDR)

Crude Death Rate (CDR) is defined as the number of deaths that occurred in a given calendar year per 1,000 people in the population.

At national level, the CDR was estimated to be 10.8 deaths per 1,000 people (Table 5.2.1). Furthermore, there were more deaths reported in rural (12.2) compared to urban (9.2) areas. At regional level the highest death rate was in Omaheke with 19.5 deaths per 1000 people, while Khomas reported the lowest CDR of 5.3.

Table 5.2.1 Number of reported deaths in the last 12 months and Crude death rate by area

| Area | Population | Reported deaths | CDR |
|--------------|------------|-----------------|------|
| Namibia | 2 324 388 | 25 096 | 10.8 |
| Urban | 1 112 868 | 10 269 | 9.2 |
| Rural | 1 211 520 | 14 827 | 12.2 |
| !Karas | 85 759 | 829 | 9.7 |
| Erongo | 182 402 | 1 800 | 9.9 |
| Hardap | 87 186 | 1 374 | 15.8 |
| Kavango East | 148 466 | 2 509 | 16.9 |
| Kavango West | 89 313 | 1 535 | 17.2 |
| Khomas | 415 780 | 2 197 | 5.3 |
| Kunene | 97 865 | 856 | 8.7 |
| Ohangwena | 255 510 | 2 533 | 9.9 |
| Omaheke | 74 629 | 1 454 | 19.5 |
| Omusati | 249 885 | 2 859 | 11.4 |
| Oshana | 189 237 | 1 595 | 8.4 |
| Oshikoto | 195 165 | 2 300 | 11.8 |
| Otjozondjupa | 154 342 | 2 021 | 13.1 |
| Zambezi | 98 849 | 1 234 | 12.5 |

Similarly, the distribution of the age-specific mortality is presented in Table 5.2.2. It can be observed that although deaths is high among children from ages 0 to 4 years, the distribution continue to fluctuate with respect to various age groups. For instance the proportion of deaths is relatively low among children in the age groups of 5 to 19 years before gradually increased from the age group of 20 to 24 to older age groups.

Table 5.2.2 Percent by age and sex, Namibia

| Reported age at death | Population | | | Death | | | Percent died | | |
|-----------------------|------------|---------|---------|-------|--------|-------|--------------|--------|------|
| | Total | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male |
| under1 | 67 735 | 33 319 | 34 417 | 2 351 | 1 268 | 1 083 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.1 |
| 1-4 | 254 190 | 125 826 | 128 363 | 1 542 | 960 | 582 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.5 |
| 5-9 | 284 647 | 141 151 | 143 496 | 284 | 154 | 129 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 10-14 | 239 623 | 119 284 | 120 339 | 452 | 260 | 192 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 15-19 | 242 819 | 122 491 | 120 328 | 452 | 251 | 201 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| 20-24 | 234 097 | 119 344 | 114 753 | 1 210 | 384 | 825 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| 25-29 | 208 797 | 106 322 | 102 475 | 1 612 | 503 | 1 109 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.1 |
| 30-34 | 168 854 | 86 875 | 81 979 | 1 985 | 846 | 1 139 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.4 |
| 35-39 | 140 133 | 72 053 | 68 080 | 2 417 | 815 | 1 602 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 2.4 |
| 40-44 | 116 501 | 60 720 | 55 781 | 1 477 | 648 | 829 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.5 |
| 45-49 | 90 798 | 48 349 | 42 449 | 1 273 | 562 | 711 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.7 |
| 50-54 | 74 259 | 40 664 | 33 595 | 1 492 | 701 | 791 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 2.4 |
| 55-59 | 56 074 | 31 965 | 24 109 | 656 | 192 | 464 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 1.9 |
| 60-64 | 42 602 | 24 274 | 18 328 | 1 156 | 580 | 577 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 3.1 |
| 65-69 | 31 485 | 17 326 | 14 159 | 1 023 | 651 | 372 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 2.6 |
| 70-74 | 22 204 | 13 080 | 9 124 | 1 114 | 526 | 588 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 6.4 |
| 75-79 | 19 178 | 11 417 | 7 762 | 663 | 396 | 267 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 |
| 80+ | 30 391 | 20 174 | 10 217 | 3 938 | 1 913 | 2 024 | 13.0 | 9.5 | 19.8 |

5.2.3 Death Registration

Table 5.2.3 indicates that most deaths (93.5) in Namibia were registered. Death registration was over 90 percent in both urban and rural areas. At regional level, the highest registered deaths were recorded in Hardap where 98.4 percent of deaths were registered. It is also worth noting that all regions except Kavango East (83.1%), Kunene (79.4%) and Otjozondjupa region (85.4%) have death registration of over 90 percent.

Table 5.2.3 Reported deaths in the last 12 months by registration status and area

| Area | Total | Percent death registered | Percent death NOT registered | Percent Don't know |
|--------------|--------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Namibia | 25 096 | 93.5 | 4.4 | 2.4 |
| Urban | 10 269 | 92.7 | 2.7 | 4.8 |
| Rural | 14 827 | 94.0 | 5.6 | 0.8 |
| !Karas | 829 | 94.3 | 0.0 | 5.7 |
| Erongo | 1 800 | 96.0 | 4.2 | 0.0 |
| Hardap | 1 374 | 98.4 | 0.0 | 1.7 |
| Kavango East | 2 509 | 83.1 | 14.6 | 4.8 |
| Kavango West | 1 535 | 94.1 | 4.8 | 1.4 |
| Khomas | 2 197 | 96.6 | 0.0 | 3.4 |
| Kunene | 856 | 79.4 | 26.1 | 0.0 |
| Ohangwena | 2 533 | 97.9 | 2.1 | 0.0 |
| Omaheke | 1 454 | 96.1 | 4.0 | 0.0 |
| Omusati | 2 859 | 97.9 | 2.1 | 0.0 |
| Oshana | 1 595 | 97.6 | 2.4 | 0.0 |
| Oshikoto | 2 300 | 93.8 | 2.2 | 4.0 |
| Otjozondjupa | 2 021 | 85.4 | 3.9 | 11.2 |
| Zambezi | 1 234 | 92.5 | 8.2 | 0.0 |

5.3 Migration

The survey also asked questions to determine the migration status of each person. Persons were enumerated at the place where they spent the survey Reference Night of 30 October 2016. However, it should be noted that some people were not counted at their usual place of residence. Likewise, some members of the population were no longer residing in their original place of birth. Others have moved to other regions. In an effort to capture information on inter-regional population movements, the survey collected information on place of birth and the place of usual residence for each individual at the time of the survey. Such information will provide indicators on lifetime as well as short time migration movements within the country.

In this report therefore, migration was analysed according to place of enumeration, place of usual residence and place of birth for each person that was enumerated.

5.3.1 Lifetime migration

Table 5.3.1 provides information on the movement of people between their place of birth and places of usual residence which sometimes is referred to as lifetime migration.

Migration rate of 100 percent indicate that the number of in-migrants was equal to the out-migrants in that area. On the other hand, migration rate below 100 percent was an indication that there are more in-flows of migrants from other places than people who were born in that region. Table 5.3.1 shows that Khomas and Erongo regions have experienced high rate of life time migration, as more than 40 percent of residents in these regions were born elsewhere. There has also been high rates of migration into Otjozondjupa and Karas. On the other hand, Ohangwena, Kavango West, and Omusati, regions have had high percentages of out-life migration, with 37, 33.8, 27.3, percent respectively of the people who were born in those regions migrated to other regions.

Table 5.3.1 Population by place of usual residence and place of birth

| Area | Usual Residence | Place of birth | Percent |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| Total | 2 324 178 | 2 324 206 | 100.0 |
| !Karas | 79 126 | 70 615 | 89.2 |
| Erongo | 180 659 | 102 424 | 56.7 |
| Hardap | 86 719 | 94 091 | 108.5 |
| Kavango East | 150 532 | 141 867 | 94.2 |
| Kavango West | 93 034 | 124 512 | 133.8 |
| Khomas | 403 901 | 235 397 | 58.3 |
| Kunene | 98 981 | 106 752 | 107.9 |
| Ohangwena | 259 933 | 356 066 | 137.0 |
| Omaheke | 73 881 | 72 401 | 98.0 |
| Omusati | 253 372 | 322 591 | 127.3 |
| Oshana | 186 747 | 183 492 | 98.3 |
| Oshikoto | 194 398 | 189 159 | 97.3 |
| Otjozondjupa | 150 891 | 126 463 | 83.8 |
| Zambezi | 97 927 | 94 405 | 96.4 |
| Outside Namibia | 13 212 | 99 953 | 756.5 |
| Don't know | 866 | 4 018 | 463.7 |

5.3.2 Duration at place of usual residence

To determine migration status and duration the survey asked questions on how many years' individuals had resided at the current place of usual residence.

Table 5.3.2 shows that the majority 577 842 of the enumerated population had lived at their current place of usual residence for between 4 and 9 years. The majority (38.9% and 30.1%) of those who were usual residence between 4 and 9 years were recorded for Europe and Khomas respectively.

Table 5.3.2 Percent distribution of duration at usual residence (in years) by regions

| Area | Usual Residence | Reported Duration | Less than 1 | 1-3 | 4-9 | 10-19 | 20+ | Don't Know |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| Total | 2 324 178 | 2 323 860 | 240 891 | 468 816 | 577 842 | 524 776 | 490 654 | 20 881 |
| | | | Percent Distribution | | | | | |
| !Karas | 79 126 | 79 126 | 13.4 | 23.8 | 22.2 | 18.4 | 21.4 | 0.8 |
| Erongo | 180 659 | 180 659 | 11.7 | 20.3 | 28.8 | 21.0 | 16.7 | 1.4 |
| Hardap | 86 719 | 86 719 | 11.8 | 25.4 | 19.3 | 18.4 | 24.6 | 0.5 |
| Kavango East | 150 532 | 150 532 | 10.7 | 23.4 | 22.8 | 23.5 | 18.5 | 1.3 |
| Kavango West | 93 034 | 93 034 | 5.2 | 17.6 | 25.2 | 26.7 | 24.3 | 1.0 |
| Khomas | 403 901 | 403 901 | 10.4 | 23.4 | 30.1 | 21.4 | 14.4 | 0.2 |
| Kunene | 98 981 | 98 800 | 11.3 | 19.1 | 25.9 | 18.6 | 23.3 | 1.8 |
| Ohangwena | 259 933 | 259 894 | 9.7 | 15.7 | 22.3 | 26.7 | 24.8 | 0.8 |
| Omaheke | 73 881 | 73 881 | 17.5 | 24.6 | 25.1 | 15.4 | 17.0 | 0.4 |
| Omusati | 253 372 | 253 372 | 7.8 | 15.0 | 21.9 | 26.2 | 28.2 | 0.9 |
| Oshana | 186 747 | 186 697 | 8.2 | 18.9 | 23.3 | 23.2 | 25.9 | 0.4 |
| Oshikoto | 194 398 | 194 349 | 9.1 | 16.6 | 24.1 | 25.9 | 23.8 | 0.4 |
| Otjozondjupa | 150 891 | 150 891 | 13.6 | 26.6 | 23.6 | 16.6 | 17.5 | 2.1 |
| Zambezi | 97 927 | 97 927 | 8.8 | 19.5 | 26.6 | 24.4 | 18.9 | 1.8 |
| Outside Namibia | | | | | | | | |
| Africa | 11 801 | 11 801 | 33.4 | 15.5 | 16.2 | 12.7 | 20.9 | 1.2 |
| Asia | 220 | 220 | 0.0 | 82.7 | 17.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Europe | 623 | 623 | 19.4 | 6.2 | 38.9 | 13.3 | 22.1 | 0.0 |
| All other countries | 569 | 569 | 56.7 | 28.3 | 15.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Don't know | 866 | 866 | 17.4 | 10.3 | 12.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 59.8 |

5.3.3 Age – Sex Structure of Lifetime migrants

Table 5.3.3 shows the distribution of lifetime migration by age and sex. The results indicate that 76.6 percent of lifetime migrants were mostly people of the working ages (15 to 64). Males made up the larger number of migrants compare to females particularly in the age groups of 25 to 64 years.

Sex ratio also confirm the higher number of male migrant among age groups particularly 25 to 64 years, where sex ratios in those ages are more than 100.

Table 5.3.3 Distribution of lifetime migration by age and sex ratio

| Age group | Total Migrants | | Migrants by sex | | Sex Ratio |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Total | Percent | Female | Male | |
| Total | 786 363 | 100.0 | 392 321 | 394 042 | 100.4 |
| 0-4 | 51 542 | 6.6 | 27 418 | 24 124 | 88.0 |
| 5-9 | 54 011 | 6.9 | 27 859 | 26 152 | 93.9 |
| 10-14 | 47 350 | 6.0 | 24 099 | 23 251 | 96.5 |
| 15-19 | 61 829 | 7.9 | 33 820 | 28 009 | 82.8 |
| 20-24 | 94 182 | 12.0 | 47 932 | 46 249 | 96.5 |
| 25-29 | 106 576 | 13.6 | 52 849 | 53 727 | 101.7 |
| 30-34 | 92 495 | 11.8 | 44 514 | 47 980 | 107.8 |
| 35-39 | 75 866 | 9.6 | 35 438 | 40 428 | 114.1 |
| 40-44 | 58 039 | 7.4 | 26 459 | 31 580 | 119.4 |
| 45-49 | 44 612 | 5.7 | 21 049 | 23 563 | 111.9 |
| 50-54 | 31 643 | 4.0 | 15 263 | 16 380 | 107.3 |
| 55-59 | 22 205 | 2.8 | 10 956 | 11 249 | 102.7 |
| 60-64 | 13 872 | 1.8 | 6 764 | 7 108 | 105.1 |
| 65-69 | 11 221 | 1.4 | 5 685 | 5 536 | 97.4 |
| 70-74 | 6 129 | 0.8 | 3 397 | 2 732 | 80.4 |
| 75-79 | 5 619 | 0.7 | 2 971 | 2 648 | 89.1 |
| 80+ | 9 172 | 1.2 | 5 848 | 3 324 | 56.8 |

5.3.4 Non-Citizens

The survey further collected information on the respondent's country of citizenship. Table 5.3.4 indicates that 97 percent of the enumerated persons were Namibians compared to only 3 percent of the respondents who are non-Namibians. This trend was further observed across the regions.

Table 5.3.4 Citizens and Non-citizens population by usual residents

| Usual Residence | Usual residence | Citizenship | | Percent | |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | Namibian | Non-Namibian | Namibian | Non-Namibian |
| Total | 2 324 178 | 2 253 805 | 70 373 | 97.0 | 3.0 |
| !Karas | 79 126 | 77 993 | 1 133 | 98.6 | 1.4 |
| Erongo | 180 659 | 176 429 | 4 230 | 97.7 | 2.3 |
| Hardap | 86 719 | 85 478 | 1 241 | 98.6 | 1.4 |
| Kavango East | 150 532 | 149 010 | 1 522 | 99.0 | 1.0 |
| Kavango West | 93 034 | 92 015 | 1 019 | 98.9 | 1.1 |
| Khomas | 403 901 | 385 319 | 18 582 | 95.4 | 4.6 |
| Kunene | 98 981 | 98 152 | 829 | 99.2 | 0.8 |
| Ohangwena | 259 933 | 255 129 | 4 804 | 98.2 | 1.8 |
| Omaheke | 73 881 | 73 061 | 819 | 98.9 | 1.1 |
| Omusati | 253 372 | 248 485 | 4 887 | 98.1 | 1.9 |
| Oshana | 186 747 | 182 605 | 4 141 | 97.8 | 2.2 |
| Oshikoto | 194 398 | 191 039 | 3 359 | 98.3 | 1.7 |
| Otjozondjupa | 150 891 | 148 443 | 2 449 | 98.4 | 1.6 |
| Zambezi | 97 927 | 86 691 | 11 236 | 88.5 | 11.5 |
| Outside Namibia | 13 212 | 3 089 | 10 123 | 23.4 | 76.6 |
| Don't know | 866 | 866 | - | 100.0 | 0.0 |

Chapter 6: Household Characteristics

This chapter provides information on household characteristics, particularly on household sizes, composition and by head of household, main language spoken in the household, main income and assets. A household is defined as a group of people related or unrelated who live in the same dwelling unit and share or have common catering arrangements.



6.1 Household size

The average household size is a summary measure that gives the average number of persons in the household and is given by the total number of population over the total number of households in a given area at a particular point in time.

Table 6.1.1 shows that Namibian household consists of 3.9 persons on average. This figure has decreased from an average of 4.4 persons recorded in 2011. The average household size was smaller in urban areas (3.4 persons) than in rural areas (4.6 persons). At regional level, Kavango West and Ohangwena regions recorded the highest average number of persons in their households with 5.2 persons each respectively. On the other hand, Hardap region recorded the lowest average household size, having registered 2.9 persons in 2016.

Table 6.1.1 Average household size by year (2011 & 2016) and area

| Area | 2011 | 2016 |
|--------------|------|------|
| Namibia | 4.4 | 3.9 |
| Urban | 3.8 | 3.4 |
| Rural | 5.1 | 4.6 |
| !Karas | 3.6 | 3.3 |
| Erongo | 3.3 | 3.1 |
| Hardap | 4.0 | 2.9 |
| Kavango East | 5.8 | 4.1 |
| Kavango West | 6.3 | 5.2 |
| Khomas | 3.7 | 3.5 |
| Kunene | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| Ohangwena | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| Omaheke | 4.3 | 3.5 |
| Omusati | 5.2 | 4.6 |
| Oshana | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| Oshikoto | 4.8 | 4.3 |
| Otjozondjupa | 4.2 | 3.9 |
| Zambezi | 4.2 | 3.7 |

6.2 Head of Household

The survey also collected information on the characteristics of the head of households as well as linkages in terms of relationships of other members of the household to the head. The head of household refer to a person, of either sex who is looked upon by other members of the household as their leader or main decision-maker. In the absence of the head of household during the survey reference night, the next responsible adult member was regarded as the head of the household.

6.2.1 Sex of Household Heads

Table 6.2.1 shows that the majority (53.6%) of households in Namibia are headed by males. However female heads have increased by 2.6 percentage points between 2011 and 2016. The difference between urban and rural households are small, with 55.5 percent of urban households being headed by males compared to 51.4 percent in rural areas. The sex of household head varies between regions. The majority of the households in most of the regions were headed by males except households in regions such as: Kavango East, Oshana and Oshikoto regions that were headed by females.

Table 6.2.1 Percent distribution of household head by sex, year and area

| Area | Households 2011 | Sex of household heads (%) 2011 | | Households 2016 | Sex of household heads (%) 2016 | |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| | | Male | Female | | Male | Female |
| Namibia | 464 839 | 56.2 | 43.8 | 589 787 | 53.6 | 46.4 |
| Urban | 228 955 | 58.1 | 41.9 | 325 335 | 55.5 | 44.5 |
| Rural | 235 884 | 54.4 | 45.6 | 264 452 | 51.4 | 48.6 |
| !Karas | 20 988 | 62.9 | 37.1 | 26 348 | 61.2 | 38.8 |
| Erongo | 44 116 | 65.6 | 34.4 | 58 486 | 62.4 | 37.6 |
| Hardap | 19 307 | 63.6 | 36.4 | 30 108 | 62.3 | 37.7 |
| Kavango East | 23 050 | 55.4 | 44.6 | 35 848 | 44.7 | 55.3 |
| Kavango West | 13 691 | 60.0 | 40.0 | 17 046 | 57.6 | 42.4 |
| Khomas | 89 438 | 61.2 | 38.8 | 119 217 | 59.9 | 40.1 |
| Kunene | 18 495 | 60.3 | 39.7 | 21 099 | 50.5 | 49.5 |
| Oshana | 43 723 | 43.5 | 56.5 | 49 470 | 38.0 | 62.0 |
| Omaheke | 16 174 | 66.4 | 33.6 | 21 169 | 63.2 | 36.8 |
| Omusati | 46 698 | 44.7 | 55.3 | 54 383 | 43.1 | 56.9 |
| Oshana | 37 284 | 46.3 | 53.7 | 44 544 | 43.1 | 56.9 |
| Oshikoto | 37 400 | 51.4 | 48.6 | 45 407 | 49.3 | 50.7 |
| Otjozondjupa | 33 192 | 63.4 | 36.6 | 39 761 | 61.1 | 38.9 |
| Zambezi | 21 283 | 55.8 | 44.2 | 26 901 | 58.0 | 42.0 |

6.2.2 Households Headed by Children

Table 6.2.2 gives information on households headed by children who were 18 years and younger. A total of 6, 937 households or 1.2 percent of all households in Namibia were headed by children aged 18 years and younger in 2016. It is worth noting that there was a decrease both in number and percent of households that were headed by children in 2016 compared to 2011. The number of households headed by children decreased with 734 households in 2016 compared to the 7671 recorded in 2011. The proportion of households that were headed by children were more in rural (1.6%) than in urban areas (0.8%). At regional level, Ohangwena (2.4%); Oshikoto (2.0%) and Zambezi (2.0%) had the highest number of households headed by children. On the other hand, !Karas and Oshana regions had the lowest proportions having recorded 0.5 percent of the households headed by children in their respective regions.

Table 6.2.2 Percent distribution of child headed households by year and area

| Area | 2011 Households | 2011 Child-headed households | Percent | 2016 Households | 2016 Child-headed households | Percent |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Namibia | 464 839 | 7 671 | 1.7 | 589 787 | 6 937 | 1.2 |
| Urban | 228 955 | 2 761 | 1.2 | 325 335 | 2 615 | 0.8 |
| Rural | 235 884 | 4 910 | 2.1 | 264 452 | 4 322 | 1.6 |
| !Karas | 20 988 | 223 | 1.1 | 26 348 | 131 | 0.5 |
| Erongo | 44 116 | 426 | 1.0 | 58 486 | 511 | 0.9 |
| Hardap | 19 307 | 236 | 1.2 | 30 108 | 225 | 0.7 |
| Kavango East | 23 050 | 315 | 1.4 | 35 848 | 233 | 0.6 |
| Kavango West | 13 691 | 220 | 1.6 | 17 046 | 265 | 1.6 |
| Khomas | 89 438 | 1 018 | 1.1 | 119 217 | 735 | 0.6 |
| Kunene | 18 495 | 522 | 2.8 | 21 099 | 244 | 1.2 |
| Ohangwena | 43 723 | 1 171 | 2.7 | 49 470 | 1 180 | 2.4 |
| Omaheke | 16 174 | 321 | 2.0 | 21 169 | 332 | 1.6 |
| Omusati | 46 698 | 944 | 2.0 | 54 383 | 996 | 1.8 |
| Oshana | 37 284 | 595 | 1.6 | 44 544 | 244 | 0.5 |
| Oshikoto | 37 400 | 802 | 2.1 | 45 407 | 902 | 2.0 |
| Otjozondjupa | 33 192 | 550 | 1.7 | 39 761 | 397 | 1.0 |
| Zambezi | 21 283 | 328 | 1.5 | 26 901 | 543 | 2.0 |

6.2.3 Orphan headed households

Table 6.2.3a presents information on households headed by orphans 18 years and younger. A total of 2,040 (0.3%) orphan-headed households were reported in 2016 and this number has decreased from 2,953 (0.6%) reported in 2011. More households headed by orphans were found in rural (0.6%) than urban areas (0.1%). Ohangwena had the highest proportion (1.1%) of households headed by orphans while Erongo, Hardap, Kavango East and Khomas had the lowest (0.1%) proportion of households headed by orphans.

Table 6.2.3a Percent distribution of orphan headed household by year and area

| Area | 2011 Households | 2011 Orphan-headed households | Percent | 2016 Households | 2016 Orphan-headed households | Percent |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Namibia | 464 839 | 2 953 | 0.6 | 589 787 | 2 040 | 0.3 |
| Urban | 228 955 | 984 | 0.4 | 325 335 | 406 | 0.1 |
| Rural | 235 884 | 1 969 | 0.8 | 264 452 | 1 634 | 0.6 |
| !Karas | 20 988 | 78 | 0.4 | 26 348 | 82 | 0.3 |
| Erongo | 44 116 | 165 | 0.4 | 58 486 | 67 | 0.1 |
| Hardap | 19 307 | 113 | 0.6 | 30 108 | 28 | 0.1 |
| Kavango East | 23 050 | 136 | 0.6 | 35 848 | 50 | 0.1 |
| Kavango West | 13 691 | 95 | 0.7 | 17 046 | 134 | 0.8 |
| Khomas | 89 438 | 343 | 0.4 | 119 217 | 83 | 0.1 |
| Kunene | 18 495 | 143 | 0.8 | 21 099 | 72 | 0.3 |
| Ohangwena | 43 723 | 533 | 1.2 | 49 470 | 541 | 1.1 |
| Omaheke | 16 174 | 100 | 0.6 | 21 169 | 110 | 0.5 |
| Omusati | 46 698 | 385 | 0.8 | 54 383 | 229 | 0.4 |
| Oshana | 37 284 | 249 | 0.7 | 44 544 | 97 | 0.2 |
| Oshikoto | 37 400 | 288 | 0.8 | 45 407 | 307 | 0.7 |
| Otjozondjupa | 33 192 | 159 | 0.5 | 39 761 | 101 | 0.3 |
| Zambezi | 21 283 | 166 | 0.8 | 26 901 | 137 | 0.5 |

In addition, Table 6.2.3b gives the number of households with orphans who are 18 years old and younger. Out of the total 589, 787 households in Namibia, 82,283 households representing 14.0 percent had orphans. Rural areas (19.1%) had more households with orphans than urban areas (9.7%). At regional level, Ohangwena had the highest percentage (26.6%) of households with orphans, while Erongo recorded the lowest percentage (4.9%).

Table 6.2.3b Percent distribution of households with orphans by area

| Area | Households | Households with Orphans | Percent |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Namibia | 589 787 | 82 283 | 14.0 |
| Urban | 325 335 | 31 719 | 9.7 |
| Rural | 264 452 | 50 564 | 19.1 |
| !Karas | 26 348 | 1 747 | 6.6 |
| Erongo | 58 486 | 2 892 | 4.9 |
| Hardap | 30 108 | 3 631 | 12.1 |
| Kavango East | 35 848 | 8 452 | 23.6 |
| Kavango West | 17 046 | 3 922 | 23.0 |
| Khomas | 119 217 | 7 910 | 6.6 |
| Kunene | 21 099 | 2 648 | 12.5 |
| Ohangwena | 49 470 | 13 167 | 26.6 |
| Omaheke | 21 169 | 1 854 | 8.8 |
| Omusati | 54 383 | 11 369 | 20.9 |
| Oshana | 44 544 | 6 760 | 15.2 |
| Oshikoto | 45 407 | 8 079 | 17.8 |
| Otjozondjupa | 39 761 | 4 095 | 10.3 |
| Zambezi | 26 901 | 5 757 | 21.4 |

6.2.4 Household and disability

Table 6.2.4a gives information on households which were headed by persons with disabilities. The result shows that 8.0 percent of the households in Namibia were headed by person with disabilities in 2016, an increase of 0.2 percent from 7.8 percent recorded in 2011. More households that were headed by persons with disabilities were found in rural (11.5%) than urban areas (5.3%). At regional level, Kavango West (15.2%) and Ohangwena (14.9%) had the highest percentage of households headed by persons with disabilities. On the other hand, Khomas (3.2%) and Erongo (3.9%) regions recorded the lowest percent of households headed by person with disabilities.

Table 6.2.4a Percent distribution of household headed by person with disability by year and area

| Area | 2011 Households | 2011 Person with disability headed households | Percent | 2016 Households | 2016 Person with disability headed households | Percent |
|--------------|-----------------|---|---------|-----------------|---|---------|
| Namibia | 464 839 | 36 041 | 7.8 | 589 787 | 47 389 | 8.0 |
| Urban | 228 955 | 10 324 | 4.5 | 325 335 | 16 974 | 5.2 |
| Rural | 235 884 | 25 717 | 10.9 | 264 452 | 30 416 | 11.5 |
| !Karas | 20 988 | 953 | 4.5 | 26 348 | 1 464 | 5.6 |
| Erongo | 44 116 | 1 519 | 3.4 | 58 486 | 2 285 | 3.9 |
| Hardap | 19 307 | 1 184 | 6.1 | 30 108 | 1 267 | 4.2 |
| Kavango East | 23 050 | 2 657 | 11.5 | 35 848 | 4 304 | 12.0 |
| Kavango West | 13 691 | 1 593 | 11.6 | 17 046 | 2 598 | 15.2 |
| Khomas | 89 438 | 3 896 | 4.4 | 119 217 | 3 871 | 3.2 |
| Kunene | 18 495 | 1 156 | 6.3 | 21 099 | 2 022 | 9.6 |
| Ohangwena | 43 723 | 5 148 | 11.8 | 49 470 | 7 383 | 14.9 |
| Omaheke | 16 174 | 861 | 5.3 | 21 169 | 1 222 | 5.8 |
| Omusati | 46 698 | 5 947 | 12.7 | 54 383 | 5 929 | 10.9 |
| Oshana | 37 284 | 3 293 | 8.8 | 44 544 | 5 667 | 12.7 |
| Oshikoto | 37 400 | 4 269 | 11.4 | 45 407 | 3 778 | 8.3 |
| Otjozondjupa | 33 192 | 2 004 | 6.0 | 39 761 | 3 490 | 8.8 |
| Zambezi | 21 283 | 1 561 | 7.3 | 26 901 | 2 110 | 7.8 |

Similarly, Table 6.2.4b presents the distribution of households with persons with disabilities by area in 2011 and 2016. There was a decrease in the percentage of households that had persons with disabilities in 2016 having recorded a proportion of 15.6 percent down from 17 percent recorded in 2011. Rural areas (22.0%) had more households with person with disabilities than urban areas (10.3%), whereas at regional level, Kavango West (34.7%) recorded the highest percentage of households that had persons with disabilities, while Khomas and Erongo recorded the lowest proportion of households with persons with disabilities, having recorded a 7.4 percent each respectively.

Table 6.2.4b Percent distribution of households with persons with disabilities by area

| Area | Households | Households with persons with Disabilities 2011 | Percent | Households | Households with persons with Disabilities 2016 | Percent |
|--------------|------------|--|---------|------------|--|---------|
| Namibia | 464 839 | 78 960 | 17.0 | 589 787 | 91 768 | 15.6 |
| Urban | 228 955 | 24 376 | 10.6 | 325 335 | 33 649 | 10.3 |
| Rural | 235 884 | 54 314 | 23.0 | 264 452 | 58 119 | 22.0 |
| !Karas | 20 988 | 2 240 | 10.7 | 26 348 | 2 358 | 9.0 |
| Erongo | 44 116 | 3 116 | 7.1 | 58 486 | 4 322 | 7.4 |
| Hardap | 19 307 | 2 634 | 13.6 | 30 108 | 2 495 | 8.3 |
| Kavango East | 23 050 | 6 038 | 26.2 | 35 848 | 8 379 | 23.4 |
| Kavango West | 13 691 | 3 655 | 26.7 | 17 046 | 5 918 | 34.7 |
| Khomas | 89 438 | 8 810 | 9.9 | 119 217 | 8 805 | 7.4 |
| Kunene | 18 495 | 2 656 | 14.4 | 21 099 | 3 270 | 15.5 |
| Ohangwena | 43 723 | 10 522 | 24.1 | 49 470 | 13 774 | 27.8 |
| Omaheke | 16 174 | 2 020 | 12.5 | 21 169 | 2 873 | 13.6 |
| Omusati | 46 698 | 12 115 | 25.9 | 54 383 | 12 290 | 22.6 |
| Oshana | 37 284 | 7 194 | 19.3 | 44 544 | 9 470 | 21.3 |
| Oshikoto | 37 400 | 9 487 | 25.4 | 45 407 | 8 056 | 17.7 |
| Otjozondjupa | 33 192 | 5 003 | 15.1 | 39 761 | 6 005 | 15.1 |
| Zambezi | 21 283 | 3 200 | 15.0 | 26 901 | 3 752 | 13.9 |

6.2.6 Households Headed by elderly persons (60+)

Table 6.2.6 gives information on households headed by elderly persons aged 60 years and above. A total of 109,947 households were headed by elderly persons in 2016, which constituted 18.6 percent of all households. Although there was a reduction in the proportion with respect to 2011, the number of households has actually increased by 11,682 households in 2016. More households headed by elderly persons were found in rural (29.9%) than in urban areas (9.5%). While at regional level, Omusati recorded the highest percent (36.5%) followed by Ohangwena (29.4%), Oshikoto (24.6%) and Kavango West (24.4%). The two most urbanised regions namely Erongo (8.7%) and Khomas (7.6%) had the least percentages of households headed by elderly persons.

Table 6.2.5 Percent distribution of household headed by elderly persons (60+) by year and area

| Area | 2011 Households | 2011 Elderly persons headed households | Percent | 2016 Households | 2016 Elderly persons headed households | Percent |
|--------------|-----------------|--|---------|-----------------|--|---------|
| Namibia | 464 839 | 98 265 | 21.1 | 589 787 | 109 947 | 18.6 |
| Urban | 228 955 | 21 612 | 9.4 | 325 335 | 30 971 | 9.5 |
| Rural | 235 884 | 76 653 | 32.5 | 264 452 | 78 976 | 29.9 |
| !Karas | 20 988 | 2 720 | 13.0 | 26 348 | 3 953 | 15.0 |
| Erongo | 44 116 | 5 057 | 11.5 | 58 486 | 5 100 | 8.7 |
| Hardap | 19 307 | 3 612 | 18.7 | 30 108 | 6 109 | 20.3 |
| Kavango East | 23 050 | 5 497 | 23.8 | 35 848 | 7 848 | 21.9 |
| Kavango West | 13 691 | 4 013 | 29.3 | 17 046 | 4 156 | 24.4 |
| Khomas | 89 438 | 6 705 | 7.5 | 119 217 | 9 116 | 7.6 |
| Kunene | 18 495 | 3 418 | 18.5 | 21 099 | 4 241 | 20.1 |
| Ohangwena | 43 723 | 16 331 | 37.4 | 49 470 | 14 538 | 29.4 |
| Omaheke | 16 174 | 3 003 | 18.6 | 21 169 | 3 547 | 16.8 |
| Omusati | 46 698 | 18 820 | 40.3 | 54 383 | 19 867 | 36.5 |
| Oshana | 37 284 | 9 285 | 24.9 | 44 544 | 9 888 | 22.2 |
| Oshikoto | 37 400 | 10 986 | 29.4 | 45 407 | 11 157 | 24.6 |
| Otjozondjupa | 33 192 | 4 907 | 14.8 | 39 761 | 6 423 | 16.2 |
| Zambezi | 21 283 | 3 911 | 18.4 | 26 901 | 4 005 | 14.9 |

6.3 Language spoken

Information on the main language spoken in the household was collected from all households. Table 6.3 shows that Oshiwambo as the main language spoken by 49.7 percent of the households in Namibia followed by Nama/Damara with 11.0 percent and Kavango languages with 10.4 percent. Other European languages (0.1%) and Tswana (0.3%) were the least main languages spoken in most of the Namibian households.

Table 6.3 Percent distribution of households by main language spoken at home in Namibia

| Main Language spoken | Households | Percent |
|--------------------------|------------|---------|
| Namibia | 589 787 | 100.0 |
| San Languages | 4 075 | 0.7 |
| Zambezi Languages (1) | 28 625 | 4.9 |
| Herero Languages (2) | 54 008 | 9.2 |
| Kavango Languages (3) | 61 292 | 10.4 |
| Nama/Damara Languages | 64 961 | 11.0 |
| Oshiwambo Languages | 293 149 | 49.7 |
| Tswana | 1 614 | 0.3 |
| Afrikaans | 55 205 | 9.4 |
| German | 3 726 | 0.6 |
| English | 13 325 | 2.3 |
| Other European Languages | 747 | 0.1 |
| Other African Languages | 2 689 | 0.5 |
| Asian Languages | 200 | 0.0 |
| Other Languages | 6 052 | 1.0 |
| Don't Know | 37 | 0.0 |
| Not stated | 81 | 0.0 |

Note: (1) Zambezi language includes: *Silozi(Sikololo), Sifwe, Sisubiya, Siyeyi (Yei) and Totela.*

(2) Herero languages includes: *Otjiherero, Otjimbanderu, Oruzemba, Otjizimba, Otjihakahona, Otjindongona and Otjitjavikwa*

(3) Kavango languages includes: *Rukwangali, Rushambyu, Rugciriku, Thimbukushu, Rumanyo and Rukavango, Not Elsewhere Classified*

6.4 Household main source of livelihood

Information on the livelihood of household are very important for the elimination of poverty and hunger and the improvement of the living standard of the people. Livelihood referred to here is not only in monetary terms but can also be 'the main products being produced for consumption/sale, for instance some farmers cultivate and depend on Omahangu, in this case farming is the main source of income for these farmers.

Information on the main source of income was collected to determine the livelihood of a household. The main source of income included salaries and wages; farming; business activities (non- farming); cash remittances; pension; grants (orphans and persons with disability etc...) and so on.

Table 6.9 shows that wages and salaries was the leading main source of income for most households in Namibia, reported by 52.0% of households. This is followed by farming (14.4%) and state old age pension (10.2%). business activities- non-farming also seems to be very important for a large number of households in Namibia as 7.2 percent of households depended on this source for income.

Major differences in the sources of income between urban and rural areas can further be observed. In urban areas, 70.2 percent of the households depended mainly on wages and salaries as the source of income. Furthermore, business activities non-farming also plays a major role for 9.9 percent of all households in urban areas. In rural areas, a large number of households which makes up 31.1 percent depended on subsistence farming as the main source of income, followed by salaries and wages (29.6%) and state old age pension (17.0%) respectively.

At a regional level, wages and salaries was predominantly common in Erongo, Khomas and Karas, regions where more than 70 percent of households reported to have depended on this source. By contrast, farming activities were the main sources of income for northern regions, particularly in Omusati where more than 50 percent of households depended on this source for income. Ohangwena (35.9%), Oshikoto (31.5%) and Kavango West (30.7%) also reported subsistence farming as their main source of income.

Table 6.4 Percent distribution of households by main source of livelihood/survival and area

| Area | Households | Salaries and/or wages | Subsistence farming | Commercial farming | Business activities, non-farming | Pensions from employment and/or annuity funds | Cash remittances (not incl. alimony/child support) | State old age pension | Disability grants for adults (over 16 years) | State child maintenance grants | Drought relief assistance | In-kind receipts | Other |
|--------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Namibia | 589 787 | 52.0 | 14.4 | 0.6 | 7.2 | 1.3 | 4.7 | 10.2 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.1 |
| Urban | 325 335 | 70.2 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 9.9 | 1.4 | 5.1 | 4.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 3.3 | 2.5 |
| Rural | 264 452 | 29.6 | 31.1 | 1.1 | 3.8 | 1.1 | 4.3 | 17.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 5.5 | 2.9 | 1.6 |
| !Karas | 26 348 | 74.4 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 3.8 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 11.0 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| Erongo | 58 486 | 77.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 7.2 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 5.3 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 3.1 | 2.3 |
| Hardap | 30 108 | 61.1 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 3.7 | 4.7 | 3.5 | 9.2 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 7.4 | 2.4 |
| Kavango East | 35 848 | 38.9 | 15.2 | 0.5 | 9.6 | 1.2 | 5.8 | 16.7 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 2.0 |
| Kavango West | 17 046 | 25.0 | 30.7 | 0.7 | 9.0 | 0.5 | 3.4 | 12.5 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 3.6 | 6.8 | 3.0 |
| Khomas | 119 217 | 74.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 9.7 | 1.4 | 5.6 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 3.5 | 2.3 |
| Kunene | 21 099 | 35.6 | 10.6 | 2.0 | 4.4 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 14.0 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 15.0 | 10.1 | 3.1 |
| Ohangwena | 49 470 | 22.6 | 35.9 | 0.5 | 3.5 | 0.6 | 6.2 | 19.4 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 5.5 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| Omaheke | 21 169 | 58.2 | 9.6 | 1.5 | 6.9 | 2.2 | 5.2 | 10.9 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 2.3 | 1.2 |
| Omusati | 54 383 | 17.2 | 53.0 | 0.2 | 4.0 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 13.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 5.4 | 0.9 | 0.3 |
| Oshana | 44 544 | 46.0 | 11.9 | 0.2 | 11.5 | 0.6 | 9.6 | 14.3 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 2.4 |
| Oshikoto | 45 407 | 38.3 | 31.5 | 0.1 | 4.6 | 1.0 | 4.5 | 13.0 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 3.6 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Otjozondjupa | 39 761 | 65.5 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 7.0 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 9.6 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 3.7 | 2.3 | 3.3 |
| Zambezi | 26 901 | 45.1 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 11.6 | 1.4 | 6.7 | 11.8 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 3.3 |

Note: Others includes rental income, interest from savings/ investments, War veterans/ Ex-combatants grant, State foster care grant, Vulnerable grant, State special maintenance grants (disabled under 16 years), Alimony and similar allowances and any other kind of income.

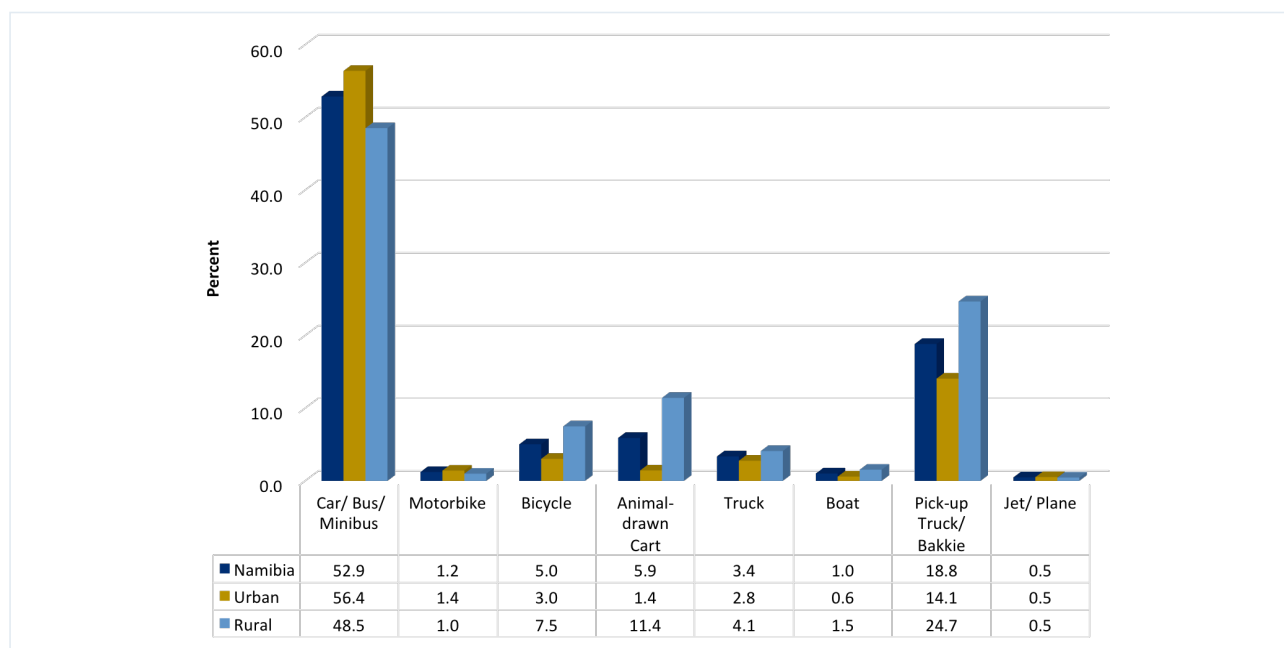
6.5 Household assets

The ownership of assets is an important indicator of social welfare and living standards, and therefore households that are owning certain assets depict a higher standards of living. The survey collected information on a wide range of assets including cars, televisions, radios and mobile phones. These can be categorized into assets used for transportation, communication and domestic utilities. It should be noted that a household can own or access more than one asset.

6.5.1 Transportation assets

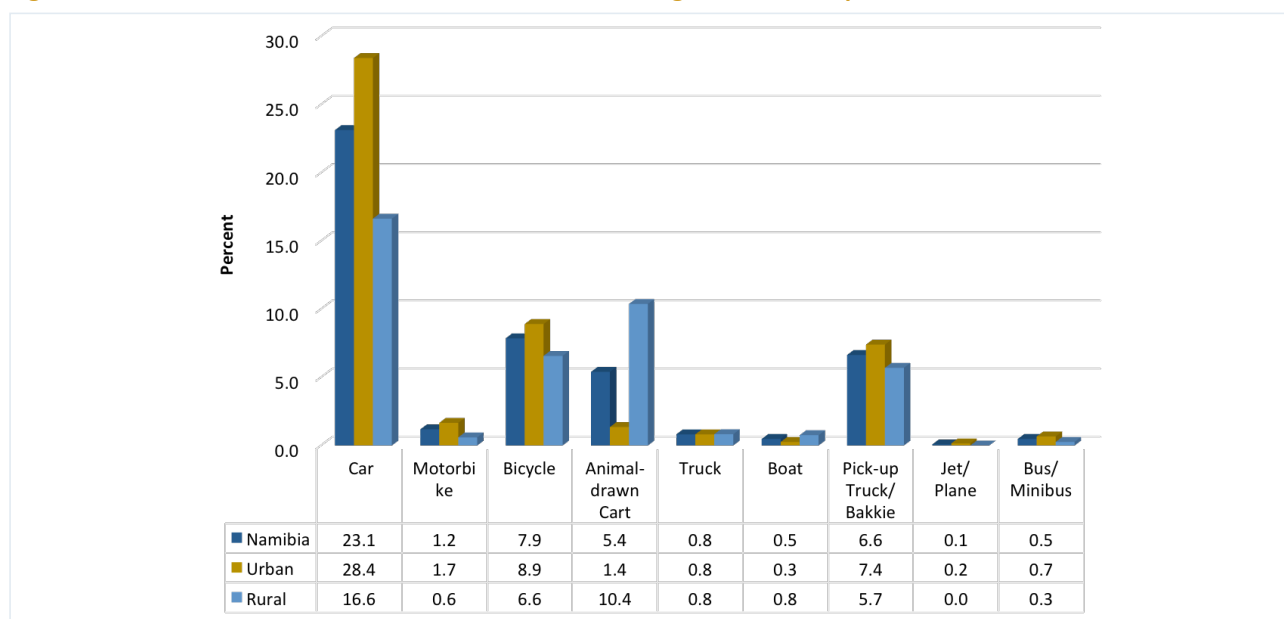
Figure 6.5.1a provide information on access to selected type of transportation assets. The result indicates that 52.9 percent of households had access to a car/bus/minibus as the means of transportation. Pickup trucks and bakkie were more used in rural areas accessed by 24.7 percent of the households.

Figure 6.5.1a Percent distribution of households with access to selected transportation assets and area



Similarly, Figure 6.5.1b provide information on household's ownerships of selected type of transportation assets. It can be observed from the figure that car was the most owned asset, owned by 23.1 percent of the households, while jet/plane was the least owned asset, owned by only 0.1 percent of the households. The same trend can be observed for urban and rural.

Figure 6.5.1b Percent distribution of households with owning selected transportation assets and area



6.5.2 Communication assets

In addition, Figure 6.5.2a shows the distribution of households having access to selected communication assets. The majority of the households had access to radio (13.2%), followed by television (6.5%) and radio was common in rural areas.

Figure 6.5.2a Percent distribution of households with access to selected communication assets and area

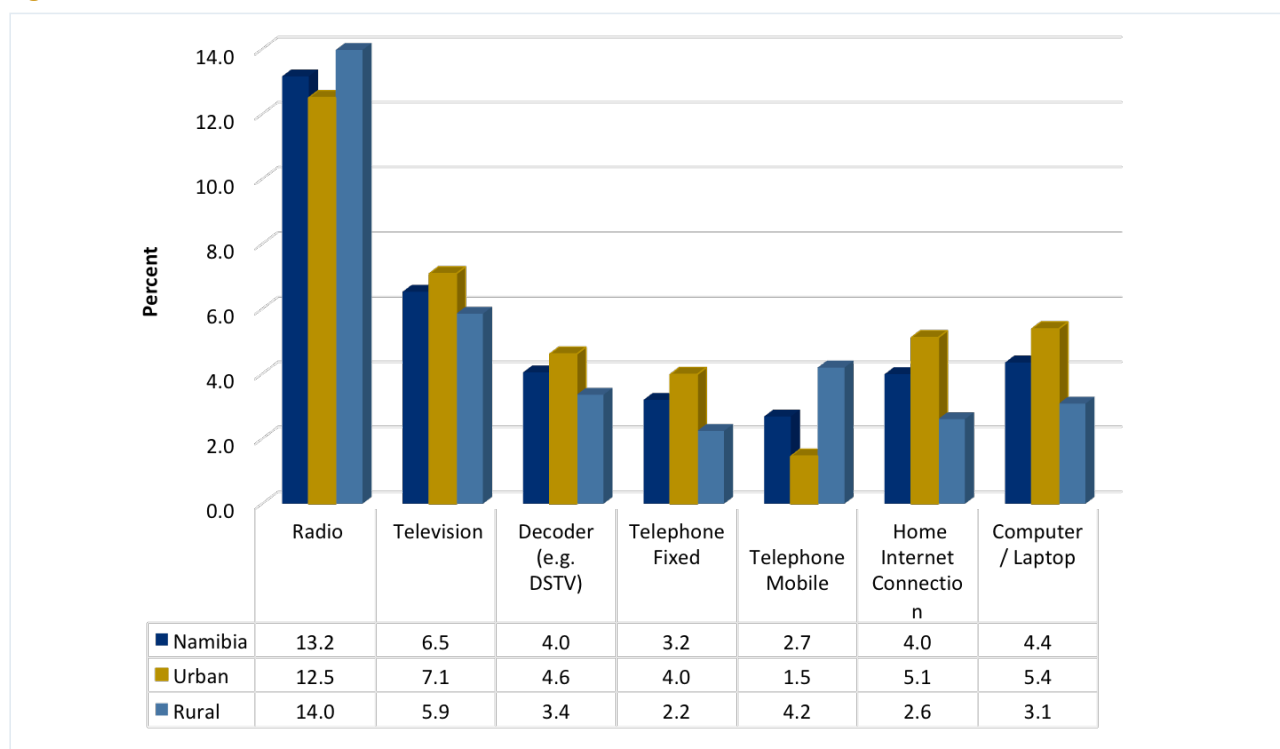
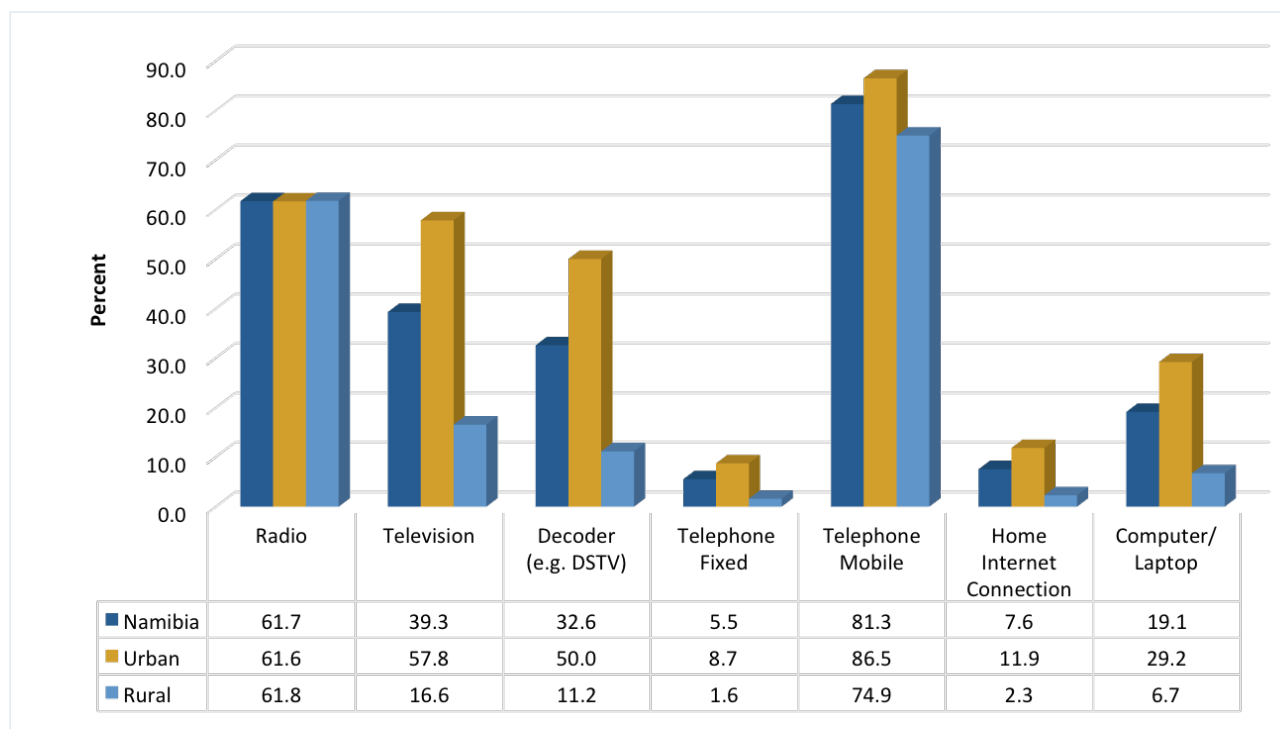


Figure 6.5.2b shows the distribution of households owning selected communication assets. The majority of households owned telephone mobiles (81.3%), followed by radio (61.7%) and television (39.3%). A similar trend can be observed in urban and rural areas.

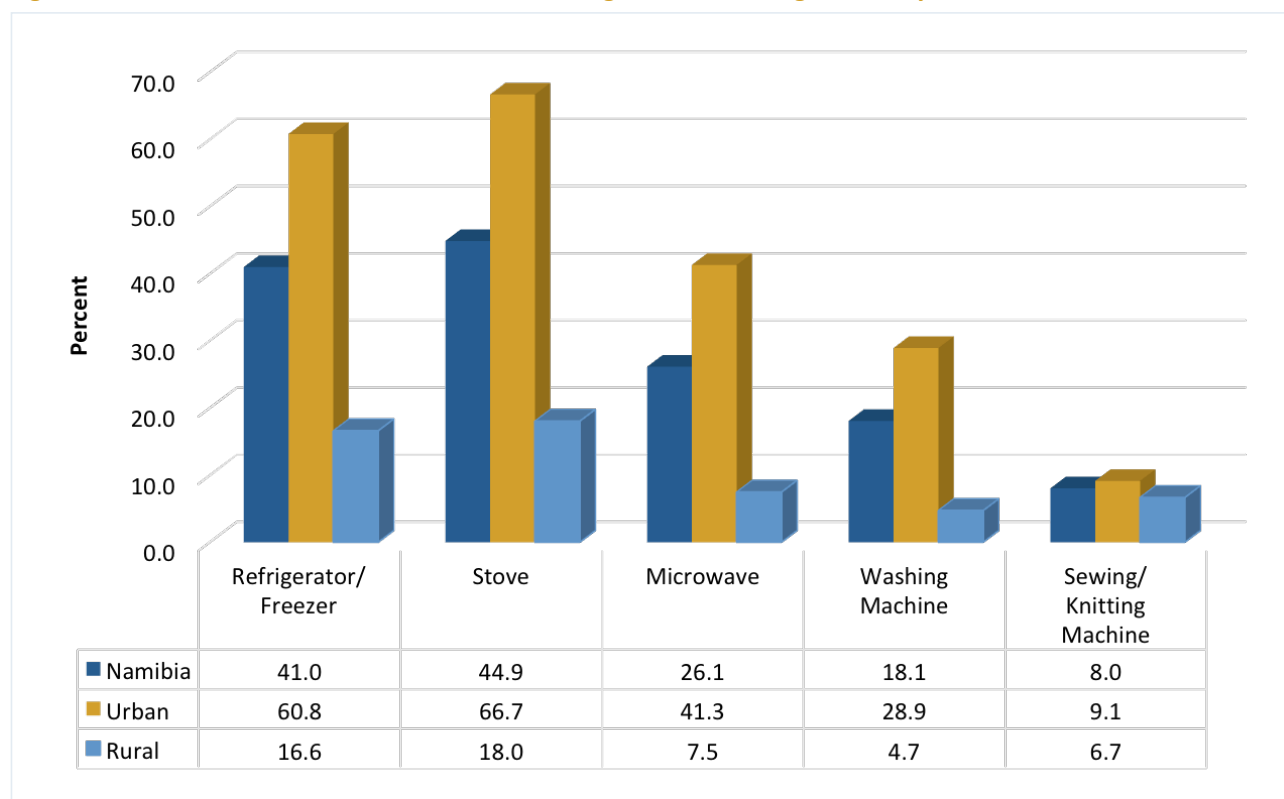
Figure 6.5.2b Percent distribution of households with owning selected communication assets and area



6.5.3 Housing asset/utilities

Figure 6.5.3 provides information on the distribution of households owning selected housing utilities. The result indicates that stoves were the most owned housing utilities, owned by 44.9 percent of the households, followed by refrigerators (41.0%), microwave ovens (26.1%) and washing machine (18.1%). These assets were overwhelmingly owned by urban households as compared to rural households.

Figure 6.5.3 Percent distribution of households owning selected housing utilities by area



Chapter 7: Housing Characteristics

This Chapter presents the analysis of the housing characteristics, which include the type of housing units, tenure, materials used for building, source of energy, water supply and sanitation, and garbage /waste disposal.



7.1 Housing type

The different types of housing units as defined in the survey were: detached house, semi-detached/townhouse, apartment/flat, guest flat, part commercial/industrial, mobile home (caravan, tent), single quarters, traditional dwelling and improvised housing unit (shack).

The results presented in Table 7.1.1 indicates that traditional dwellings were the most common housing units, made up 32.6 percent of the households in Namibia, followed by detached house/semi-detached making up of 30.8 percent and improvised housing units or shacks accounting for 26.6 percent of the households. The improvised housing units or shacks were mostly common in urban areas accounting for 39.7 percent of the households as oppose to 10.6 percent of households in rural areas. On the other hand, modern houses namely, detached houses or semi-detached and apartments or flats were mostly found in urban areas where they account for 52.1 percent of the households. Traditional houses are mostly common in rural areas where they account for 68.8% of the households.

At regional level, traditional dwellings were most common in the northern regions where over 80 percent of the households in Omusati and Ohangwena and over 70 percent of the households in Kavango West and Zambezi regions were traditional dwellings. On the other hand, detached/semi-detached and improvised housing (shacks) were predominantly found in the most urbanised regions such as Omaheke, Otjozondjupa, !Karas, Hardap, Erongo and Khomas.

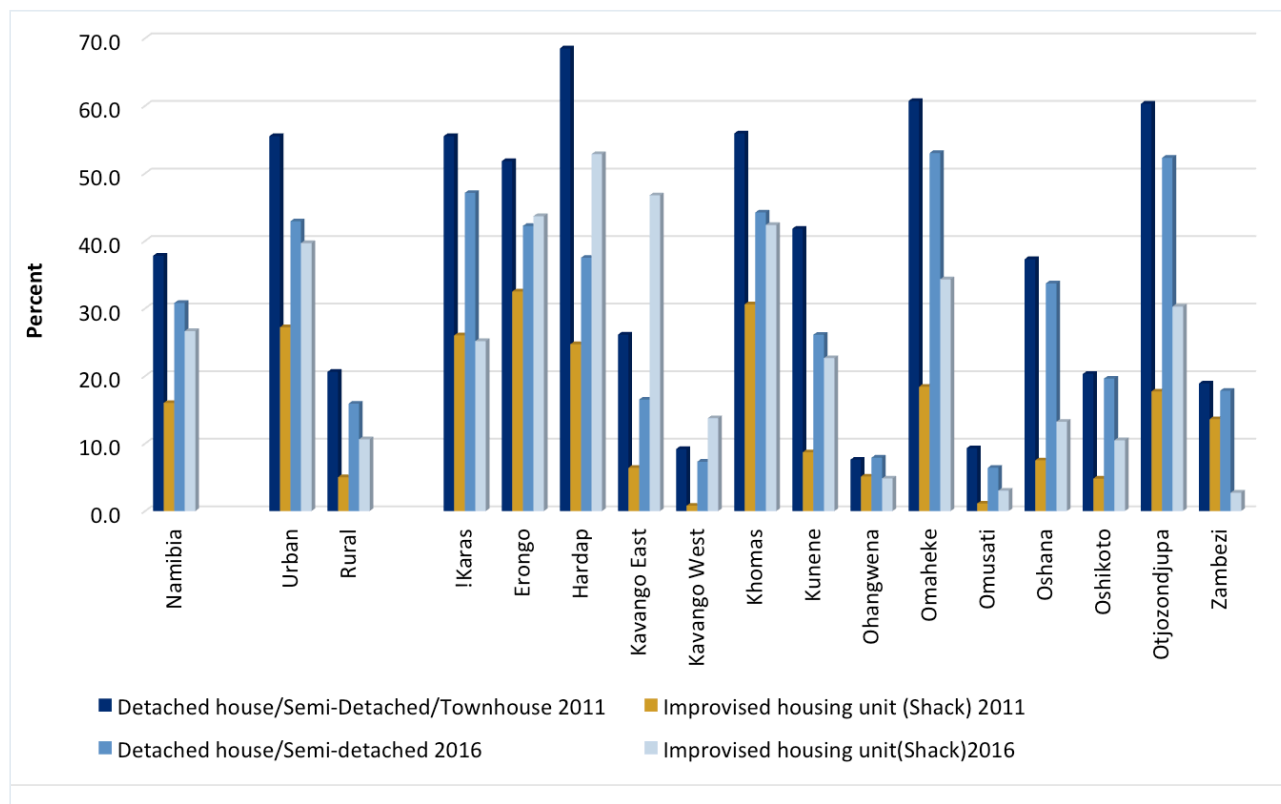
Table 7.1.1. Percent distribution of households by type of housing unit and area

| Area | Households | Detached house/Semi-detached | Apartment/Flat | Single quarters | Traditional dwelling | Improvised housing unit(Shack) | Other |
|--------------|------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| Namibia | 589 787 | 30.8 | 6.1 | 2.4 | 32.6 | 26.6 | 1.4 |
| Urban | 325 335 | 42.9 | 9.2 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 39.7 | 1.6 |
| Rural | 264 452 | 15.9 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 68.8 | 10.6 | 1.2 |
| !Karas | 26 348 | 47.1 | 14.1 | 3.7 | 8.1 | 25.2 | 1.9 |
| Erongo | 58 486 | 42.2 | 11.4 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 43.6 | 1.1 |
| Hardap | 30 108 | 37.5 | 3.7 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 52.8 | 0.8 |
| Kavango East | 35 848 | 16.5 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 33.3 | 46.7 | 0.4 |
| Kavango West | 17 046 | 7.3 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 77.1 | 13.7 | 0.2 |
| Khomas | 119 217 | 44.2 | 6.2 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 42.3 | 2.0 |
| Kunene | 21 099 | 26.1 | 3.1 | 1.4 | 42.3 | 22.6 | 4.5 |
| Ohangwena | 49 470 | 7.9 | 3.6 | 2.0 | 81.2 | 4.8 | 0.5 |
| Omaheke | 21 169 | 53.0 | 3.3 | 1.6 | 6.2 | 34.3 | 1.7 |
| Omusati | 54 383 | 6.4 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 86.3 | 3.0 | 0.6 |
| Oshana | 44 544 | 33.7 | 13.8 | 3.3 | 35.0 | 13.2 | 0.9 |
| Oshikoto | 45 407 | 19.6 | 6.9 | 0.5 | 60.3 | 10.5 | 2.3 |
| Otjozondjupa | 39 761 | 52.3 | 4.9 | 2.6 | 7.9 | 30.3 | 2.0 |
| Zambezi | 26 901 | 17.8 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 76.6 | 2.7 | 0.7 |

Note: Other includes guest flats, part commercial/industrial. Mobile home (caravan/tent)

Furthermore, Figure 7.1 shows the comparison for detached/semi-detached with improvised housing units for 2011 and 2016. In general, there was a decline in the detached/semi-detached and an increase in the improvised housing units. These similar pattern were further observed for urban and rural and the contributing factors to this pattern were the urbanised regions.

Figure 7.1 Percent distribution of detached/semi-detached and improvised (shacks) households by year and area



7.2 Tenure status

Tenure refers to the conditions which govern the rights of individuals to occupy dwelling units. The most frequent forms are tenancy (in which rent is paid to a landlord) and owner occupancy which can be subdivided into owner-occupier without mortgage or owner occupied with mortgage. In the case of tenancy, the landlord can be a private individual, non-profit organization such as a housing association, or a government body which provides public housing.

Table 7.2.1 shows that 50.8 percent of the households were owner occupied without mortgage. These type of housing units were mostly common in rural areas where they made up 66.4 percent of the rural households compared to the urban areas (38.2%). This may be expected as most dwellings in rural areas are traditional houses that do not have title deeds therefore cannot be mortgaged. Furthermore, housing units that are occupied rent free accounts for 17.9 percent of the households in Namibia, while those that are rented from individuals accounts for 13.7 percent of the households.

At regional level, most households that are owned without mortgage were mostly found in Kavango West having the highest proportion of 83.3 percent. On the other hand, Otjozondjupa recorded the lowest percent of households owning housing units without mortgage with 23.9 percent.

Table 7.2.1 Percent distribution of households by type of tenure status and area

| Area | Households | Owner occupied with mortgage | Owner occupied without mortgage | Rented from employer | Rented from Individual | Occupied rent free | Other |
|--------------|------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Namibia | 589 787 | 12.4 | 50.8 | 4.8 | 13.7 | 17.9 | 0.2 |
| Urban | 325 335 | 18.5 | 38.2 | 7.1 | 23.7 | 12.3 | 0.2 |
| Rural | 264 452 | 4.9 | 66.4 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 24.9 | 0.2 |
| !Karas | 26 348 | 8.8 | 28.3 | 20.3 | 10.5 | 32.1 | 0.0 |
| Erongo | 58 486 | 16.6 | 28.1 | 5.3 | 39.5 | 10.4 | 0.1 |
| Hardap | 30 108 | 12.8 | 58.0 | 1.6 | 4.5 | 23.1 | 0.0 |
| Kavango East | 35 848 | 4.9 | 77.0 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 13.4 | 0.0 |
| Kavango West | 17 046 | 3.8 | 83.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 11.6 | 0.0 |
| Khomas | 119 217 | 21.4 | 35.1 | 6.3 | 22.5 | 14.6 | 0.0 |
| Kunene | 21 099 | 16.6 | 33.7 | 7.1 | 4.6 | 37.5 | 0.6 |
| Ohangwena | 49 470 | 2.3 | 77.8 | 1.4 | 5.3 | 13.1 | 0.0 |
| Omaheke | 21 169 | 8.3 | 47.1 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 33.6 | 0.2 |
| Omusati | 54 383 | 2.2 | 69.9 | 2.4 | 3.9 | 21.6 | 0.0 |
| Oshana | 44 544 | 6.5 | 61.9 | 5.6 | 18.9 | 7.2 | 0.0 |
| Oshikoto | 45 407 | 7.3 | 58.3 | 4.8 | 8.3 | 19.9 | 1.4 |
| Otjozondjupa | 39 761 | 34.0 | 23.9 | 4.4 | 9.2 | 27.8 | 0.8 |
| Zambezi | 26 901 | 8.2 | 65.7 | 1.1 | 11.8 | 13.2 | 0.0 |

Note: Rent from employer includes rent from government; local authority, parastatal and private firms

7.3 Average number of people per room

The Survey collected information on the number of sleeping rooms in the households. The average number of persons per sleeping room (or room occupancy) was derived from the number of sleeping room in a household by the household population. This indicator measures crowding in a household. For health purposes, international standards requires that a standard room be occupied by one person or at most by two persons.

Table 7.3.1 shows that the average number of persons per sleeping room is 1.5, which indicates that most households were not overcrowded. There were slight differences between urban (1.6) and rural (1.5) areas.

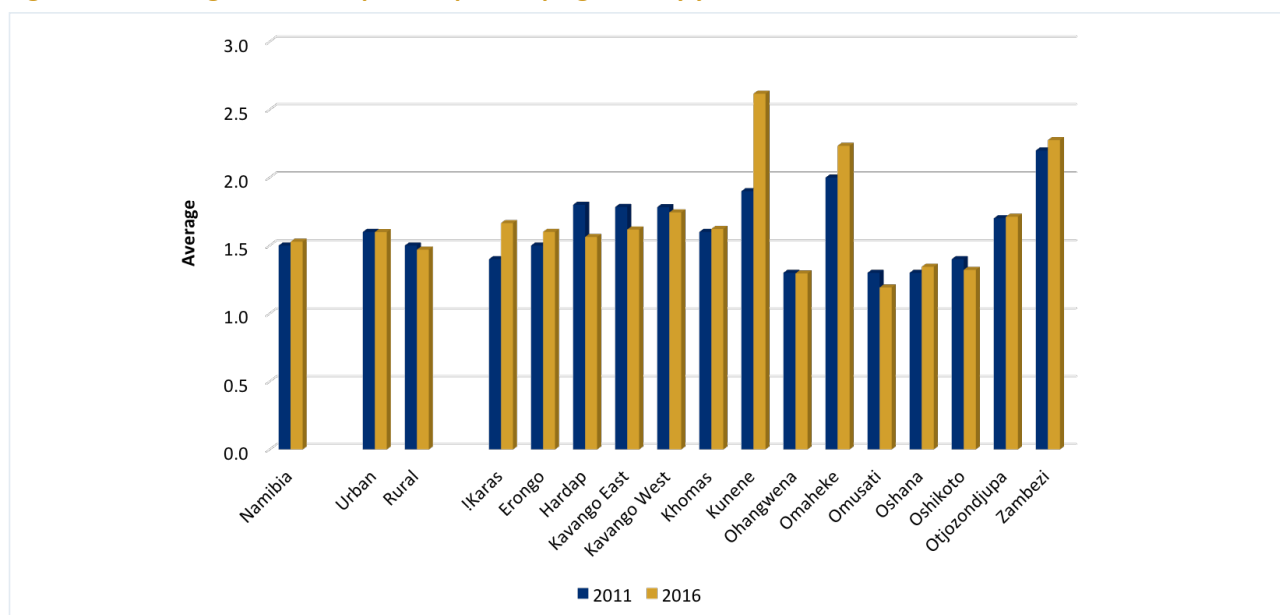
Kunene (2.6), Zambezi (2.3) and Omaheke (2.2) regions had the highest room occupancy, whereas Omusati region (1.2) had the lowest average number of people per room.

Table 7.3.1 Average number of persons per sleeping room by area

| Area | Household Population | Number of sleeping rooms | Average persons per sleeping room |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Namibia | 2324 388 | 1520 633 | 1.5 |
| Urban | 1112 868 | 696 144 | 1.6 |
| Rural | 1211 520 | 824 489 | 1.5 |
| !Karas | 85 759 | 51 499 | 1.7 |
| Erongo | 182 402 | 113 969 | 1.6 |
| Hardap | 87 186 | 55 777 | 1.6 |
| Kavango East | 148 466 | 91 785 | 1.6 |
| Kavango West | 89 313 | 51 228 | 1.7 |
| Khomas | 415 780 | 256 304 | 1.6 |
| Kunene | 97 865 | 37 400 | 2.6 |
| Ohangwena | 255 510 | 197 309 | 1.3 |
| Omaheke | 74 629 | 33 411 | 2.2 |
| Omusati | 249 885 | 209 793 | 1.2 |
| Oshana | 189 237 | 140 848 | 1.3 |
| Oshikoto | 195 165 | 147 706 | 1.3 |
| Otjozondjupa | 154 342 | 90 172 | 1.7 |
| Zambezi | 98 849 | 43 432 | 2.3 |

In addition, a comparative of the average number of person per sleeping room between the 2011 and 2016 years is presented in Figure 7.3. The result indicates that on average there was no difference between the occupancy rate in 2011 and 2016 as the average number of persons per room were approximated to 2.

Figure 7.3.2 Average number of persons per sleeping room by year and area



7.4 Materials used for construction

This section presents information on the materials used to construct roofs, walls and floors of housing units which are important indicators for housing conditions and welfare of households. The materials used for construction of houses can be broadly divided into those that are harvested from local resources, namely, grass, stick, mud and dung etc. and those that are purchased from markets/shops, for example, cement bricks or blocks and corrugated iron sheets.

Table 7.4.1 shows that a large number of the households (40.0%) resided in dwellings where walls are made from Cement blocks/Bricks/Stones. This trend can be observed more in urban (48.5%) than rural areas (29.5%). This was followed by households whose outer walls were made from corrugated iron/zinc accounting for 31.3 percent of the households, which were mainly from urban areas (39.6%) as well.

At regional level, housing units with walls that were constructed from Cement blocks/Bricks/Stones were predominant in !Karas (56.5%), Otjozondjupa (51.5%), Erongo (51.4) and Oshana (50.2%). Households which occupied housing units constructed with corrugated iron/Zinc sheets were more common in Hardap (63.5%) and Khomas (50.4%), while those with outer walls made from sticks with mud/clay/Cow dung were mostly found in the Zambezi region (53.3%).

Table 7.4.1 Percent distribution of household by main material used for outer wall and area

| Area | Households | Cement blocks/ Bricks/ Stones | Mud/ Clay brick | Corrugated iron/ Zinc | Wood poles/ Sticks or Grass/ Reeds | Sticks with mud/ Clay/ Cow dung | Other |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Namibia | 589 787 | 40.0 | 5.4 | 31.3 | 11.6 | 6.9 | 4.9 |
| Urban | 325 335 | 48.5 | 0.8 | 39.6 | 2.9 | 2.0 | 6.3 |
| Rural | 2 452 | 29.5 | 11.1 | 21.1 | 22.2 | 12.9 | 3.2 |
| !Karas | 26 348 | 56.5 | 2.4 | 28.7 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 6.0 |
| Erongo | 58 486 | 51.4 | 0.3 | 10.1 | 14.0 | 0.7 | 23.4 |
| Hardap | 30 108 | 34.1 | 0.1 | 63.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.3 |
| Kavango East | 35 848 | 18.0 | 10.6 | 42.1 | 10.7 | 15.7 | 2.9 |
| Kavango West | 17 046 | 14.6 | 12.8 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 46.5 | 2.3 |
| Khomas | 119 217 | 47.4 | 0.0 | 50.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1.7 |
| Kunene | 21 099 | 28.5 | 2.6 | 24.0 | 2.7 | 38.2 | 3.9 |
| Ohangwena | 49 470 | 32.2 | 18.6 | 15.1 | 32.4 | 0.6 | 1.2 |
| Omaheke | 21 169 | 44.1 | 0.5 | 46.5 | 0.3 | 4.8 | 3.8 |
| Omusati | 54 383 | 32.6 | 4.6 | 18.6 | 36.2 | 3.1 | 4.8 |
| Oshana | 44 544 | 50.2 | 4.5 | 32.7 | 9.4 | 0.3 | 3.0 |
| Oshikoto | 45 407 | 42.4 | 4.1 | 27.2 | 22.5 | 1.5 | 2.3 |
| Otjozondjupa | 39 761 | 51.5 | 3.9 | 37.7 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 5.1 |
| Zambezi | 26 901 | 15.3 | 26.3 | 1.0 | 3.1 | 53.3 | 1.1 |

Note: Other include: Prefabricated; Burnt bricks/ Face bricks; prefabricated; tin, wood/board/plastic .
Other for Erongo includes wood/board and plastic (10.1%) and prefabricated materials (9.8%)

Similarly, distribution of households by main material used for roofing presented in Table 7.4.2 shows that the majority (72.1%) of the households used corrugated iron sheets as the main material for roofing, which were predominantly in urban areas (83.1%) compared to rural areas (58.6%).

At regional level, housing units which had roofs made from corrugated iron/zinc were predominantly found in most regions, except in Kavango West (42.8%), Ohangwena (41.4%) and Erongo (27.3%) respectively. However, asbestos was the most common main material used for roofing in the Erongo region used in 40.0 percent of the households.

Table 7.4.2 Percent distribution of households by main material used for roof and area

| Area | Households | Corrugated iron/ zinc sheet | Asbestos sheet | Brick tiles | Concrete | Thatch/ Grass | Other |
|--------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------|
| Namibia | 589 787 | 72.1 | 4.9 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 17.1 | 4.5 |
| Urban | 325 335 | 83.1 | 8.7 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 5.7 |
| Rural | 264 452 | 58.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 37.4 | 3.2 |
| !Karas | 26 348 | 82.0 | 11.9 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 4.4 | 0.4 |
| Erongo | 58 486 | 27.3 | 40.0 | 3.4 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 28.5 |
| Hardap | 30 108 | 96.6 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Kavango East | 35 848 | 76.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 23.2 | 0.5 |
| Kavango West | 17 046 | 42.8 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 54.8 | 1.5 |
| Khomas | 119 217 | 96.7 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Kunene | 21 099 | 73.8 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 3.9 | 20.9 |
| Ohangwena | 49 470 | 41.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 57.2 | 1.1 |
| Omaheke | 21 169 | 95.7 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.8 |
| Omusati | 54 383 | 50.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 47.5 | 0.8 |
| Oshana | 44 544 | 80.7 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 18.2 | 0.2 |
| Oshikoto | 45 407 | 70.6 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 24.4 | 3.1 |
| Otjozondjupa | 39 761 | 94.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 2.7 |
| Zambezi | 26 901 | 71.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 26.5 | 1.9 |

Note: other include: slate; wood covered with melthoid; sticks with mud and cow dung; tin, wood/ board/ plastic.
 Other for Kunene includes sticks with mud and cow dung and tin (13.6%, 4.4%)
 Other for Erongo includes wood/board and plastic (11.8%)

Furthermore, Table 7.4.3 presents information on the materials used for construction for the floor of the housing units. The result showed that 35.8 percent of all households lived in housing units where the floors were made of cement, followed by sand or earth (32.2%). Tiles (Ceramic/wood/plastic) was used in the 17.7 percent of the households. Cement and tiles were particularly common in urban areas (37.4% and 29.4%) while sand/earth was more common in rural areas accounting for 42.2 percent of the households. Similar results were also observed at regional level.

Table 7.4.3 Percent distribution of households by main material used for floor and area

| Area | Households | Sand/ Earth | Cement | Mud/ Clay | Wood | Concrete | Tiles (Ceramic/ Wood/ Plastic) | Other |
|--------------|------------|-------------|--------|-----------|------|----------|---|-------|
| Namibia | 589 787 | 32.2 | 35.8 | 8.5 | 0.5 | 5.0 | 17.7 | 0.3 |
| Urban | 325 335 | 24.0 | 37.4 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 6.1 | 29.4 | 0.3 |
| Rural | 264 452 | 42.2 | 33.9 | 16.1 | 0.6 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 0.2 |
| !Karas | 26 348 | 20.5 | 38.0 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 10.5 | 28.1 | 0.7 |
| Erongo | 58 486 | 23.1 | 33.4 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 39.9 | 0.5 |
| Hardap | 30 108 | 42.0 | 45.1 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 9.4 | 0.2 |
| Kavango East | 35 848 | 28.9 | 42.1 | 22.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 6.6 | 0.1 |
| Kavango West | 17 046 | 26.6 | 16.7 | 50.9 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 0.0 |
| Khomas | 119 217 | 24.6 | 30.1 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 12.1 | 31.8 | 0.3 |
| Kunene | 21 099 | 30.0 | 39.1 | 20.5 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 6.9 | 0.8 |
| Ohangwena | 49 470 | 48.0 | 33.4 | 14.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 3.5 | 0.1 |
| Omaheke | 21 169 | 24.0 | 49.7 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 12.3 | 11.5 | 0.6 |
| Omusati | 54 383 | 58.5 | 35.4 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 2.9 | 0.1 |
| Oshana | 44 544 | 29.4 | 42.7 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 3.2 | 21.0 | 0.0 |
| Oshikoto | 45 407 | 42.5 | 36.5 | 4.3 | 0.4 | 3.2 | 12.8 | 0.4 |
| Otjozondjupa | 39 761 | 25.0 | 52.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 9.4 | 11.8 | 0.3 |
| Zambezi | 26 901 | 16.9 | 12.9 | 56.5 | 0.1 | 2.3 | 11.1 | 0.2 |

7.5 Sources of energy

Information was also collected on the types of energy the households used for cooking, lighting and heating. This information is useful in measuring housing conditions as well as progress with regard to household's electrification in the country. This information also provides good indication on the use of renewable energy, such as solar and wind power and other energy sources, for instance wood and coal. Use of some sources of energy for example fire wood are considered to cause environmental degradation therefore they need to be controlled. The use of paraffin and candles also seem to cause destruction of many housing units and are therefore not encouraged.

The result presented in Table 7.5.1 indicates that 50 percent of the households relied on woods/firewood as the main source of energy for cooking. Electricity from the main grid/generator accounted for 34.7 percent of households. On the other hand 55.5 percent of the households in urban areas relied on electricity for cooking while 85 percent of households in rural areas used wood/firewood for cooking. It is interesting to note that a large percent (21.5%) of households in urban areas also used wood for cooking.

At the regional level, electricity from the main grid/generator was mostly used by households in Erongo (73.2%), Khomas (59.2%) and !Karas (48.2%), while the majority of the households in northern regions use wood/firewood. Over 20 percent of households in !Karas and Khomas use gas as a main source of cooking.

Table 7.5.1 Percent distribution of households by main source of energy used for cooking and area

| Area | Households | Electricity from mains/generator | Gas | Paraffin/Kerosene | Wood/Firewood | Other |
|--------------|------------|----------------------------------|------|-------------------|---------------|-------|
| Namibia | 589 787 | 34.7 | 11.9 | 2.0 | 50.0 | 1.3 |
| Urban | 325 335 | 55.5 | 18.5 | 3.7 | 21.5 | 0.8 |
| Rural | 264 452 | 9.1 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 85.0 | 1.9 |
| | | 0.0 | | | | 0.0 |
| !Karas | 26 348 | 48.2 | 26.2 | 0.0 | 25.3 | 0.3 |
| Erongo | 58 486 | 73.2 | 12.7 | 0.2 | 13.7 | 0.3 |
| Hardap | 30 108 | 36.8 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 58.5 | 0.8 |
| Kavango East | 35 848 | 12.9 | 12.1 | 0.0 | 74.9 | 0.1 |
| Kavango West | 17 046 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 91.0 | 0.7 |
| Khomas | 119 217 | 59.2 | 23.9 | 9.7 | 6.6 | 0.5 |
| Kunene | 21 099 | 18.9 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 69.4 | 7.9 |
| Ohangwena | 49 470 | 10.5 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 86.6 | 0.3 |
| Omaheke | 21 169 | 29.6 | 6.6 | 0.2 | 62.7 | 1.0 |
| Omusati | 54 383 | 7.9 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 89.8 | 1.0 |
| Oshana | 44 544 | 29.4 | 18.3 | 0.3 | 46.6 | 5.4 |
| Oshikoto | 45 407 | 18.8 | 9.0 | 0.2 | 70.9 | 1.1 |
| Otjozondjupa | 39 761 | 39.7 | 11.4 | 0.0 | 47.9 | 1.0 |
| Zambezi | 26 901 | 17.9 | 2.8 | 0.2 | 77.6 | 1.5 |

Note: other includes charcoal; solar energy; animal dung and none
Other for Oshana includes animal dung (5.4%)

With respect to the source of energy for lighting, the result presented in Table 7.5.2 shows that the most common source of energy for lighting was electricity from the main grid/generator used in 44.8 percent of the households, followed by battery lamp/torch/cell phone used by 31.6 percent of the households. Most households (66.0%) in urban areas relied on electricity, while 53.8 percent of the households in rural areas used battery lamp/touch/cell phone for lighting. Solar energy is not widely used, but played a more important role in rural areas where 6.9 percent of the households use this source of energy for lighting. Furthermore, most households in !Karas, Erongo, Hardap, Khomas and Otjozondjupa regions used electricity for lighting. It is also interesting to note that over 70 percent of the households in Omusati and Ohangwena regions relied on battery, lamp, torch or cell phone for lighting. This situation is also common in Kavango West and Oshikoto regions where more than 50 percent of the households relied on this sources of energy for lighting.

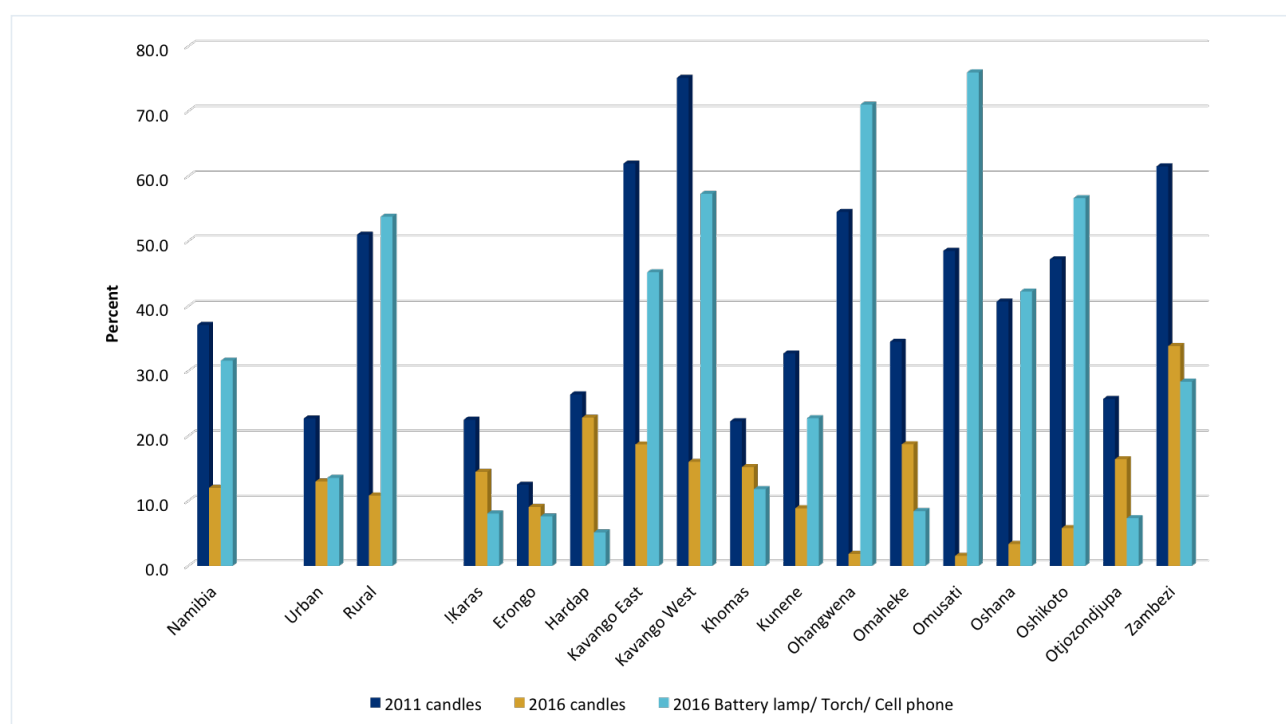
Table 7.5.2 Percent distribution of households by main source of energy for lighting and area

| Area | Households | Electricity / Generator | Paraffin/ Kerosene | Solar energy | Battery lamp/ Torch/ Cell phone | Wood | Candles | Other |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|------|---------|-------|
| Namibia | 589 787 | 44.8 | 2.2 | 4.9 | 31.6 | 2.4 | 12.0 | 2.0 |
| Urban | 325 335 | 66.0 | 1.5 | 3.3 | 13.6 | 0.5 | 13.0 | 2.0 |
| Rural | 264 452 | 18.7 | 3.1 | 6.9 | 53.8 | 4.7 | 10.8 | 1.9 |
| !Karas | 26 348 | 69.1 | 1.5 | 5.3 | 8.1 | 0.8 | 14.5 | 0.8 |
| Erongo | 58 486 | 76.4 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 0.9 | 9.1 | 0.6 |
| Hardap | 30 108 | 55.7 | 0.7 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 0.1 | 22.8 | 10.4 |
| Kavango East | 35 848 | 25.7 | 0.1 | 5.9 | 45.2 | 1.4 | 18.7 | 3.1 |
| Kavango West | 17 046 | 12.1 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 57.3 | 6.4 | 16.0 | 5.5 |
| Khomas | 119 217 | 64.2 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 11.8 | 0.1 | 15.2 | 0.6 |
| Kunene | 21 099 | 29.4 | 6.2 | 7.6 | 22.7 | 15.4 | 8.9 | 9.8 |
| Ohangwena | 49 470 | 15.0 | 0.2 | 3.4 | 71.0 | 8.0 | 1.8 | 0.5 |
| Omaheke | 21 169 | 45.3 | 12.3 | 11.4 | 8.4 | 1.3 | 18.7 | 2.6 |
| Omusati | 54 383 | 11.3 | 0.3 | 6.1 | 76.0 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 0.8 |
| Oshana | 44 544 | 42.9 | 2.8 | 6.2 | 42.2 | 1.3 | 3.4 | 1.1 |
| Oshikoto | 45 407 | 30.8 | 0.3 | 3.5 | 56.6 | 1.8 | 5.8 | 1.2 |
| Otjozondjupa | 39 761 | 63.3 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 7.3 | 1.8 | 16.4 | 1.1 |
| Zambezi | 26 901 | 34.7 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 28.4 | 0.0 | 33.8 | 1.2 |

Note: Other includes: gas, charcoal, animal dung, none

Figure 7.5.2 below presents a comparison of households using candle and battery/cell-phones for lighting for 2011 and 2016. Generally, there has been a decrease in the usage of candles, however, the trend was overtaken by the usage of battery/cell-phones for lighting. The same trend can be observed in some northern regions, particularly Ohangwena, Omusati and Oshikoto regions.

Figure 7.5.2 Percent distribution of households using candle and battery for lighting by year and area



7.6 Water Supply and Sanitation

This section covers the main source of water for drinking and cooking. Inadequate access to safe water and poor sanitation are public health concerns because they create conditions conducive for spread of diseases. For the purpose of this survey, safe water was defined as water from the following sources: piped water inside/outside and public pipe; borehole covered, well protected and bottled water.

Information on the type of toilet facilities, and disposal of waste or garbage for households was also collected during the survey to find out the level of access to proper toilet facilities in the country and the practices in disposing waste.

Table 7.6.1 shows that 92.9 percent of households in Namibia have access to safe water for drinking. This percent increased from 80 percent that was recorded in 2011. The table also indicates that 33.4 percent of households had access to piped water outside their housing units while another 30.1 percent have access to piped water inside their dwellings.

Almost all households (99.6%) in urban have access to safe water, with 40 and 31.9 percent of the households having access to piped water inside and piped water outside respectively.. Similarly, 85.0 percent of rural households share the same privilege, although there is still 7.7 and 7.1 percent of the rural households that relied on unsafe water from boreholes with tank uncovered and unprotected wells and river, dams or canal respectively.

At regional level, households in Khomas region had the highest percent (99.8%) of households which had access to safe water, followed by Oshana (98.4%), Otjozondjupa (98.3%), Hardap (97.6%), Erongo (97.5%) and !Karas (97.4%) region . The region with the lowest percent of household with access to safe water was Kunene region with 74.6 percent. This region also recorded the highest percent (15.8%) of households who drew water from borehole with uncovered tank and unprotected wells.

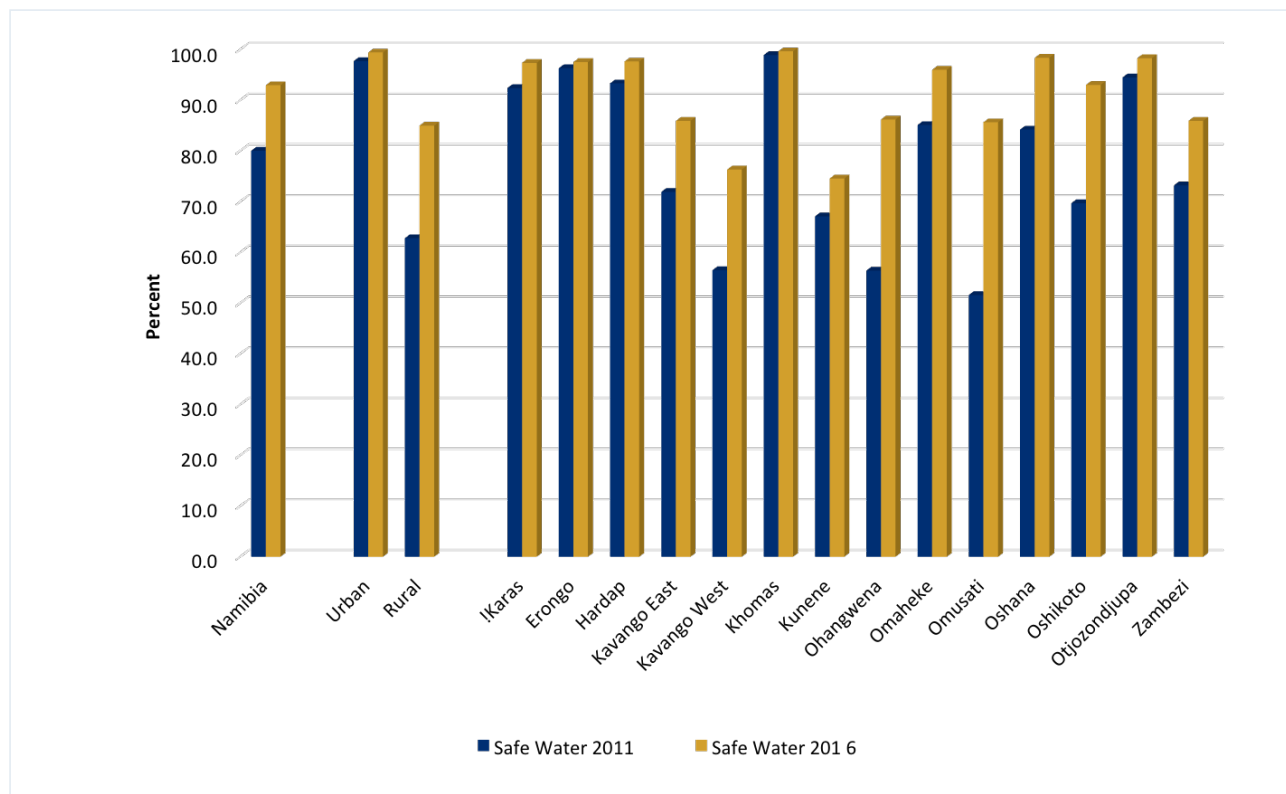
Table 7.6.1 Percent distribution of households by main source of water for drinking and area

| Area | Households | Piped water inside | Piped water outside | Public piped | Borehole/with tank covered and Well protected | Bottled water | Safe water | Borehole with tank uncovered and Well unprotected | River/Dams and Canal | Other |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|---|---------------|------------|---|----------------------|-------|
| Namibia | 589 787 | 30.1 | 33.4 | 21.6 | 7.0 | 0.8 | 92.9 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 0.2 |
| Urban | 325 335 | 40.0 | 31.9 | 26.1 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 99.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Rural | 264 452 | 18.0 | 35.2 | 16.2 | 15.4 | 0.2 | 85.0 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 0.2 |
| !Karas | 26 348 | 40.9 | 32.2 | 20.8 | 3.2 | 0.2 | 97.4 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 0.0 |
| Erongo | 58 486 | 45.1 | 30.7 | 14.7 | 4.3 | 2.8 | 97.5 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 0.0 |
| Hardap | 30 108 | 25.7 | 36.0 | 30.8 | 4.8 | 0.3 | 97.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| Kavango East | 35 848 | 16.6 | 48.1 | 6.3 | 14.9 | 0.0 | 85.9 | 0.9 | 13.2 | 0.0 |
| Kavango West | 17 046 | 6.8 | 11.3 | 19.9 | 38.3 | 0.0 | 76.3 | 2.1 | 21.6 | 0.0 |
| Khomas | 119 217 | 42.3 | 22.4 | 32.5 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 99.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Kunene | 21 099 | 14.6 | 18.5 | 19.9 | 21.4 | 0.2 | 74.6 | 15.8 | 9.6 | 0.0 |
| Ohangwena | 49 470 | 28.9 | 27.9 | 20.9 | 8.4 | 0.1 | 86.2 | 13.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| Omaheke | 21 169 | 21.2 | 38.2 | 20.9 | 15.2 | 0.4 | 96.0 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Omusati | 54 383 | 14.2 | 47.5 | 16.3 | 7.4 | 0.3 | 85.6 | 6.1 | 8.2 | 0.1 |
| Oshana | 44 544 | 37.0 | 45.6 | 14.7 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 98.4 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Oshikoto | 45 407 | 30.3 | 38.2 | 19.9 | 4.5 | 0.2 | 93.0 | 5.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| Otjozondjupa | 39 761 | 31.1 | 36.9 | 25.6 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 98.3 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Zambezi | 26 901 | 11.7 | 36.9 | 23.8 | 13.5 | 0.0 | 85.9 | 8.7 | 5.3 | 0.0 |

Note: Safe water includes piped water inside/outside and public pipe; borehole covered, well protected and bottled water

Figure 7.6.1 shows the comparison for access to safe water for drinking for 2011 and 2016. It is pleasing to note improvement with regard to access to safe water for drinking in Namibia between the two periods. In particular, access to safe water increased from 80.0 in 2011 to 92.9 percent in 2016. The same trend can be observed in urban and rural and across the regions with households in Kavango West, Ohangwena and Omusati regions had the highest increase in access to safe water in 2016.

Figure 7.6.1 Percent distribution of household's access to safe water for drinking, by year and area



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In Table 7.6.2, the result shows that 45.7 percent of households had no toilet facilities, while 40.9 percent had private/shared flush toilets.

It was observed that no toilet facilities was common in rural areas (70.0%), while private/shared flush toilets were common in urban areas (63.2%). At regional level, Kavango west and Zambezi had the highest proportion of no toilet facilities, with 84.5 and 82.1 percent, respectively.

Table 7.6.2 Percent distribution of households by main toilet facilities and area

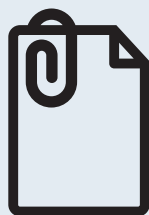
| Area | Households | Private/ Shared flush | Pit latrine with ventilation pipe | Covered pit latrine without ventilation pipe | Uncovered pit latrine without ventilation pipe | Bucket toilet (manually removed) | No toilet facility (bush, riverbed, fields) | Other |
|--------------|------------|--------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|-------|
| Namibia | 589 787 | 40.9 | 5.6 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 45.7 | 0.1 |
| Urban | 325 335 | 63.2 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 1.1 | 26.0 | 0.1 |
| Rural | 264 452 | 13.4 | 7.8 | 5.3 | 2.7 | 0.8 | 70.0 | 0.0 |
| !Karas | 26 348 | 64.0 | 7.0 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 2.9 | 25.1 | 0.1 |
| Erongo | 58 486 | 75.6 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 0.6 | 12.9 | 0.1 |
| Hardap | 30 108 | 34.7 | 9.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 7.0 | 44.0 | 0.1 |
| Kavango East | 35 848 | 20.0 | 6.2 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 63.0 | 0.0 |
| Kavango West | 17 046 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 84.5 | 0.0 |
| Khomas | 119 217 | 71.4 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 25.2 | 0.0 |
| Kunene | 21 099 | 23.6 | 7.0 | 3.3 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 64.5 | 0.1 |
| Ohangwena | 49 470 | 11.0 | 7.9 | 5.2 | 3.6 | 0.2 | 72.1 | 0.0 |
| Omaheke | 21 169 | 39.8 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 56.1 | 0.3 |
| Omusati | 54 383 | 9.3 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 5.5 | 0.1 | 71.0 | 0.0 |
| Oshana | 44 544 | 38.7 | 15.9 | 12.0 | 5.6 | 0.5 | 27.2 | 0.0 |
| Oshikoto | 45 407 | 27.3 | 6.3 | 7.2 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 56.8 | 0.5 |
| Otjozondjupa | 39 761 | 48.0 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 4.5 | 1.8 | 39.2 | 0.0 |
| Zambezi | 26 901 | 13.7 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 82.1 | 0.0 |

Table 7.6.3 shows that the most common means of disposing garbage was regular collection (35.4%), followed by burning (32.1%), while roadside dumping and rubbish pits accounts for 10.3 and 9.6 percent respectively. The results further shows that regular waste collection was mostly common in urban (60.5) households as opposed to rural areas (57.6%). However at regional level, regular waste collection was most commonly used in the Erongo, Khomas and !Karas (75.8%, 62.5% and 61.5%) regions.

Table 7.6.3 Percent distribution of households by main means of waste disposal and area

| Area | Households | Regularly collected | Irregularly collected | Burning | Roadside dumping | Rubbish Pit | Burying | Dump in the bush/field | Other |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------|------------------|-------------|---------|------------------------|-------|
| Namibia | 589 787 | 35.4 | 4.5 | 32.1 | 10.3 | 9.6 | 6.4 | 1.3 | 0.5 |
| Urban | 325 335 | 60.5 | 7.3 | 11.4 | 10.1 | 8.4 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Rural | 264 452 | 4.4 | 1.1 | 57.6 | 10.5 | 11.1 | 11.6 | 2.8 | 0.9 |
| !Karas | 26 348 | 61.5 | 2.3 | 12.3 | 12.7 | 9.1 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Erongo | 58 486 | 75.8 | 5.4 | 8.8 | 6.4 | 2.8 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Hardap | 30 108 | 39.7 | 1.5 | 24.6 | 6.7 | 23.5 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Kavango East | 35 848 | 5.6 | 3.2 | 47.1 | 3.7 | 25.3 | 13.8 | 1.2 | 0.0 |
| Kavango West | 17 046 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 69.7 | 9.9 | 1.8 | 15.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Khomas | 119 217 | 62.5 | 8.6 | 13.4 | 9.6 | 5.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Kunene | 21 099 | 18.5 | 2.2 | 45.7 | 16.5 | 5.2 | 10.4 | 0.3 | 1.2 |
| Ohangwena | 49 470 | 7.1 | 1.0 | 67.7 | 2.3 | 8.4 | 12.6 | 0.7 | 0.2 |
| Omaheke | 21 169 | 21.3 | 1.7 | 28.9 | 6.7 | 24.0 | 17.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Omusati | 54 383 | 7.0 | 1.3 | 48.8 | 23.5 | 6.7 | 3.6 | 7.6 | 1.5 |
| Oshana | 44 544 | 40.3 | 6.1 | 33.4 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 7.8 | 2.3 | 0.6 |
| Oshikoto | 45 407 | 15.7 | 4.3 | 45.6 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 12.5 | 3.6 | 1.3 |
| Otjozondjupa | 39 761 | 32.5 | 4.4 | 27.0 | 24.0 | 8.1 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Zambezi | 26 901 | 20.0 | 8.8 | 25.5 | 10.6 | 25.7 | 8.3 | 0.0 | 1.2 |

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1. Introduction

This technical report presents the methods used in conducting the 2016 Namibia Intercensal Demographic Survey (NIDS 2016) focusing on the technical aspects of the survey methodology. The report also provides the quality indicators of the survey data and the survey estimates.

1.1. Background to the NIDS 2016

Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) conducted the Namibia Intercensal Demographic Survey (NIDS) to monitor the population dynamics between censuses. The 2016 NIDS data was collected using Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) methodology by ways of using tablets.

1.2. Objective of the NIDS 2016

The 2016 survey was conducted with the objective of generating “timely collection and release of key demographic indicators to update information on population size and growth, fertility, mortality, migration and other population characteristics as well as household facilities and amenities”. More specifically, the survey was designed to provide detailed information on the followings:

1. Information on the size and structure of the country’s population
2. To provide data for the evaluation of the performance of NDP4, MDGs for monitoring the improvement of social welfare of the Namibia people
3. To collect data for estimation of benchmark indicators for monitoring of development initiatives such as NDP5
4. Provide base indicators to update population projections
5. To serve as pilot for the 2021 Population and Housing Census

2. The sample

2.1. Target Population

The target population for the 2016 NIDS was members of private households in Namibia. The population living in institutions, such as hospitals, hostels, police barracks and prisons were not covered in this survey.

However, private households within institutional settings such as teachers' houses in school premises were covered.

2.2. The Sampling Frame

A national sampling frame is a list of small geographical areas called Primary Sampling Units (PSU). There are a total of 6245 PSU's in Namibia. They were created using the enumeration areas (EA) of the 2011 Population and Housing Census.

The measure of size in the frame is the number of households within the PSU. The frame units were stratified first by region, and then by urban/rural areas within each region.

2.3. The Sample Design

The sample design was a stratified two-stage cluster sample, where the first stage units were the PSUs and the second stage units were the households. Sample sizes were determined to give reliable estimates of the population characteristics at the regional level (i.e. lowest domain of estimation). A total of 12480 households constituted the sample from all 14 regions and from a sample of 624 PSUs. Power allocation procedures was adopted to distribute the sample across the regions so that the smaller regions will get adequate samples.

Table 2.1: Sample distribution by area

| Region | Households | PSU |
|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Namibia | 12480 | 624 |
| Urban | 6000 | 300 |
| Rural | 6480 | 324 |
| !Karas | 880 | 44 |
| Erongo | 1340 | 67 |
| Hardap | 840 | 42 |
| Kavango East | 620 | 31 |
| Kavango West | 520 | 26 |
| Khomas | 1380 | 69 |
| Kunene | 780 | 39 |
| Ohangwena | 860 | 43 |
| Omaheke | 760 | 38 |
| Omusati | 940 | 47 |
| Oshana | 860 | 43 |
| Oshikoto | 920 | 46 |
| Otjozondjupa | 980 | 49 |
| Zambezi | 800 | 40 |

2.3.1 Selection of PSUs

The sample of 624 PSUs was selected in the first stage using the Probability Proportional to Size (PPS) sampling procedure together with systematic sampling.

2.3.2. Selection of Segments

The PSUs which were found to be larger in terms of the number of households, were then divided into manageable sizes of segments of which one segment was selected using PPS approach. Listing was then done in the selected segment.

2.3.3. Selection of Households

The second stage of the sampling exercise was the selection of households to be interviewed from each of the selected PSUs. This process began with listing of all the households in each selected PSUs using the tablets.

Once the listing of households in the PSU was completed, the required 20 households were randomly selected from those listed using a Systematic Sampling procedure. The sampling algorithm was an integral component of the CAPI application.

2.3.4. The 2016 NIDS Sample distribution

The final sample for the NIDS 2016 was 12480 households sampled from a sample of 624 PSU selected throughout the country. The sample distribution by region and national urban/rural is given below in Table2.1.

3. Sample Actualization

After data collection and structural editing process, the household file and person file were made available for the calculation of weights. Prior to weighting it is important to verify the number of households and PSUs received against the actual sample. This will allow each sample to be accounted for during the weighting process. The household file received had 12239 records which was used for the weights calculation.

3.1. The response rate

The response rate is defined as the proportion (expressed in percentage) of households which have responded to the survey questionnaires out of the total expected households in the survey. When the household sample was implemented it was not possible to interview some of households due to refusals or non-contacts etc., therefore, if such households were found to be more than two per PSU, they were substituted with other households having more or less similar characteristics to the original selected ones. The response rate (RR) was calculated using the following equation:

$$RR = \frac{\text{Responding Households}}{\text{Sampled Households}} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

After data processing, 12 239 out of 12 480 sampled households were successfully interviewed, resulting in a 98.1 percent response rate which is highly satisfactory given that the NSA subscribes to a response rate of 80 percent for all data collection in the social statistics domain. Lowest response rate of 97.4% was observed in //Karas, Khomas and Zambezi regions.

Table 2: Response rate by area

| Region | Sampled Households | Responding Households | Response rate |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Namibia | 12480 | 12239 | 98.1 |
| Urban | 6000 | 5867 | 97.8 |
| Rural | 6480 | 6372 | 98.3 |
| !Karas | 880 | 857 | 97.4 |
| Erongo | 1340 | 1320 | 98.5 |
| Hardap | 840 | 828 | 98.6 |
| Kavango East | 620 | 611 | 98.5 |
| Kavango West | 520 | 511 | 98.3 |
| Khomas | 1380 | 1344 | 97.4 |
| Kunene | 780 | 764 | 97.9 |
| Ohangwena | 860 | 858 | 99.8 |
| Omaheke | 760 | 741 | 97.5 |
| Omusati | 940 | 926 | 98.5 |
| Oshana | 860 | 841 | 97.8 |
| Oshikoto | 920 | 900 | 97.8 |
| Otjozondjupa | 980 | 959 | 97.9 |
| Zambezi | 800 | 779 | 97.4 |

¹A total of 289 households were substituted in the sample.

4. The sample weight

Weighting is a process of accounting for the selection probabilities and non-response in a sample survey. The inverse of these selection probabilities adjusted for non-response is called the design (base) weight. Given the population projections from the Demographic and Vital Statistics Division, weight adjustment of the design weight was undertaken in order to ensure that the calculated survey estimates conforms to the projection totals. However, due to the limitations of post stratified weight adjustment in controlling a large number of cells at different levels, a complex procedure known as weight calibration was instead applied.

4.1. The design/base weight

Generally, population figures were estimated by raising sample figures using design weights. Design weights were calculated based on the probabilities of selection at each stage. The first stage weights were calculated using the sample selection information from the sampling frame and the second stage weights were calculated based on the sample selection information of household listing.

The first stage probability of selection p_1 was calculated using the following equation:

$$p_1 = \frac{M_{hi} * n_h}{M_h} \quad (2)$$

where;

M_{hi} = Number of households in PSU (i) in stratum h (PSU size)

M_h = Total number of households in stratum h (stratum size)

n_h = Number of PSUs selected from the stratum h

The second stage probability of selection p_2 was calculated using the following equation:

$$p_2 = \frac{m_{hi}}{M'_{hi}} \quad (3)$$

Where;

m_{hi} = Number of households in the sample from the i^{th} PSU in stratum h

M'_{hi} = Number of households in the i^{th} PSU in stratum h according to survey listing

Therefore, the Inverse Sampling Rate (ISR) which is the design weights was calculated as follows:

$$ISR = \frac{1}{p_1} * \frac{1}{p_2} = \frac{M_h}{M_{hi} * n_h} * \frac{M'_{hi}}{m_{hi}} \quad (4)$$

4.2. The design weight adjustment

4.2.1. Adjustment for Segmented PSU

For the PSUs that were segmented, additional probability of selection was introduced. Let t be the number of households in the selected segment and T the total number of households in a segmented PSU, then equation 2 above can be adjusted to account for segments selection as follows:

$$p_1^{adj} = \frac{M_{hi} * n_h}{M_h} * \frac{t}{T} \quad (5)$$

4.2.2. Adjustment for Household Non-response

Unit non-response can be accounted for during surveys by applying non response adjustment factor to weights. An adjustment is usually made to the design weight on the assumption that the characteristics of the responding units are similar to those of the non-responding units. The household non-response was carried out for the NIDS 2016 by getting the selection probability of households (p_2) using the responding households instead of expected households. Therefore, m_{hi} in equation 3 was replaced by the number of responding households within each PSU and hence equation 3 becomes:

$$P_2^r = \frac{m_{hi}^r}{M_{hi}^c} \quad (6)$$

where;

m_{hi}^r = Number of responding households in the sample from the i^{th} PSU in stratum h

Therefore, the design weights was calculated by incorporating equation 5 and equation 6 to form the following equation:

$$ISR^{adj} = \frac{1}{P_1^{adj}} * \frac{1}{P_2^r} = \left[\left(\frac{M_h}{M_{hi}^c * n_h} * \frac{T}{t} \right) * \frac{M_{hi}^c}{m_{hi}^r} \right] \quad (7)$$

4.3. Weight Calibration

Weight calibration is a post survey weight adjustment method that is used when auxiliary information related to the population of interest is available. This auxiliary information generally is in the form of population totals for various categories of the unit of interest e.g. age groups, sex of respondents etc. Assuming the auxiliary information is true and correct, this information can be used to benchmark the survey estimates to sum up to these known population totals (within each categories) but more importantly, will improve the quality of the survey estimates. Weight calibration is generally applied as a final step in the development of the survey weights at the person⁴ level. The weight calibration was achieved using a GREGWT⁵ macro implemented in the Statistical Analysis Software (SAS) package.

4.3.1. Preparation of the data file

Before the weight calibration procedure is applied, the required datasets need to be provided and setup in the required format to be read into the weight calibration macro. In addition, the Demographic and Vital Statistics Division provided a set of 2016 population projections at national and regional level were used to derive the control totals for weight calibration within the required cells at national and regional levels.

There are two sets of control totals that was prepared and used in the calibration of the design weights:

- At national level: Totals were defined by the cross-classification of Urban/Rural, age, and Sex. Urban/ rural was defined into two group of Urban (1) and Rural (2), Age was classified into the 14 five-year age groups of 0-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, and 65+, while Sex was categorized into two groups of female (1) and male (2). The cross-classification resulted in 56 weight calibration cells at national level.
- At regional level: Totals were defined by the cross-classification of Age and Sex. In particular, the age was defined into four broad age groups of 0-14 (1), 15-34 (2), 35-64 (3) and 65+ (4), while sex was defined as female (1) and male(2). These matrices resulted into 112 weight calibration cells for 2014 -2016 surveys and 104 weight calibration cells for 2012-2013 surveys.

²The weight calibration was only done for person level weights. Households were estimated using design weights. Calibration could not be done for household level weight because there was no independent estimates for households to be used as control total.

³SAS macro developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the weight calibration process.

4.4 Final weights

The final weights for the person level (W_p) is defined as the product of the design weight (ISR^{adj}) and the person level calibration factor (calib_factor) calculated during the weight calibration process. A variable called *calibwgt16* was the final weights used for the NIDS 2016 analysis of individual level data:

$$W_p = ISR^{adj} * Calib_factor \quad (8)$$

For the household level data, the final weight was taken as the design weight, calculated as:

$$W_h = ISR^{adj} \quad (9)$$

5. Estimation

The most common measure of quality of the survey estimates reported from the sample surveys was the level of precision of the estimates. The quality indicators were meant to ascertain the analysts about the level of precision of the estimates at different analysis domains. The statistical precision of the survey estimates were expressed using different types of statistical measures such as Standard errors (SE), the coefficient of variation (CV) and the Confidence Interval (CI). These statistics were used to indicate the level of precision of the survey estimates in estimating the population parameters of interest. There are a number of factors that can affect the precision of the survey estimates namely the size of the sample relative to the population size, the sample design and how the variability of the characteristics of interest in the population. The data quality indicators were discussed in details in the following sub-section.

5.1. Data Quality Indicators

The following measures of precision was calculated for the NIDS 2016 key indicators.

a) Confidence Interval

The interval within which a population parameter is likely to be found, determined by sample data and a chosen confidence level ($1 - \alpha$ [α refers to the level of significance]). At standard level, a significance level $\alpha = 0.05$ resulting in a 95% Confidence Interval is used. The 95% Confidence Interval for the sample statistic b is expressed as:

$$CI(b) = b \pm (1.96 \times s\hat{e}(b)) \tag{10}$$

The confidence interval gives a range where the population parameter lies. A wider confidence intervals implies that there is too much variability in the statistics to estimate the population parameter while a narrower interval indicates less variability, signifying a desirable outcome.

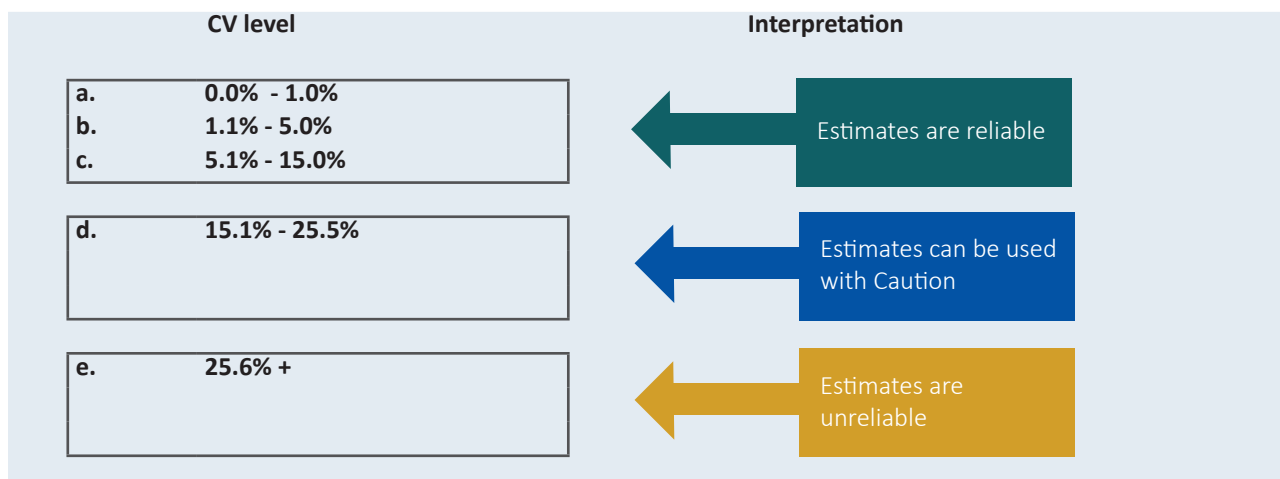
b) Coefficient of variation

The Coefficients of Variation of the sample statistics, b is given by:

$$CV(b) = \frac{s\hat{e}(b)}{b} \tag{11}$$

The coefficient of variation is based on the Standard Error (SE), which is a function of the sample variation and sample size. The standard error is the standard deviation of the statistics which measures the variability in the estimates around the expected value. The standard error given in this report were estimated using the Taylor series Linearization method in Stata 12.1 program. The Coefficient of variation is the ratio of the standard error of the survey estimates to the value of the estimates itself. The coefficient of variation is a measure of spread that describes the amount of variability relative to the estimates.

Figure 1: Level of the Coefficient of Variation for the survey estimates



5.1.1. Total Population

Table 5.1 below presents the measures of precision achieved at national and regional level for the total population. The precision estimates were well within the thresholds defined in figure 5.1 above and therefore the population parameter estimates were reliable at all domains of estimation. However, the estimated population for Hardap should be used with caution, as the coefficient of variation for the estimates is about 18%.

Table 5.1: Estimates of Total population by area with measures of precision

| Area | Estimates | Standard error | 95% Confidence Interval | | Observation | | Coefficient of Variation % |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|
| | | | Lower bound | Upper bound | Unweighted | Weighted | |
| Namibia | 2324388 | 44176 | 2237629 | 2411147 | 47345 | 2324388 | 1.9 |
| Urban | 1112868 | 36221 | 1041732 | 1184004 | 21601 | 1112868 | 3.3 |
| Rural | 1211520 | 25289 | 1161853 | 1261187 | 25744 | 1211520 | 2.1 |
| !Karas | 85759 | 6004 | 73967 | 97551 | 2523 | 85759 | 7.0 |
| Erongo | 182402 | 8850 | 165020 | 199784 | 3989 | 182402 | 4.9 |
| Hardap | 87186 | 15558 | 56631 | 117741 | 3059 | 87186 | 17.8 |
| Kavango East | 148466 | 17014 | 115052 | 181880 | 3261 | 148466 | 11.5 |
| Kavango West | 89313 | 11987 | 65770 | 112856 | 2672 | 89313 | 13.4 |
| Khomas | 415780 | 17636 | 381144 | 450416 | 4641 | 415780 | 4.2 |
| Kunene | 97865 | 11799 | 74692 | 121038 | 2554 | 97865 | 12.1 |
| Ohangwena | 255510 | 9880 | 236107 | 274913 | 4278 | 255510 | 3.9 |
| Omaheke | 74629 | 4430 | 65929 | 83329 | 2561 | 74629 | 5.9 |
| Omusati | 249885 | 8908 | 232391 | 267379 | 4116 | 249885 | 3.6 |
| Oshana | 189237 | 9073 | 171418 | 207056 | 3441 | 189237 | 4.8 |
| Oshikoto | 195165 | 7709 | 180024 | 210306 | 3787 | 195165 | 4.0 |
| Otjozondjupa | 154342 | 18446 | 118116 | 190568 | 3446 | 154342 | 12.0 |
| Zambezi | 98849 | 5755 | 87546 | 110152 | 3017 | 98849 | 5.8 |

5.1.2. Sex Ratio

Table 5.2 below presents measures of precision for the sex ratio by area. The precision estimates fall well within the Coefficient of Variation reliability thresholds.

Table 5.2: Estimates of sex ratio by area with the measures of precision

| Area | Sex ratio | Standard error | 95% Confidence Interval | | Observation | | Coefficient of Variation % | Design effects |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------|
| | | | Lower bound | Upper bound | Unweighted | weighted | | |
| Namibia | 95 | 1.1 | 92 | 97 | 47345 | 2324388 | 1.16 | 1.59 |
| Urban | 95 | 1.7 | 92 | 99 | 21601 | 1112868 | 1.78 | 1.80 |
| Rural | 94 | 1.4 | 91 | 97 | 25744 | 1211520 | 1.51 | 1.40 |
| !Karas | 102 | 6.1 | 90 | 114 | 2523 | 85759 | 5.96 | 1.55 |
| Erongo | 112 | 4.3 | 104 | 121 | 3989 | 182402 | 3.86 | 1.38 |
| Hardap | 105 | 3.0 | 99 | 111 | 3059 | 87186 | 2.90 | 0.37 |
| Kavango East | 87 | 5.2 | 77 | 97 | 3261 | 148466 | 6.00 | 2.70 |
| Kavango West | 90 | 4.2 | 82 | 98 | 2672 | 89313 | 4.63 | 0.97 |
| Khomas | 98 | 2.7 | 93 | 104 | 4641 | 415780 | 2.77 | 1.63 |
| Kunene | 103 | 6.6 | 90 | 116 | 2554 | 97865 | 6.38 | 2.03 |
| Ohangwena | 86 | 2.7 | 80 | 91 | 4278 | 255510 | 3.15 | 1.29 |
| Omaheke | 112 | 6.5 | 99 | 125 | 2561 | 74629 | 5.83 | 1.29 |
| Omusati | 82 | 2.2 | 78 | 87 | 4116 | 249885 | 2.70 | 0.92 |
| Oshana | 83 | 3.5 | 77 | 90 | 3441 | 189237 | 4.15 | 1.64 |
| Oshikoto | 93 | 4.7 | 84 | 102 | 3787 | 195165 | 5.08 | 2.56 |
| Otjozondjupa | 106 | 3.8 | 99 | 114 | 3446 | 154342 | 3.61 | 1.03 |
| Zambezi | 96 | 4.3 | 88 | 104 | 3017 | 98849 | 4.43 | 0.99 |

5.1.3. Literacy rate (Adult Literacy rate)

Table 5.3 below presents the measures of precision achieved at national and regional levels for the adult literacy rate. The coefficient of variation for the population parameter estimates were found to be well within the thresholds defined in figure 5.1 and therefore the population parameter estimates were reliable at all domains of estimation.

Table 5.3: Estimates of the literacy rate by area with measures of precision

| Area | Estimates | Sampling Error | 95% Confidence Interval | | Observation | | Coefficient of Variation | Design Effects |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | | Lower bound | Upper Bound | Unweighted | Weighted | | |
| | % | % | % | % | | | % | |
| Namibia | 88.7 | 0.39 | 87.9 | 89.4 | 29740 | 1478025 | 0.44 | 4.55 |
| Urban | 94.1 | 0.48 | 93.2 | 95.0 | 14497 | 772118 | 0.51 | 6.43 |
| Rural | 82.7 | 0.66 | 81.4 | 84.0 | 15243 | 705907 | 0.79 | 4.40 |
| !Karas | 96.1 | 0.70 | 94.7 | 97.4 | 1840 | 59447 | 0.73 | 1.57 |
| Erongo | 95.9 | 0.90 | 94.1 | 97.7 | 2876 | 130791 | 0.94 | 5.46 |
| Hardap | 84.7 | 2.58 | 79.7 | 89.8 | 2033 | 58401 | 3.05 | 6.12 |
| Kavango East | 84.7 | 1.20 | 82.4 | 87.1 | 1821 | 86941 | 1.42 | 1.98 |
| Kavango West | 75.6 | 2.95 | 69.8 | 81.4 | 1415 | 47746 | 3.91 | 4.60 |
| Khomas | 96.7 | 0.49 | 95.8 | 97.7 | 3379 | 295684 | 0.51 | 4.62 |
| Kunene | 66.5 | 4.23 | 58.2 | 74.8 | 1496 | 56549 | 6.36 | 9.24 |
| Ohangwena | 85.6 | 1.22 | 83.2 | 88.0 | 2309 | 145074 | 1.43 | 3.59 |
| Omaheke | 75.4 | 2.51 | 70.5 | 80.3 | 1653 | 45131 | 3.33 | 3.12 |
| Omusati | 87.6 | 0.92 | 85.8 | 89.5 | 2401 | 151780 | 1.05 | 2.43 |
| Oshana | 94.1 | 0.60 | 92.9 | 95.2 | 2200 | 124472 | 0.63 | 1.62 |
| Oshikoto | 88.0 | 1.49 | 85.1 | 91.0 | 2241 | 119561 | 1.70 | 5.15 |
| Otjozondjupa | 83.1 | 1.39 | 80.4 | 85.8 | 2274 | 96072 | 1.67 | 2.68 |
| Zambezi | 85.5 | 1.20 | 83.2 | 87.9 | 1802 | 60376 | 1.40 | 1.43 |

5.1.4. Total Number of orphans

Table 5.4 presents the measures of precision for the total number of people who are orphans. The coefficient of variation for the population parameter estimates were found to be well within the thresholds for National as well as the urban and rural estimates and therefore the population parameter estimates were reliable at these domains of estimation. However, the estimates for Erongo, Hardap, Kavango west, Khomas, Omaheke, and Otjozondjupa has to be used with some level of caution as the sample size was not sufficient enough to capture the total number of orphans with high level of precision (It could be that there are few orphans in these region and to get a high level precision we needed a much bigger sample). Furthermore, estimates for Kunene falls with the unreliable thresholds.

Table 5.4: The estimated number of orphans by area with measure of precision

| Area | Estimates | Standard error | 95% Confidence Interval | | Observation | | Coefficient of Variation | Design effects |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | | Lower bound | Upper Bound | Unweighted | Weighted | | |
| | | | | | | | % | |
| Namibia | 129920 | 5300 | 119512 | 140328 | 2560 | 129920 | 4.1 | 4.66 |
| Urban | 38416 | 2708 | 33098 | 43735 | 898 | 38416 | 7.0 | 3.95 |
| Rural | 91504 | 4556 | 82557 | 100451 | 1662 | 91504 | 5.0 | 4.81 |
| !Karas | 3155 | 728 | 1726 | 4585 | 94 | 3155 | 23.1 | 3.42 |
| Erongo | 3844 | 597 | 2671 | 5016 | 86 | 3844 | 15.5 | 1.89 |
| Hardap | 4156 | 894 | 2401 | 5912 | 156 | 4156 | 21.5 | 3.92 |
| Kavango East | 12164 | 1795 | 8639 | 15688 | 260 | 12164 | 14.8 | 5.42 |
| Kavango West | 7081 | 1402 | 4327 | 9834 | 184 | 7081 | 19.8 | 5.67 |
| Khomas | 11100 | 1874 | 7419 | 14780 | 134 | 11100 | 16.9 | 6.47 |
| Kunene | 7152 | 1935 | 3351 | 10952 | 158 | 7152 | 27.1 | 10.70 |
| Ohangwena | 22043 | 2529 | 17076 | 27009 | 329 | 22043 | 11.5 | 5.97 |
| Omaheke | 2691 | 425 | 1856 | 3525 | 94 | 2691 | 15.8 | 1.37 |
| Omusati | 18844 | 1635 | 15633 | 22054 | 281 | 18844 | 8.7 | 2.91 |
| Oshana | 10666 | 1123 | 8461 | 12871 | 179 | 10666 | 10.5 | 2.42 |
| Oshikoto | 13127 | 1355 | 10467 | 15787 | 236 | 13127 | 10.3 | 2.86 |
| Otjozondjupa | 5745 | 975 | 3831 | 7659 | 132 | 5745 | 17.0 | 3.38 |
| Zambezi | 8154 | 815 | 6553 | 9755 | 237 | 8154 | 10.0 | 1.67 |

5.1.5. Average Age at first live birth

Table 5.5 below presents the measures of precision achieved at national and regional levels for the average age at first live birth for women. The coefficient of variation for the estimates were found to be well within the thresholds defined in figure 5.1 and therefore the estimates were reliable at all domains of estimation.

Table 5.5: Estimates of the average age at first live birth for women by area with measures of precision

| Area | Estimates | Standard error | 95% Confidence Interval | | Coefficient of variation % | Design effects |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| | | | Lower bound | Upper bound | | |
| Namibia | 21.1 | 0.1 | 21.0 | 21.3 | 0.40 | 3.29 |
| Urban | 21.4 | 0.1 | 21.2 | 21.7 | 0.64 | 4.99 |
| Rural | 20.7 | 0.1 | 20.6 | 20.9 | 0.43 | 1.64 |
| !Karas | 20.9 | 0.3 | 20.4 | 21.4 | 1.23 | 1.61 |
| Erongo | 21.9 | 0.2 | 21.4 | 22.3 | 1.03 | 2.22 |
| Hardap | 20.3 | 0.2 | 20.0 | 20.7 | 0.86 | 1.06 |
| Kavango East | 18.8 | 0.2 | 18.4 | 19.2 | 1.11 | 1.95 |
| Kavango West | 18.8 | 0.2 | 18.4 | 19.2 | 1.15 | 1.08 |
| Khomas | 22.2 | 0.2 | 21.7 | 22.6 | 1.05 | 4.85 |
| Kunene | 19.8 | 0.3 | 19.2 | 20.4 | 1.56 | 1.87 |
| Ohangwena | 20.9 | 0.2 | 20.5 | 21.3 | 0.90 | 1.80 |
| Omaheke | 20.3 | 0.2 | 19.9 | 20.8 | 1.07 | 0.79 |
| Omusati | 22.2 | 0.2 | 21.8 | 22.7 | 1.05 | 2.05 |
| Oshana | 22.1 | 0.3 | 21.5 | 22.7 | 1.31 | 3.17 |
| Oshikoto | 21.4 | 0.3 | 20.9 | 21.9 | 1.22 | 2.45 |
| Otjozondjupa | 20.2 | 0.3 | 19.7 | 20.8 | 1.36 | 2.77 |
| Zambezi | 20.0 | 0.2 | 19.6 | 20.4 | 1.11 | 1.25 |

5.1.6. Crude Birth Rate

Table 5.6 below presents the measures of precision achieved at national and regional levels for the crude birth rate. The coefficient of variation for the estimates were found to be well within the reliable thresholds for the National estimates as well as urban/ rural domain of estimation. However, cautiousness should be exercised when using or interpreting the estimates for !Karas.

Table 5.6: Estimates of the Crude Birth Rate (CBR) by area with measures of precision

| Area | Estimates | Standard error | 95% Confidence Interval | | Observation | | Coefficient of variation % | Design effects |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------|
| | | | Lower bound | Upper bound | Unweighted | Weighted | | |
| Namibia | 32.6 | 1.0 | 30.7 | 34.6 | 1483 | 75832 | 3.01 | 1.39 |
| Urban | 31.8 | 1.5 | 28.8 | 34.8 | 659 | 35375 | 4.80 | 1.63 |
| Rural | 33.4 | 1.3 | 30.9 | 35.9 | 824 | 40457 | 3.77 | 1.18 |
| !Karas | 33.7 | 5.7 | 22.5 | 44.9 | 80 | 2890 | 16.90 | 1.50 |
| Erongo | 22.5 | 2.8 | 17.0 | 28.0 | 95 | 4101 | 12.47 | 1.30 |
| Hardap | 29.4 | 3.5 | 22.6 | 36.3 | 86 | 2567 | 11.83 | 0.75 |
| Kavango East | 45.7 | 3.9 | 38.0 | 53.3 | 139 | 6778 | 8.55 | 1.03 |
| Kavango West | 34.7 | 2.9 | 28.9 | 40.4 | 87 | 3095 | 8.47 | 0.46 |
| Khomas | 29.0 | 2.8 | 23.5 | 34.4 | 121 | 12043 | 9.53 | 2.27 |
| Kunene | 43.7 | 4.3 | 35.3 | 52.1 | 113 | 4277 | 9.79 | 0.74 |
| Ohangwena | 38.2 | 3.8 | 30.7 | 45.6 | 153 | 9750 | 9.95 | 1.92 |
| Omaheke | 26.6 | 3.0 | 20.6 | 32.5 | 74 | 1982 | 11.39 | 0.53 |
| Omusati | 33.6 | 2.8 | 28.1 | 39.1 | 120 | 8396 | 8.40 | 1.23 |
| Oshana | 33.7 | 2.8 | 28.1 | 39.3 | 103 | 6371 | 8.46 | 0.93 |
| Oshikoto | 32.1 | 3.1 | 26.0 | 38.3 | 115 | 6274 | 9.74 | 1.23 |
| Otjozondjupa | 24.5 | 2.6 | 19.4 | 29.5 | 91 | 3776 | 10.45 | 0.85 |
| Zambezi | 35.7 | 4.2 | 27.4 | 44.0 | 106 | 3532 | 11.84 | 1.03 |

5.1.7. Total number of deaths

Table 5.7 below presents the measures of precision achieved at national and regional levels for the total number of deaths. The coefficient of variation for the estimates were found to be well within the thresholds defined in figure 5.1 for the national level of estimation. However, cautiousness should be exercised when using or interpreting the estimates for most of the regions, except for !Karas and Kavango West where the estimates were found to be unreliable.

Table 5.7: Estimates of the total number of deaths by area with measures of precision

| Area | Estimates | Standard Error | 95% Confidence Interval | | Observation | | Coefficient of Variation % | Design effects |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------|
| | | | Lower bound | Upper bound | Unweighted | Weighted | | |
| Namibia | 25096 | 1455 | 22239 | 27953 | 12239 | 589787 | 5.80 | 1.47 |
| Urban | 10269 | 1077 | 8154 | 12384 | 5867 | 325335 | 10.49 | 2.10 |
| Rural | 14827 | 978 | 12907 | 16748 | 6372 | 264452 | 6.60 | 1.05 |
| !Karas | 829 | 253 | 331 | 1326 | 857 | 26348 | 30.57 | 1.20 |
| Erongo | 1800 | 383 | 1049 | 2552 | 1320 | 58486 | 21.25 | 1.51 |
| Hardap | 1374 | 273 | 837 | 1912 | 828 | 30108 | 19.90 | 0.90 |
| Kavango East | 2509 | 537 | 1454 | 3564 | 611 | 35848 | 21.42 | 2.09 |
| Kavango West | 1535 | 443 | 665 | 2405 | 511 | 17046 | 28.86 | 2.32 |
| Khomas | 2197 | 503 | 1209 | 3185 | 1344 | 119217 | 22.89 | 2.25 |
| Kunene | 856 | 210 | 443 | 1268 | 764 | 21099 | 24.53 | 1.02 |
| Ohangwena | 2533 | 415 | 1718 | 3348 | 858 | 49470 | 16.38 | 1.09 |
| Omaheke | 1454 | 315 | 836 | 2072 | 741 | 21169 | 21.64 | 0.90 |
| Omusati | 2859 | 380 | 2113 | 3605 | 926 | 54383 | 13.28 | 0.91 |
| Oshana | 1595 | 365 | 879 | 2312 | 841 | 44544 | 22.87 | 1.37 |
| Oshikoto | 2300 | 458 | 1400 | 3199 | 900 | 45407 | 19.91 | 1.40 |
| Otjozondjupa | 2021 | 449 | 1139 | 2902 | 959 | 39761 | 22.22 | 1.93 |
| Zambezi | 1234 | 299 | 647 | 1822 | 779 | 26901 | 24.23 | 0.94 |

5.1.8. Child Mortality

Table 5.8 presents the measures of precision achieved at national levels for the total number of child deaths. The precision estimates were within the reliable estimates thresholds for the total. On the other hand, the coefficient of variation for the sex is falling within the use with caution categories.

Table 5.8: The Estimates of total number of infant's deaths by sex with the measures of precision

| | Estimates | Standard error | 95% Confidence Interval | | Observation | | Coefficient of variation % |
|--------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|
| | | | Lower bound | Upper bound | Unweighted | Weighted | |
| Total | 1542 | 215 | 1103 | 1981 | 35 | 1542 | 13.9 |
| Female | 960 | 187 | 577 | 1343 | 20 | 960 | 19.5 |
| Male | 582 | 132 | 312 | 852 | 15 | 582 | 22.7 |

5.1.9. Infants Mortality

Table 5.9 presents the measures of precision achieved at national levels for the total number of infants deaths. The precision estimates were within the reliable estimates thresholds for the total. On the other hand, the coefficient of variation for the sex is falling within the use with caution categories.

Table 5.9: The Estimates of total number of infant's deaths by sex with the measures of precision

| | Estimates | Standard error | 95% Confidence Interval | | Observation | | Coefficient of variation % |
|--------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|
| | | | Lower bound | Upper bound | Unweighted | Weighted | |
| Total | 2351 | 197 | 1956 | 2746 | 57 | 2351 | 8.4 |
| Female | 1268 | 208 | 851 | 1685.043 | 30 | 1268 | 16.4 |
| Male | 1083 | 172 | 737 | 1428.111 | 27 | 1083 | 15.9 |

5.1.10. Total Number of households

Table 5.10 presents the measures of precision achieved at national and regional levels for the total number of households. The precision estimates were well within the thresholds defined in figure 5.1 for most of the domain and therefore the population parameter estimates were reliable at all domains of estimation with exception for Hardap.

Table 5.10: The Estimates of total number of households by area with the measures of precision

| Area | Estimates | Standard Error | 95% Confidence Interval | | Observation | | Coefficient of Variation % |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|
| | | | Lower bound | Upper bound | Unweighted | Weighted | |
| Namibia | 589787 | 11883 | 566449 | 613124 | 12239 | 589787 | 2.0 |
| Urban | 325335 | 11142 | 303453 | 347217 | 5867 | 325335 | 3.4 |
| Rural | 264452 | 4131 | 256339 | 272564 | 6372 | 264452 | 1.6 |
| !Karas | 26348 | 1674 | 23059 | 29636 | 857 | 26348 | 6.4 |
| Erongo | 58486 | 2661 | 53260 | 63712 | 1320 | 58486 | 4.5 |
| Hardap | 30108 | 7428 | 15519 | 44697 | 828 | 30108 | 24.7 |
| Kavango East | 35848 | 5008 | 26012 | 45684 | 611 | 35848 | 14.0 |
| Kavango West | 17046 | 1758 | 13593 | 20500 | 511 | 17046 | 10.3 |
| Khomas | 119217 | 4713 | 109960 | 128474 | 1344 | 119217 | 4.0 |
| Kunene | 21099 | 1492 | 18169 | 24029 | 764 | 21099 | 7.1 |
| Ohangwena | 49470 | 1535 | 46455 | 52485 | 858 | 49470 | 3.1 |
| Omaheke | 21169 | 1338 | 18540 | 23797 | 741 | 21169 | 6.3 |
| Omusati | 54383 | 1225 | 51978 | 56788 | 926 | 54383 | 2.3 |
| Oshana | 44544 | 1992 | 40631 | 48456 | 841 | 44544 | 4.5 |
| Oshikoto | 45407 | 1793 | 41886 | 48928 | 900 | 45407 | 3.9 |
| Otjozondjupa | 39761 | 2926 | 34015 | 45508 | 959 | 39761 | 7.4 |
| Zambezi | 26901 | 1460 | 24034 | 29769 | 779 | 26901 | 5.4 |

5.1.11. Average Household Size

Table 5.11 presents the measures of precision achieved at national and regional level for the Average household size. The precision estimates were within the thresholds defined in figure 5.1 and therefore the estimates were reliable at all domains of estimation.

Table 5.11: The estimated average household size by area with measure of precision

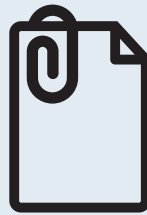
| Area | Estimates % | Standard error % | 95% Confidence Interval | | Observation | | Coefficient of variation % | Design effects |
|--------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------|
| | | | Lower bound % | Upper bound % | Unweighted | Weighted | | |
| Namibia | 3.9 | 0.05 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 12239 | 589787 | 1.16 | 3.06 |
| Urban | 3.7 | 0.07 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 5867 | 325335 | 1.78 | 3.91 |
| Rural | 4.2 | 0.06 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 6372 | 264452 | 1.44 | 2.19 |
| !Karas | 2.9 | 0.13 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 857 | 26348 | 4.46 | 1.93 |
| Erongo | 3.0 | 0.07 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 1320 | 58486 | 2.17 | 1.15 |
| Hardap | 3.5 | 0.23 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 828 | 30108 | 6.54 | 5.40 |
| Kavango East | 5.3 | 0.21 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 611 | 35848 | 3.94 | 2.98 |
| Kavango West | 5.6 | 0.33 | 5.0 | 6.3 | 511 | 17046 | 5.86 | 2.69 |
| Khomas | 3.4 | 0.08 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 1344 | 119217 | 2.38 | 2.86 |
| Kunene | 3.5 | 0.27 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 764 | 21099 | 7.62 | 3.49 |
| Ohangwena | 5.0 | 0.14 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 858 | 49470 | 2.69 | 1.60 |
| Omaheke | 3.4 | 0.11 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 741 | 21169 | 3.26 | 0.73 |
| Omusati | 4.4 | 0.16 | 4.1 | 4.7 | 926 | 54383 | 3.74 | 3.34 |
| Oshana | 4.0 | 0.12 | 3.7 | 4.2 | 841 | 44544 | 2.93 | 1.44 |
| Oshikoto | 4.1 | 0.17 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 900 | 45407 | 4.19 | 3.05 |
| Otjozondjupa | 3.9 | 0.25 | 3.4 | 4.4 | 959 | 39761 | 6.49 | 6.38 |
| Zambezi | 3.9 | 0.08 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 779 | 26901 | 1.94 | 0.59 |

5.2. Cautionary Note

The calibrated weight is used for the person level analysis but for the households only the design weight is used (Foot note 2 under sub section 4.3). This means the population estimates are based on the calibrated weight and the household estimates on the design weight. It should be noted that when ratio estimates involving the households are derived the weight used is the design weight for both variables. Therefore, users are being cautioned when using ratio indicator that involves population and households there might be slight differences if you use direct calculation. For instance, Average households size; if one take the estimated total population and divide it with estimated total households given in the report , the figure might not be equal to what was presented in this report for the ratio as those indicators were computed using the design weight for both variables.

For the mortality indicator, there was some strata with no deaths, hence at analysis stage the strata was further collapsed to a national level. However as it can be seen from tables above (tables 5.1.7 - 5.1.9), most of the mortality indicator are not reliable at lower domains of estimation.

Annex B: Tables



Population by age and sex, Namibia

| Age | Female | Male | Total | Age | Female | Male | Total |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|-----|--------|------|-------|
| Total | 1194634 | 1129754 | 2324388 | 48 | 9631 | 8222 | 17853 |
| 0 | 33319 | 34417 | 67735 | 49 | 8475 | 7295 | 15770 |
| 1 | 30698 | 32653 | 63351 | 50 | 10139 | 7913 | 18051 |
| 2 | 29539 | 33996 | 63535 | 51 | 7168 | 6880 | 14048 |
| 3 | 32714 | 30934 | 63648 | 52 | 6292 | 6615 | 12907 |
| 4 | 32875 | 30780 | 63655 | 53 | 8991 | 6008 | 14999 |
| 5 | 32892 | 33385 | 66277 | 54 | 8073 | 6179 | 14253 |
| 6 | 29467 | 29463 | 58930 | 55 | 6515 | 5089 | 11604 |
| 7 | 27288 | 24943 | 52231 | 56 | 8620 | 5230 | 13850 |
| 8 | 26291 | 29309 | 55600 | 57 | 5754 | 4294 | 10048 |
| 9 | 25214 | 26395 | 51610 | 58 | 5573 | 4102 | 9675 |
| 10 | 26760 | 26380 | 53140 | 59 | 5502 | 5394 | 10897 |
| 11 | 23447 | 23370 | 46817 | 60 | 6541 | 4980 | 11522 |
| 12 | 25387 | 24953 | 50340 | 61 | 3833 | 3602 | 7435 |
| 13 | 23906 | 24093 | 47999 | 62 | 4545 | 3223 | 7768 |
| 14 | 19784 | 21543 | 41327 | 63 | 5113 | 3233 | 8345 |
| 15 | 25940 | 24858 | 50798 | 64 | 4242 | 3290 | 7532 |
| 16 | 26426 | 26741 | 53166 | 65 | 4004 | 2656 | 6660 |
| 17 | 23659 | 23887 | 47546 | 66 | 3960 | 3705 | 7665 |
| 18 | 22883 | 22734 | 45617 | 67 | 3620 | 3182 | 6802 |
| 19 | 23583 | 22107 | 45691 | 68 | 3134 | 2484 | 5618 |
| 20 | 24360 | 24498 | 48858 | 69 | 2607 | 2132 | 4739 |
| 21 | 22501 | 20900 | 43401 | 70 | 2647 | 1935 | 4582 |
| 22 | 24353 | 24152 | 48505 | 71 | 1822 | 1840 | 3662 |
| 23 | 22417 | 22713 | 45130 | 72 | 3486 | 2103 | 5589 |
| 24 | 25713 | 22491 | 48203 | 73 | 2722 | 1899 | 4621 |
| 25 | 22404 | 22358 | 44763 | 74 | 2402 | 1348 | 3750 |
| 26 | 24200 | 25327 | 49527 | 75 | 1969 | 2044 | 4013 |
| 27 | 21917 | 19436 | 41353 | 76 | 3586 | 2041 | 5627 |
| 28 | 20736 | 18585 | 39321 | 77 | 2291 | 1204 | 3496 |
| 29 | 17065 | 16768 | 33833 | 78 | 1780 | 1276 | 3056 |
| 30 | 21114 | 19130 | 40244 | 79 | 1791 | 1196 | 2987 |
| 31 | 17559 | 17568 | 35128 | 80 | 2124 | 1277 | 3402 |
| 32 | 19681 | 18088 | 37768 | 81 | 1502 | 591 | 2093 |
| 33 | 13277 | 13624 | 26902 | 82 | 1298 | 389 | 1687 |
| 34 | 15244 | 13568 | 28812 | 83 | 1260 | 941 | 2202 |
| 35 | 14517 | 14126 | 28644 | 84 | 1435 | 1049 | 2484 |
| 36 | 15467 | 16085 | 31552 | 85 | 1159 | 449 | 1608 |
| 37 | 14319 | 11668 | 25987 | 86 | 2014 | 873 | 2887 |
| 38 | 11784 | 11938 | 23722 | 87 | 634 | 603 | 1237 |
| 39 | 15966 | 14263 | 30229 | 88 | 1417 | 1011 | 2429 |
| 40 | 14794 | 14784 | 29578 | 89 | 647 | 493 | 1140 |
| 41 | 10421 | 9392 | 19812 | 90 | 1212 | 354 | 1565 |
| 42 | 13691 | 12193 | 25884 | 91 | 629 | 227 | 856 |
| 43 | 11095 | 10518 | 21613 | 92 | 619 | 266 | 884 |
| 44 | 10719 | 8894 | 19613 | 93 | 517 | 86 | 603 |
| 45 | 10255 | 10246 | 20501 | 94 | 585 | 188 | 773 |
| 46 | 10865 | 9877 | 20742 | 95+ | 3123 | 1419 | 4542 |
| 47 | 9123 | 6809 | 15933 | | | | |

Children ever born to females aged 15-49 years, Namibia

| Age of Mother | Number of women | Children ever born | | | Surviving | | | Died | | |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | | Total | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male |
| 15-19 | 122491 | 19773 | 9451 | 10323 | 19141 | 9011 | 10130 | 632 | 440 | 192 |
| 20-24 | 119344 | 107895 | 55204 | 52691 | 105685 | 54270 | 51415 | 2210 | 934 | 1276 |
| 25-29 | 106322 | 180698 | 87684 | 93014 | 176029 | 85638 | 90391 | 4669 | 2046 | 2623 |
| 30-34 | 86875 | 198688 | 97224 | 101464 | 194498 | 95114 | 99385 | 4190 | 2110 | 2080 |
| 35-39 | 72053 | 213259 | 104559 | 108700 | 205227 | 100657 | 104570 | 8032 | 3902 | 4130 |
| 40-44 | 60720 | 209491 | 104114 | 105377 | 202354 | 101286 | 101068 | 7137 | 2798 | 4339 |
| 45-49 | 48349 | 181898 | 92840 | 89059 | 174464 | 89273 | 85191 | 7434 | 3567 | 3867 |
| Total | 616154 | 1111703 | 551076 | 560627 | 1077398 | 535249 | 542149 | 34305 | 15798 | 18507 |

Births in the last 12 months by females aged 15-49 years, Namibia

| Age of Mother | Number of women | Births | | | Surviving | | | Died | | |
|---------------|-----------------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|--------|-------|-------|--------|------|
| | | Total | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male | Total | Female | Male |
| 15-19 | 7829 | 7829 | 4040 | 3789 | 7390 | 3680 | 3709 | 439 | 360 | 79 |
| 20-24 | 21882 | 22065 | 11558 | 10507 | 21471 | 11145 | 10326 | 594 | 413 | 181 |
| 25-29 | 18522 | 19020 | 9706 | 9314 | 18304 | 9361 | 8944 | 716 | 345 | 370 |
| 30-34 | 12585 | 12780 | 5969 | 6811 | 12676 | 5898 | 6778 | 104 | 71 | 34 |
| 35-39 | 9332 | 9622 | 4516 | 5106 | 9356 | 4321 | 5035 | 267 | 195 | 71 |
| 40-44 | 3548 | 3548 | 1555 | 1993 | 3333 | 1519 | 1814 | 215 | 35 | 180 |
| 45-49 | 901 | 901 | 417 | 484 | 901 | 417 | 484 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 74599 | 75765 | 37761 | 38004 | 73431 | 36342 | 37089 | 2335 | 1419 | 915 |

Death in the last 12 months by age group and sex, Namibia

| Age group | Female | Male | Total |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|
| under 1 | 1268 | 1083 | 2351 |
| 1-4 | 960 | 582 | 1542 |
| 5-9 | 154 | 129 | 284 |
| 10-14 | 260 | 192 | 452 |
| 15-19 | 251 | 201 | 452 |
| 20-24 | 384 | 825 | 1210 |
| 25-29 | 503 | 1109 | 1612 |
| 30-34 | 846 | 1139 | 1985 |
| 35-39 | 815 | 1602 | 2417 |
| 40-44 | 648 | 829 | 1477 |
| 45-49 | 562 | 711 | 1273 |
| 50-54 | 701 | 791 | 1492 |
| 55-59 | 192 | 464 | 656 |
| 60-64 | 580 | 577 | 1156 |
| 65-69 | 651 | 372 | 1023 |
| 70-74 | 526 | 588 | 1114 |
| 75-79 | 396 | 267 | 663 |
| 80+ | 1913 | 2024 | 3938 |
| Total | 11609 | 13487 | 25096 |



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