

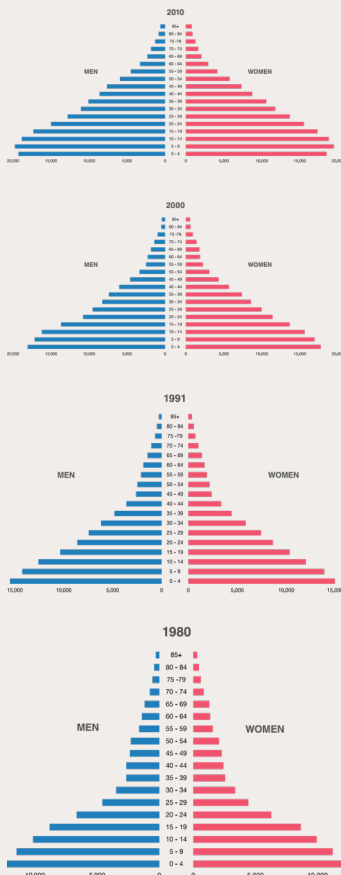
A national census is a systematic procedure of recording information about the members of our country, primarily to determine basic demographic facts such as:

- Size of the population
- Location (where people live)
- Age of members of the population
- Sex (biological)
- Race or ethnic group (cultural practices)



The **Statistical Institute of Belize** (SIB) is authorized by the SIB Act and the Census Act to conduct national population and housing censuses.

Total Population by Sex & Age Group at Census Time 1980 - 2010



THE POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS

FAQS:

HOW OFTEN IS THE CENSUS DONE?

The national Population and Housing Census is done by the SIB every ten years. The last Census was done in 2010.

WHEN WILL THE NEXT CENSUS BE?

The next Census will be held in **May 2020**.

IS THE CENSUS JUST A COUNT OF ALL PERSONS IN THE COUNTRY?

No, the Census collects much more information than just a count of persons, including data on **who makes up our population** (e.g. age structure, education, and ethnicity), **where they live, and the conditions in which they live**. The 2020 Census will also collect information on food insecurity, disability, exposure to crime, and chronic illnesses.

WHAT IS ALL THIS INFORMATION USED FOR?

The Census is the main tool used by government in planning for national development. The information collected is used to develop national policies and programs to address social and economic issues, and the effectiveness of these initiatives can be seen in changes observed from one Census to the next.

WILL MY INFORMATION BE SAFE?

The SIB Act does not allow for any information which would identify a person or household to be shared with any parties outside of the SIB. All our staff take an Oath of Secrecy, which is binding for life and there are penalties, up to imprisonment, for breaking this Oath.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY HOUSEHOLD WILL BE CHOSEN TO BE A PART OF THE CENSUS?

The SIB's staff will visit every single household in the country and collect information on every person living in Belize as of Census time. This means that every household can expect our staff to visit them at some time during the Census period.

WHAT CAN MY HOUSEHOLD EXPECT DURING CENSUS TIME?

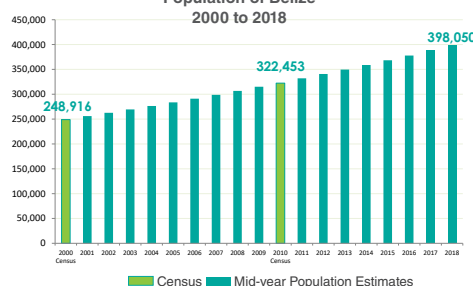
A trained interviewer will conduct an interview with each household member (if possible). If all members of the household are not available, an adult who is knowledgeable about other household members will be interviewed on their behalf. The average length of time spent doing the Census interview is about 45 minutes per household.

The Population of Belize grows at an annual average rate of **2.65%**



The Population of Belize doubles every **25** years. In **2040** our population will be over **720,000**.

Population of Belize 2000 to 2018



As of **2010**, the life expectancy for persons living in Belize was **73.7**



On average, women live about **5** years longer than men: