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ABSTRACT

The 2012 PHC, like previous censuses, contributed to the improvement of quality of life of Tanzanians through the provision of current and reliable data for policy formulation, development planning and service delivery as well as for monitoring and evaluating national and international development frameworks.

The 2012 PHC is unique as the collected information will be used in monitoring and evaluating the Development Vision 2025 for Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar Development Vision 2020, Five Year Development Plan 2011/12–2015/16, National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty (NSGRP) commonly known as MKUKUTA and Zanzibar Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty (ZSGRP) commonly known as MKUZA. The Census will also provide information for the evaluation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2015. The Poverty Monitoring Master Plan, which is the monitoring tool for NSGRP and ZSGRP, mapped out core indicators for poverty monitoring against the sequence of surveys, with the 2012 PHC being one of them. Several of these core indicators for poverty monitoring are measured directly from the 2012 PHC.

The 2012 Tanzania Basic Demographic and Socio-Economic Profile provides a short descriptive analysis and related tables on main thematic areas covered in the 2012 Population and Housing Census. Areas covered are population size; growth and distribution; age and sex profile; household composition; marital status; citizenship; birth registration and disability. Other topics are survival of parents; education and literacy; economic activity; housing conditions; household assets and amenities; agriculture and livestock; fertility and mortality. In many cases, characteristics have been disaggregated by location (rural and urban) and where possible comparisons have been made with past Census(es) to observe the trend over time. Related tables are presented in a separate publication (Detailed Statistical Tables for National Basic Demographic and Socio-Economic Profile - Volume IIID).

KIND OF DATA  
Census/enumeration data [cen]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS  
Individuals, households, Community

## Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION  
v0.1: 10% of the Census 2012 microdata

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2014-04-01

VERSION NOTES  
The new topics that were covered in 2012 PHC for the first time since 1967 which was the first Census after the Union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar were; Birth Registration, Agriculture and Livestock, Day Population, Diaspora, Social Security Schemes, Refuse Disposal, Cause of Death and Maternal Health.

## Scope

### NOTES

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## Coverage

### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National Coverage for both Mainland Tanzania, and Zanzibar, All region in both Mainland and Zanzibar, Rural and Urban areas.

### UNIVERSE

The census cover the entire population of Tanzania

## Producers and sponsors

### PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

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Japan International Cooperation Agency	JICA	Assistance of equipments
United Nations Population Fund	UNFPA,	Assistance of Fund and equipments
United Nations Development Programme	UNDP	AsAssistance of training and fund.
United States Agency for International Development	USAID	Training and Funding
World Bank	WB	Training and Funding

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## Sampling

### SAMPLING PROCEDURE

The country was divided in small managed Enumeration Areas (EA). Two types of Questionnaire were used. The Short Questionnaire, which was administered in non-sampled areas (about 70 percent of all EAs). The other type is the Long Questionnaire, which was administered in selected or sampled areas (about 30 percent of all EAs). Also, there were other

questionnaires (community; persons on transit, hotel/lodge residents and hospital in-patients; and persons with no fixed Residence) which were administered during enumeration.

## Data Collection

### DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2012-08-26	2012-08-28

### DATA COLLECTION MODE

Face-to-face [f2f]

### SUPERVISION

Every enumerator is given a specific area of data collection known EA (Enumeration Areas). Every enumerator together with local reader visit the EA to determine the boundary before the date and day of data collection. District Census Coordinator control and supervise the all process of data collection, and if there is any challenge arisen, they communicate with Regional Census Coordinators and other Regional Statistician Manager.

### DATA COLLECTION NOTES

Training for enumerators, local readers, politician, and public in general done before data collection. Various staff from NBS-Supervise the whole process of data collection. Regional Statistician Managers both in Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar work closely with Regional Census Coordinators and District Census Coordinators in order to make sure that no obstacles which can hinder the all process of data collection

### DATA COLLECTORS

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Office of Chief Government Statistician	OCGS	Ministry of State, President's Office, State House

## Questionnaires

### QUESTIONNAIRES

The long and short questionnaires are used in data collection, English language used in publishing questionnaires. Information on the questionnaire designed based based on previous questionnaire and review (opinions) from various stakeholders. Questionnaires testing done before data collection.

## Data Processing

### DATA EDITING

Data processing done soon after data collection completed. Data editing done through various stages namely Office editing and coding, various program are used in data Processing such SPSS and CSpro.

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### Questionnaires

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 Description Short Questionnaire  
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### Reports

#### Basic Demographic and Socio-Economic Profile

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Title Basic Demographic and Socio-Economic Profile  
 Author(s) National Bureau of Statistics(NBS) Office of Chief Government Statistician(OCGS)  
 Date 2014-04-01  
 Country Tanzania  
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Description Chapter One presents an overview of the 2012 Population and Housing Census. The Chapter highlights the brief history of census undertaking in the country, the main objective of undertaking the 2012 PHC, preparation and execution of census activities and highlights challenges associated with age data in most developing countries including Tanzania.  
 Chapter Two gives a user of this publication an understanding on the size, growth and distribution of Tanzania population from the 2012 PHC and previous censuses.  
 Chapter Three is about age and sex profile of the Tanzanian population. Household composition is explained in Chapter Four. Chapter Five reveals that marriage is almost universal in the country. Chapter Six reveals that 99 percent of the enumerated population were Tanzanians. Chapter Seven is about survival of parents. Chapter Eight reveals that one (1) percent of total private households in Tanzania reported to have at least one former member of the household who was living abroad, and that Tanzania had a total of 421,456 Diasporas in 2012.  
 Chapter Nine gives Census results on literacy and education. Chapter Eleven deals with disability. Information on Housing conditions, assets and amenities are elaborated in Chapter Twelve.

Abstract The 2012 Tanzania Basic Demographic and Socio-Economic Profile provides a short descriptive analysis and related tables on main thematic areas covered in the 2012 Population and Housing Census. Areas covered are population size; growth and distribution; age and sex profile; household composition; marital status; citizenship; birth registration and disability. Other topics are survival of parents; education and literacy; economic activity; housing conditions; household assets and amenities; agriculture and livestock; fertility and mortality. In many cases, characteristics have been disaggregated by location (rural and urban) and where possible comparisons have been made with past Census(es) to observe the trend over time. Related tables are presented in a separate publication (Detailed Statistical Tables for National Basic Demographic and Socio-Economic Profile - Volume IIID). The new topics that were covered in 2012 PHC for the first time since 1967 which was the first Census after the Union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar were; Birth Registration, Agriculture and Livestock, Day Population, Diaspora, Social Security Schemes, Refuse Disposal, Cause of Death and Maternal Health.

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## 2012 PHC: Population Distribution by Administrative Areas

Title	2012 PHC: Population Distribution by Administrative Areas
Description	<p>The General Report on Population Distribution by Administrative Units is the first of a series of publications planned for the 2012 PHC. The main purpose of the report is to give aggregated totals of population by sex. The report also provide number of households, average household size, population densities, average annual inter-censal growth rates and sex ratios. Levels of aggregation are national, regional, district council and ward/shehia.</p> <p>The 2012 PHC revealed that, the population of Tanzania has grown from 12,313,469 persons in the 1967 Census to 44,928,923 persons counted in 2012. Dar es Salaam accounts for 10 percent of the total Tanzania Mainland population</p>
Filename	<a href="https://www.nbs.go.tz/nbs/takwimu/census2012/Census_General_Report.zip">https://www.nbs.go.tz/nbs/takwimu/census2012/Census_General_Report.zip</a>

## PHC 2012: Population Distribution by Age and Sex Report

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Description	<p>The data depicts a young population age structure, with 43.9 percent of the population aged below 15 years, and 3.9 percent aged 65 years and above. The pattern is similar to that of Tanzania Mainland, that is, 43.9 percent for those below 15 years of age and 3.9 percent for those aged 65 years and above. However, in Tanzania Zanzibar those below 15 years of age accounted for 42.5 percent of the population and those aged 65 years and above were 2.8 percent of the population. The median age of the Tanzania's population is 18 years. The results also depict a higher percentage of females compared to males in almost all age groups, except below 10 years, 50 - 54 and 55 - 59 years.</p>
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## 2012 PHC: Housing condition, Household amenities and Assets Monograph

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**Housing Condition, Household Amenities and Assets Monograph**

Description The Housing Condition, Household Amenities and Assets report focuses on household composition, housing characteristics, distribution and ownership of dwelling units and land ownership. Other aspects which are included in this report are housing quality with respect to main building materials used, availability of social amenities such as main sources of drinking water, toilet facilities, form of waste disposal and energy used for lighting and cooking. Other issues include; ownership of household assets and membership of social security schemes.

Filename [https://www.nbs.go.tz/nbs/takwimu/census2012/Housing\\_Condition\\_Monograph.zip](https://www.nbs.go.tz/nbs/takwimu/census2012/Housing_Condition_Monograph.zip)

**2012 PHC: Migration and Urbanisation Monograph**

Title 2012 PHC: Migration and Urbanisation Monograph

Description Tanzania is among the few African countries which take migration data since it conducted the first census in 1948. However, since 1967 most of the migration data collected was by place of birth and residence which capture mostly lifetime migrants and current migrants. The volume of people involved in migration has been increasing with time because most people would like to improve their means of livelihood. This increase in migration has changed the sex dimensions in migration processes. The censuses from 1948-2002 indicated a dominance of males in migration which drastically changed in the 2012 Population and Housing Census (PHC).

Filename [https://www.nbs.go.tz/nbs/takwimu/census2012/Migration\\_and\\_Urbanisation\\_Monograph.zip](https://www.nbs.go.tz/nbs/takwimu/census2012/Migration_and_Urbanisation_Monograph.zip)

**2012 PHC: Fertility and Nuptiality Monograph**

Title 2012 PHC: Fertility and Nuptiality Monograph

Description Nuptiality and Fertility monograph of the 2012 Population and Housing Census provides a detailed analysis on nuptiality and fertility status as collected from the Census.

Filename [https://www.nbs.go.tz/nbs/takwimu/census2012/Fertility\\_and\\_Nuptiality\\_Monograph.zip](https://www.nbs.go.tz/nbs/takwimu/census2012/Fertility_and_Nuptiality_Monograph.zip)

**2012 PHC: Economic Activity Monograph**

Title 2012 PHC: Economic Activity Monograph

Description The 2012 Population and Housing Census (PHC) has the Economic Activity as one of its important monographs which are published along with general census results.

The monograph serves as a means of providing deep analysis of specific sub themes of the population characteristics which are likely to receive less attention in the general census results.

This Economic Activity Monograph is based on the economically active population. The results included in this monograph will be of great value to planners and policy makers in the field of labour market in Tanzania.

Filename [https://www.nbs.go.tz/nbs/takwimu/census2012/Economic\\_Activity\\_Monograph.zip](https://www.nbs.go.tz/nbs/takwimu/census2012/Economic_Activity_Monograph.zip)

**2012 PHC: Mortality and Health Monograph**

Title 2012 PHC: Mortality and Health Monograph

Description The Mortality and Health Monograph provides in-depth analysis of the level, trend and pattern of mortality in Tanzania. Specifically, it analyses and provides information on infant, child, under-five, adult and maternal mortality indicators using data from the 2012 Population and Housing Census (PHC). Where data allows, comparisons are made with estimates from previous censuses, other sources as well as with other countries. The information is presented at national level then disaggregated by the area of Tanzania Mainland and Tanzania Zanzibar, rural and urban. It is also disaggregated by the 30 administrative regions in the country (25 in Tanzania Mainland and 5 in Tanzania Zanzibar). In general the analysis presented in this report shows that there was a decline in mortality as compared to the previous census.

Filename [https://www.nbs.go.tz/nbs/takwimu/census2012/Mortality\\_and\\_Health\\_Monograph.pdf](https://www.nbs.go.tz/nbs/takwimu/census2012/Mortality_and_Health_Monograph.pdf)

**2012 PHC: Shapefiles - level one and two**

Title 2012 PHC: Shapefiles - level one and two

The 2012 Population and Housing Census (PHC) of Tanzania was preceded by the preparatory geographic work, which involved field visiting of all regions, districts, wards/shehia, villages/mitaa, localities and sub-villages in the country, primarily to create and delineate Enumeration Area boundaries (EAs) so as to produce maps required for census operations. The most important principle followed in delineating an EA was that under no circumstance should an EA overlap the existing administrative boundaries of regions, districts, wards/shehia or villages/mitaa. Adherence to this principle was necessary since the census results were to be presented at the level of these administrative units.

Description The EA boundaries and important features collected during the field mapping work were annotated on field maps, which were later digitized to facilitate automated production of census maps required for enumeration process. The digital process of census maps subsequently enabled development of a geographical information database, which contains polygons (commonly referred to as shape-files) and related information.

The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) intends to provide a geo-database with spatial and non-spatial information at five levels of geography, to facilitate presentation of data from censuses and other surveys. These levels are regional (level one), district (level two), ward/shehia (level three), villages/mitaa (level four) and enumeration areas (level five). Levels one and two have been put onto the NBS website in June, 2013 for use by various stakeholders, and the web-page will be updated to include other levels of shapefiles when they are ready for use. It should be kept in mind that, the shapefiles are intended for statistical uses only.

Filename [https://www.nbs.go.tz/nbs/takwimu/references/GIS\\_Maps.zip](https://www.nbs.go.tz/nbs/takwimu/references/GIS_Maps.zip)

## Basic Demographic and Socio-Economic Profile

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Description	<p>Chapter One presents an overview of the 2012 Population and Housing Census. The Chapter highlights the brief history of census undertaking in the country, the main objective of undertaking the 2012 PHC, preparation and execution of census activities and highlights challenges associated with age data in most developing countries including Tanzania.</p> <p>Chapter Two gives a user of this publication an understanding on the size, growth and distribution of Tanzania population from the 2012 PHC and previous censuses.</p> <p>Chapter Three is about age and sex profile of the Tanzanian population. Household composition is explained in Chapter Four. Chapter Five reveals that marriage is almost universal in the country. Chapter Six reveals that 99 percent of the enumerated population were Tanzanians. Chapter Seven is about survival of parents. Chapter Eight reveals that one (1) percent of total private households in Tanzania reported to have at least one former member of the household who was living abroad, and that Tanzania had a total of 421,456 Diasporas in 2012.</p> <p>Chapter Nine gives Census results on literacy and education. Chapter Eleven deals with disability. Information on Housing conditions, assets and amenities are elaborated in Chapter Twelve.</p> <p>The 2012 Tanzania Basic Demographic and Socio-Economic Profile provides a short descriptive analysis and related tables on main thematic areas covered in the 2012 Population and Housing Census. Areas covered are population size, growth and distribution; age and sex profile; household composition; marital status; citizenship; birth registration and disability. Other topics are survival of parents; education and literacy; economic activity; housing conditions; household assets and amenities; agriculture and livestock; fertility and mortality. In many cases, characteristics have been disaggregated by location (rural and urban) and where possible comparisons have been made with past Census(es) to observe the trend over time. Related tables are presented in a separate publication (Detailed Statistical Tables for National Basic Demographic and Socio-Economic Profile - Volume IIID). The new topics that were covered in 2012 PHC for the first time since 1967, which was the first Census after the Union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar were; Birth Registration, Agriculture and Livestock, Day Population, Diaspora, Social Security Schemes, Refuse Disposal, Cause of Death and Maternal Health.</p>
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