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The Honorable Benigno R. Fitial  
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Dear Governor Fitial:

I am pleased to provide you with population counts for the 2010 Census of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The 2010 Census showed the population of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on April 1, 2010, was 53,883. The population of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands represented a decrease of 22.2 percent from the 2000 population of 69,221. Enclosed is a table showing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands population change between 2000 and 2010.

We also recently released the 2010 Census block maps and the 2010 TIGER/Line Shapefiles. These reference files can aid the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with geographic analysis down to the block level. The 2010 TIGER/Line Shapefiles can be found at this link: <<http://www.census.gov/geo/www/tiger/tgrshp2010/tgrshp2010.html>>. Click on "Download, Web Interface." The 2010 Census Block Map Series can be found at this link: <[http://www.census.gov/geo/www/maps/DC10\\_GUBlkMap/dc10blk\\_main.html](http://www.census.gov/geo/www/maps/DC10_GUBlkMap/dc10blk_main.html)>. Click on "Northern Mariana Islands," then choose the geography you desire.

The U.S. Census Bureau would like to express its gratitude to the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for its collaboration in accomplishing the 2010 Census. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact <[Willard.E.Caldwell@census.gov](mailto:Willard.E.Caldwell@census.gov)> or by phone at (301) 763-6729.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Groves  
Director

Enclosure

**Population of the Commonwealth of the  
Northern Mariana Islands: 2000 and 2010**

Geographic area	Population		Change, 2000 to 2010	
	2000	2010	Number	Percent
<b>Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.....</b>	<b>69 221</b>	<b>53 883</b>	<b>- 15 338</b>	<b>-22.2%</b>
<b>Northern Islands Municipality.....</b>	6	0	- 6	-100.0%
District 4.....	(X)	0	(X)	(X)
<b>Rota Municipality.....</b>	3 283	2 527	- 756	-23.0%
District 7.....	(X)	2 527	(X)	(X)
<b>Saipan Municipality.....</b>	62 392	48 220	- 14 172	-22.7%
District 1.....	(X)	15 160	(X)	(X)
District 2.....	(X)	6 382	(X)	(X)
District 3.....	(X)	15 624	(X)	(X)
District 4.....	(X)	3 847	(X)	(X)
District 5.....	(X)	7 207	(X)	(X)
<b>Tinian Municipality.....</b>	3 540	3 136	- 404	-11.4%
District 6.....	(X)	3 136	(X)	(X)

(X): Not Applicable. Geographic definitions below municipalities have changed between 2000 and 2010 making population counts incompatible for this table. The Census 2000 population counts are as published in the Census 2000 data products.

Note: District 4 in Northern Islands Municipality and District 4 in Saipan Municipality represent parts of the same election district.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the 2010 Census for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.