



UGANDA BUREAU OF STATISTICS



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STATEMENT ON THE RECENTLY DISSEMINATED NATIONAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2024 PROVISIONAL REPORT.

Kampala 14th October 2024. On 12th December 2023, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Uganda launched the Census 2024 Roadmap. At the time of the launch, His Excellency announced to the nation that the Census will provide answers to the five questions namely, how many we are, where we are, how are we living, what we own and where we access services from.

The Census 2024 Roadmap provided for the conduct the National Population and Housing Census in May 2024 and a three-tiered approach to dissemination of Census results. The approach included dissemination of the Preliminary Results in June, Provisional Report in September and Final Report in December.

On Thursday, 27th June 2024, the Bureau released the Preliminary Results, providing figures on how many people there are in the country and where they live.

On Thursday, 3rd October 2024, the Provisional Report was disseminated. The Report provides more detailed statistical data and information on population distribution and several socio-economic indicators. It is important to note that the figures for Census 2014 as published in March 2016 are correct. In addition, the data integrity of the Census 2024 is robust and of high quality. However, the Provisional Report published on 3rd October 2024 misreported the tribes of Acholi, Bagisu, Bakiga and Lango for Census 2014 figures, which occurred during comparison of the tribal figures for 2014 and 2024. This has been corrected in accordance with the United Nations Fundamental Principles of official statistics as provided in **Table 1** below

Table 1: Population of Acholi, Bagisu, Bakiga and Lango in 2014 and 2024

Tribe	2014	2024
Bakiga	2,390,975	2,947,837
Lango	2,131,443	2,703,277
Bagisu	1,647,382	2,096,149
Acholi	1,470,884	1,941,913

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The Bureau would like to further clarify that all religions registered an increase in their followers between the two Censuses. Although all religions had a growth in their followers, some religions had a reduction in the share when compared to the total population as reported in the **Table 2** below.

Table 2: Population by Religion for 2014 and 2024

Religion	2014		2024	
	Number	Proportion (Percent)	Number	Proportion (Percent)
Roman Catholic	13,407,764	38.7	16,612,537	36.2
Anglican / Church of Uganda	10,941,268	31.6	13,311,801	29.0
Pentecostal / Evangelicals	3,790,564	10.9	6,543,196	14.3
Islam	4,663,204	13.5	6,051,317	13.2
Seventh Day Adventist	590,257	1.7	911,153	2.0
Orthodox	48,421	0.1	65,150	0.1
Traditional	33,805	0.1	56,332	0.1
Jehovah's witness	22,270	0.1	46,147	0.1
Other religions -1	548,348	1.6	704,334	1.5
No Religion	78,254	0.2	85,559	0.2
Unclassified - 2	510,495	1.5	1,517,891	3.3
Total	34,634,650	100.0	45,905,417	100

1. Other religion include Bahai, Hindus, Buddhist and Owobusobozi.

2. Unclassified includes the homeless and persons enumerated in institutions, camps, diplomatic residences, persons in transit and hotels.

In compliance with the internationally accepted practices and the approved Census Roadmap, the Bureau instituted an independent team of experts to conduct the Post Enumeration Survey 2024 to validate the scope and content of the National Population and Housing Census 2024. The findings from the Post Enumeration Survey will provide insights into the adequacy of the Census 2024.

The Final Report containing comprehensive statistical data and information from the Census will be published in December 2024.

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