

Budget Alert 4.1 (E) Highlights of the National Housing and Population Census 2021 - Population Age and Sex

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The National Housing and Population Census (2021) was published with comprehensive information on the features of the population and social indicators such as education attainment, household dwellings, and their facilities. This publication is now added to the existing social indicators as published in the Grenada Survey of Living Conditions (World Bank 2021), and the labour-force surveys of June, September, and December 2023. The following highlights some of the main structural features of the population as published in the National Housing and Population Census of 2021; and compares these with the results of the Grenada National Population and Housing Census Report of 2011.

In 2021, the total population was 109,021 of which 50 per cent (54,542) were males and 50 per cent (54,479) were females. This represented a slight increase in the population. The census of 2011 recorded a total population of 106,669, comprising 50.5 per cent (53,898) males and 49.5 per cent (52,771) females. The growth rate of the population was 2 per cent over the ten-year period, and the male to female ratio remained essentially unchanged at 50/50 per cent of males and females.

Table 1 Population and the Sex Composition: 2011 And 2021

Sex	2011		2021	
	No. of Persons	Percent of Totals	No. of Persons	Percent of Totals
Male	53,898	50.5	54,542	50
Female	52,771	49.5	54,479	50
Excess of Males/Females	1,127		63	
Sex Ratio	102.1		100.1	
Total	106,669	100	109,021	100

Source: Grenada National Population and Housing Census Report 2011 <https://stats.gov.gd/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Census-Report-2011-Revised-Final.pdf>

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Overall, the census shows a youthful population but there is evidence of a growing elderly population. In 2011, the age group 15-29 was the largest for both males and females, males at 28 per cent (14,832) and females at 27 per cent (14,391). The population under the age of forty-five was 68 per cent (73,398) in 2011, comprising 70 per cent (37,530) males and 68 per cent (35,868) females.

For 2021, the dominant age group was 0-14, comprising males 22 per cent (12,126) and females 21 per cent (11,659). The population under the age of forty-five was 64 per cent (69,490) in 2021, comprising 64 per cent (34,760) males and 64 per cent (34,730) females. The population remains a youthful population but there is an increasing elderly population.

Table 2 Population by Age

Age	2011 Number			2011 Percentage			2021 Number			2021 Percentage		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
0-14	12,539	12,049	24,588	23	23	23	12,126	11,659	23,785	22	21	22
15-29	14,832	14,391	29,223	28	27	27	11,496	11,163	22,659	21	21	21
30-44	10,159	9,428	19,587	19	18	18	11,138	11,908	23,046	21	22	21
45-59	9,544	8,837	18,381	18	17	17	9,166	8,614	17,780	17	16	16
60-69	3,366	3,415	6,781	6	6	6	6,012	5,754	11,766	11	11	11
70+	3,458	4,651	8,109	6	9	8	4,055	5,188	9,243	8	10	9

Total	53,898	52,771	106,669	100	100	100	53,993	54,286	108,279	100	100	100
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Based on the results of the census, there was a slight increase in the population over the decade 2011 to 2021. The proportion of males and females in the population remained virtually unchanged at 50/50 per cent. There is a youthful population, however, there is evidence of a growing elderly population.

Knowledge is power and experience is the greatest teacher.

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