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## Population count from 2016 Tokelau Census released within the month

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The Tokelau National Statistics Office released the first population counts from the 2016 Tokelau Census today. The official de jure usually resident population of Tokelau is 1,499. This was a 6.2 percent increase from the previous census in 2011.

The 2016 Census of Population and Dwellings was successfully held in Tokelau and Apia on Tuesday 18 October 2016.

The Tokelau National Statistics Office (based in Apia) contracted Statistics New Zealand to conduct the census. Mike Berry, Census Project Manager of Statistics NZ, who has led the Tokelau Census team for the past three censuses, explained:

“This round, the method we used for collecting the data was significantly different from the previous Tokelau censuses. For the first time ever, interviewers used tablets to record people’s answers. This improved data quality and sped up data collation. It made Tokelau the first Pacific nation to collect data for the census in this way.”

Measuring Tokelau’s small population is a challenging task. A significant proportion of the country’s population is away from the atolls at any one time, for various reasons (eg healthcare or education). Using a de jure usually resident population count ensures that all usual residents are counted, regardless of whether they are in Tokelau on census night or not.

One of major direct uses of census data is to determine the number of representatives on the General Fono (Parliament) for each atoll. That number will be 5 representatives for each nuku, based on the following de jure usually resident populations: Atafu: 541; Fakaofu: 506; Nukunonu: 452.

The Constitution provides for “one delegate from each village for every 100 inhabitants of that village, based on the latest available census figures rounded to the nearest 100 inhabitants.”

Members of the General Fono will be elected in January 2017.

The census collected a wealth of information on the inhabitants of Tokelau, and the dwellings in which they live. More details on this New Zealand non-self-governing territory and its people will be available progressively on <http://www.tokelau.org.nz/>.

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Ko he tahi fakaaoga taua o na fakamatalaga o te Tuhiga igoa, e fakaaoga ke fakataata ki ei te numela ona hui ke fakailu atu mo te Fono Fakamua mo na nuku takitahi ma te numela ona hui e filiilia. E toka 5 hui mai te nuku, fuafua ki te aofaki o tagata: Atafu 541; Fakaofu 506; Nukunonu 452.

Ko te Tulafono Fakavae e ve mai "e tahi te hui mai na nuku takitahi mo na 100 uma i te aofakiga o tagata, fatu ki te tuhiga igoa pili mai, ma, e fakataitakia ki te 100 tagata e pito pili mai."

Ko na tino o te Fono Fakamua e filiilia ia lanuali i te 2017.

Ko te Tuhiga igoa na fakamaopopo ai na fakamatalaga taua lahi agai ki tagata Tokelau, ma na fale e nonofo ai. Mo ni ietahi fakamatalaga e lahi fakataata ki te vaega teni o Niuhila e heki tutokatahi (Tokelau) e avanoa i te <http://www.tokelau.org.nz/>.

Mo ni ietahi fakamatalaga fakafehotaki ia:

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## Aofaki o tagata na faitau mai te Tuhiga igoa a Tokelau i te 2016 na fakahahau i loto o te mahina

Fakahalalauga tataala ki tua: Fakaofu, Tokelau, 11 Novema 2016

Ko te Offha o Fuainumela ma Fakamatatalaga na fakailoa aloakia muamua e kilatou ki tua te Aofaki o tagata na faitau mai te Tuhiga igoa a Tokelau i te 2016 i te aho nei. Ko te aofaki o tagata na faitau e nonofo tumau i Tokelau e 1,499. E tuha e 6.2 pahene na hiki ai fakatuhatuha ki te tuhiga igoa kua teka o te 2011.

Ko te Tuhiga igoa o te 2016 o te Aofaki o tagata ma na Fale na fakatauunuku ma te manuia i Tokelau ma Apia i te Aho Lua 18 o Oketopa 2016.

Ko te Offha o Fuainumela ma Fakamatatalaga (fakamautu i Apia) na konekate ki te Offha o Fuainumela ma Fakamatatalaga o Niuhila ki te fakatinoga ma pule tenei Tuhiga igoa. Ko Mike Berry te takitaki o te galuega tenei, na taki foki e ia na Tuhiga igoa e tolu kua teka, na fai tana fakamatatalaga e venei:

“I te taimi tenei, ko te faiga na fakaaoga ke fakamaopopo ai na fakamatatalaga nae iei he kehekehega lahi mai na Tuhiga igoa a Tokelau kua teka. Ko te taimi muamua tenei, na fakaaoga ai na tama mahini fekaveaki (tablet) e na tino fai fehili ke fakamaumu ki loto na tali a tagata. Na hikitia ai te lelei ona fakamaumaua ma fakavave ai foki te fakamaopoga ona fakamatatalaga. Ko Tokelau ko te atunuku muamua ia i te Pahefika kua mafai fakamaopopo na fakamatatalaga o te Tuhiga igoa i te auala tenei.”

Ko te fuaga o te Aofaki o tagata Tokelau nae iei ona lukitau. E iei te numela o tagata mai te aofaki katoa o te nuku nae he i te fenua mo he taimi, ona ko ni mafuaga (ft,falemai ma te aoga). Ko te fakaaoga o te aofaki o tagata e mahani nonofo tumau na faitau, e fakamautiona ai ko tagata uma e fakamautu i Tokelau na faitau, e tuha pe na i Tokelau i te po o te Tuhiga igoa pe heai.