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2021

Population and Housing Factsheet



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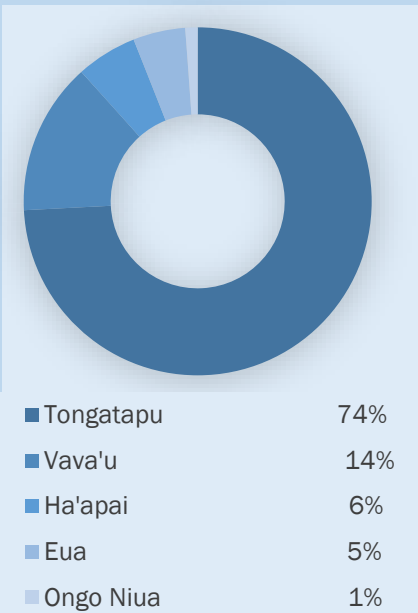
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Tonga Population

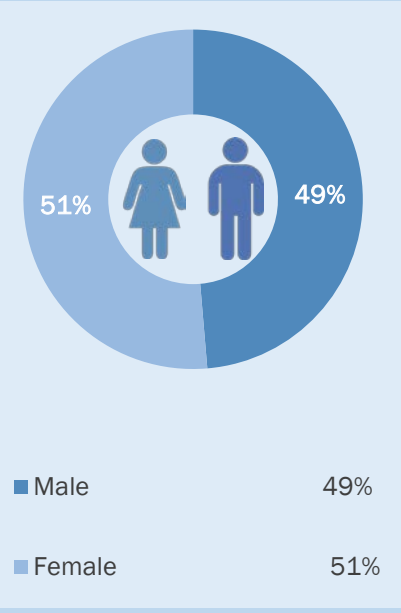
Total Population

Division	2021			2016		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Tonga	100,179	48,749	51,430	100,651	50,255	50,396
Tongatapu	74,320	35,959	38,361	74,611	37,135	37,476
Vava'u	14,182	7,044	7,138	13,738	6,866	6,872
Ha'apai	5,665	2,787	2,878	6,125	3,118	3,007
'Eua	4,864	2,386	2,478	4,945	2,486	2,459
Ongo Niua	1,148	573	575	1,232	650	582
Urban	21,185	10,229	10,956	23,162	11,499	11,663
Rural	78,994	38,520	40,474	77,489	38,756	38,733
Greater Nuku'alofa	34,142	16,463	17,679	35,184	17,490	17,694

Island Division

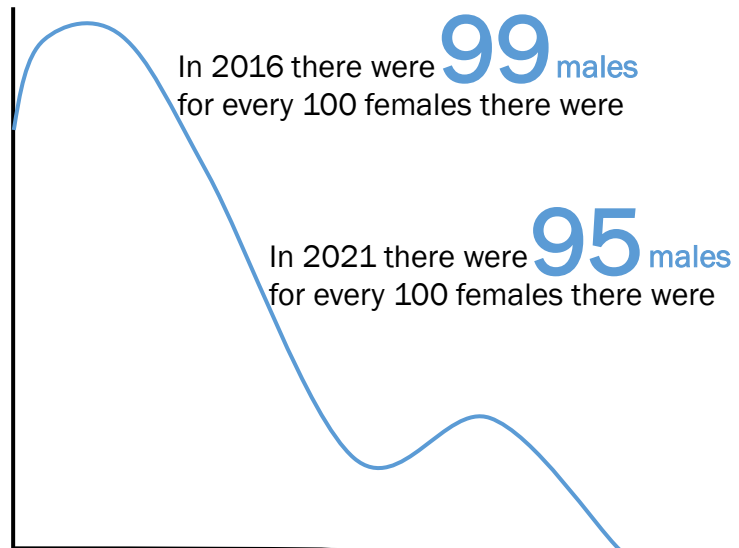


Sex



Sex Ratio (%)

	2016	2021
Tonga	99	95
Tongatapu	99	94
Vava'u	100	99
Ha'apai	104	97
'Eua	101	96
Ongo Niua	112	100
Urban	97	93
Rural	100	95
Greater Nuku'alofa	98	93



Population Change (no.)

	2016	2021
Tonga	-2,601	-472
Tongatapu	-805	-291
Vava'u	-1184	444
Ha'apai	-491	-460
'Eua	-71	-81
Ongo Niua	-50	-84
Urban	-1,067	-2,036
Rural	-1,534	1,564
Greater Nuku'alofa	-891	-1,042

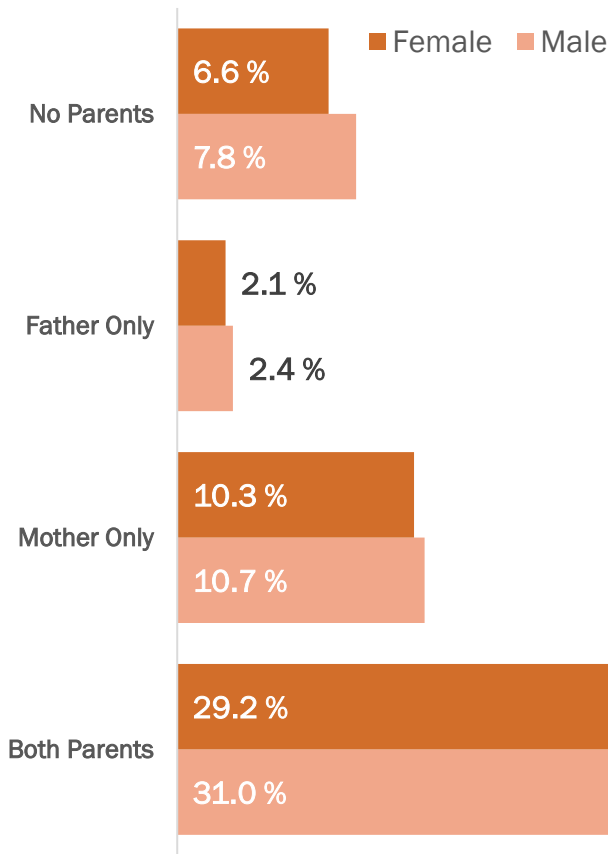
Population Change (%)

	2016	2021
Tonga	-2.5	-0.5
Tongatapu	-1.1	-0.4
Vava'u	-7.9	3.2
Ha'apai	-7.4	-7.5
'Eua	-1.4	-1.6
Ongo Niua	-3.9	-6.8
Urban	-4.4	-8.8
Rural	-1.9	2.0
Greater Nuku'alofa	-2.5	-5.3

Annual Population Growth

	2016	2021
Tonga	-0.5	-0.1
Tongatapu	-0.2	-0.1
Vava'u	-1.7	0.6
Ha'apai	-1.5	-1.6
'Eua	-0.3	-0.3
Ongo Niua	-0.8	-1.4
Urban	-0.9	-1.8
Rural	-0.4	0.4
Greater Nuku'alofa	-0.5	-1.1

Children living with biological parents in the household

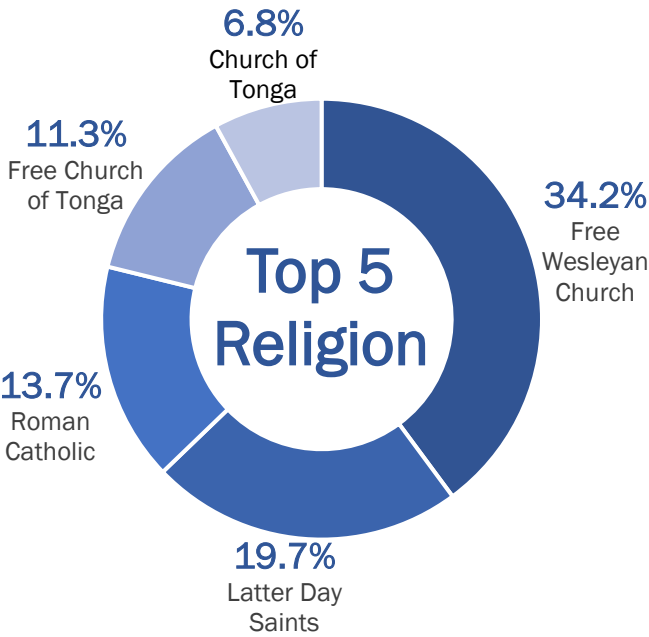


Children (Age 0 – 17) living with their Parents

	Total	Male	Female
Total	41,714	21,646	20,068
Both Parents	25,084	12,917	12,167
Mother Only	8,766	4,479	4,287
Father Only	1,885	1,011	874
No Parents	5,979	3,239	2,740

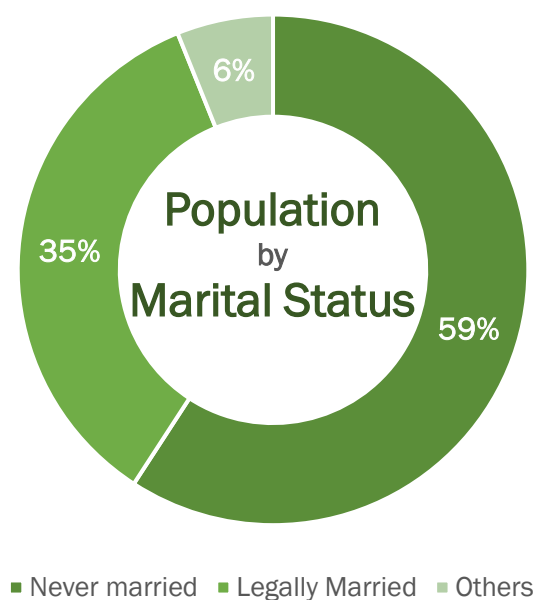
Religion

	2016	2021
Tonga	100,266	99,408
Free Wesleyan Church	35,082	33,953
Latter Day Saints	18,673	19,534
Roman Catholic	14,276	13,649
Free Church of Tonga	11,896	11,244
Church of Tonga	6,868	6,782
Seven Day Adventist	2,249	2,461
Assembly of God	2,347	2,455
Other Pentecostal Denomination	1,593	1,904



Marital Status

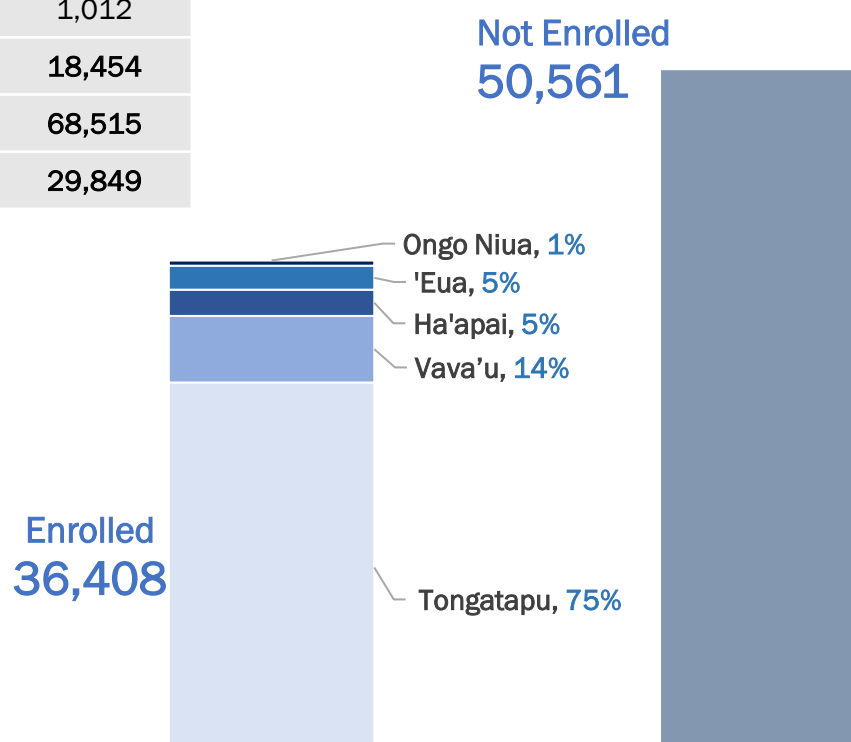
	2016	2021
Tonga	100,651	100,179
Never Married	59,822	59,287
Legally Married	35,240	34,783
Defacto	681	671
Widowed	3,471	3,866
Seperated	731	718
Divorced	669	854
Not stated	37	0



Ever Attended Education

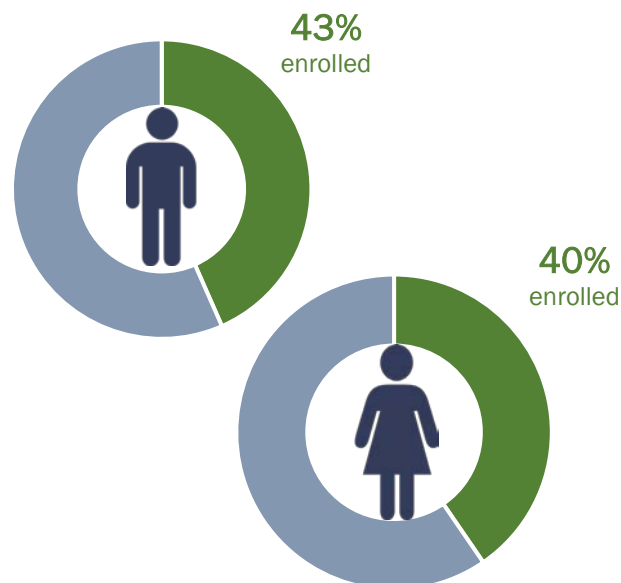
	2016	2021
Tonga	85,554	86,969
Tongatapu	63,249	64,836
Vava'u	11,724	12,133
Ha'apai	5,311	4,697
'Eua	4,257	4,291
Ongo Niua	1,013	1,012
Urban	19,817	18,454
Rural	65,737	68,515
Greater Nuku'alofa	29,778	29,849

School Enrolment in TONGA, 2021



Currently Attending Education (Population 3 years +)

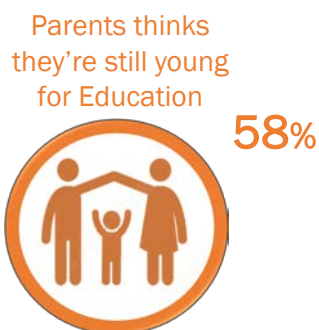
	2016	2021
Tonga	34,119	36,408
Tongatapu	25,062	27,363
Vava'u	4,885	4,926
Ha'apai	2,062	1,956
'Eua	1,724	1,761
Ongo Niua	386	402
Urban	7,659	7,461
Rural	26,460	28,947
Greater Nuku' alofa	11,599	12,457



Common reason for not Attending Education

	2021
Tonga	5,780
Too young (parents view)	3,360
No interest in school	932
Family problems	328
Dismissed from school	228
Financial reasons	219
Disability	145
Medical Reason	127
No school nearby	121
No Transportation	39
Married	26
Working	22
Closest School Full	14
Pregnant	14
Family Obligation	11
Other(specify)	194

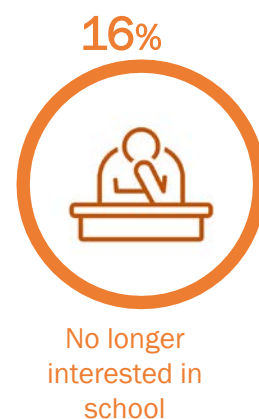
3 Most Common reasons for children (age 3 to 18) to be **Absent from Education**.



Family problems at home

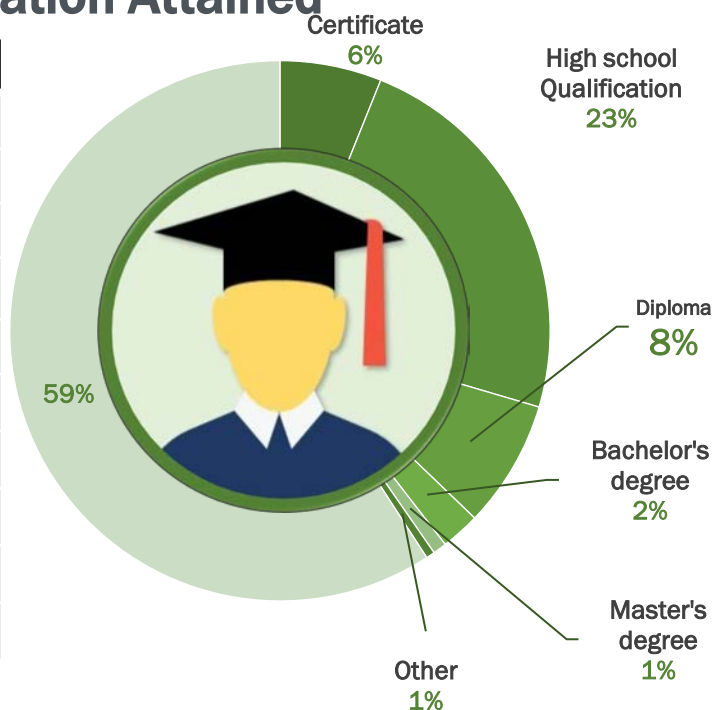


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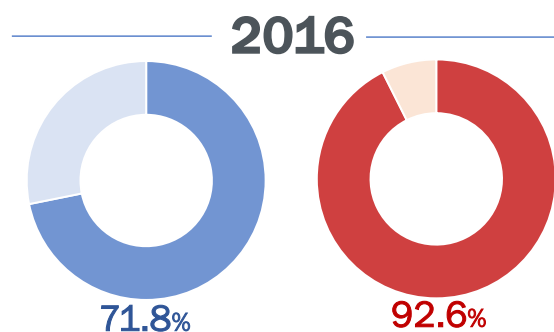
Highest Education Qualification Attained

	2021
Tonga	86,969
No Qualification	51,436
High school Qualification	20,410
Certificate	5,295
Diploma	6,639
Bachelor's degree	2,025
Postgraduate certificate	244
Master's degree	711
Doctor's degree	126
Other professional doctor	83



English Literacy

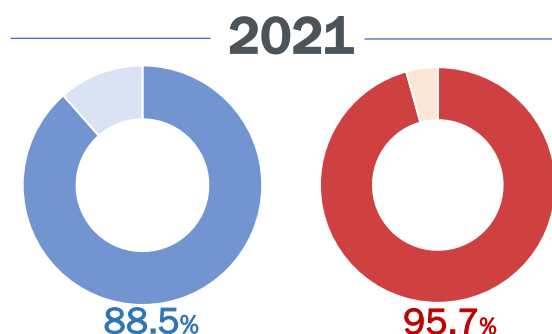
	2016	2021
Tonga	77,807	78,997
Tongatapu	58,293	59,215
Vava'u	10,416	10,874
Ha'apai	4,417	4,299
'Eua	3,785	3,738
Ongo Niua	896	871
Urban	18,487	17,448
Rural	59,320	61,549
Greater Nuku'alofa	27,757	27,617



English vs. Tongan Literacy

Tongan Literacy

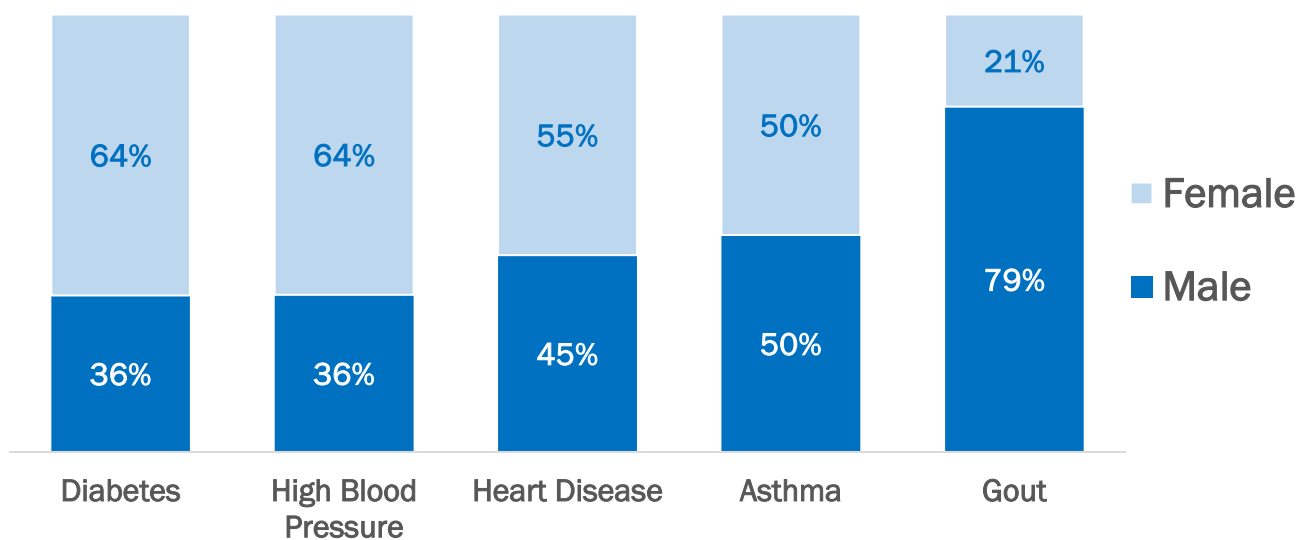
	2016	2021
Tonga	81,270	85,406
Tongatapu	59,959	63,313
Vava'u	11,210	12,083
Ha'apai	4,934	4,845
'Eua	4,137	4,180
Ongo Niua	1,030	985
Urban	18,575	18,086
Rural	62,695	67,320
Greater Nuku'alofa	28,086	29,073



Health

	TONGA	Tongatapu	Vava'u	Ha'apai	'Eua	Ongo Niua
Diabetes	6,131	4,526	841	398	307	59
High Blood Pressure	5,700	3,895	973	478	290	64
Heart Disease	2,600	1,961	325	163	126	25
Asthma	1,315	991	181	78	54	11
Gout	1,021	809	108	46	55	3
Obesity	811	521	189	61	37	3
Mental Disorder	394	289	59	24	18	4
Stroke	359	278	43	14	20	4
Liver Disease	272	212	35	12	11	2
Kidney Disease	215	170	23	8	13	1
Cancer	181	148	24	2	4	3
Chronic Bronchite	97	74	14	5	3	1
Other	255	184	38	10	19	4

Distributions of **Top 5 NCDs** by **Sex**

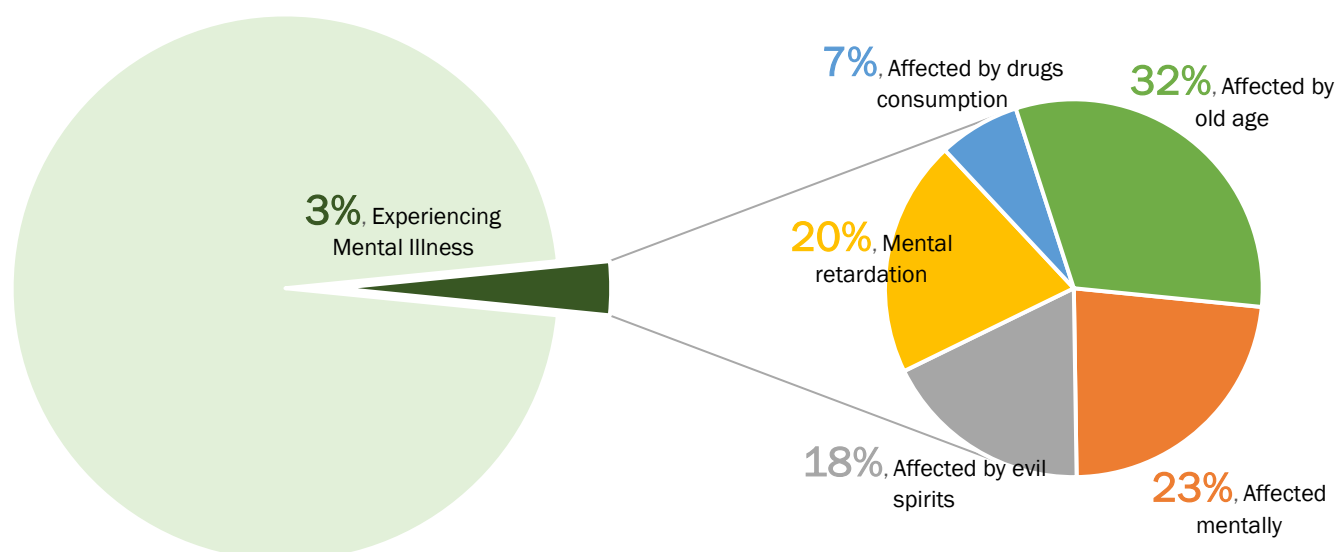


	Seeing	Hearing	Walking	Remembering	Self-care	Communication
Tonga	1,032	696	2,010	593	886	458
Tongatapu	676	410	1,374	379	601	283
Vava'u	181	136	303	90	117	59
Ha'apai	76	50	170	40	67	42
'Eua	85	91	132	79	90	69
Ongo Niua	14	9	31	5	11	5
Urban	176	99	362	113	176	83
Rural	856	597	1,648	480	710	375
Greater Nuku'alofa	291	155	558	170	265	127

Mental Health

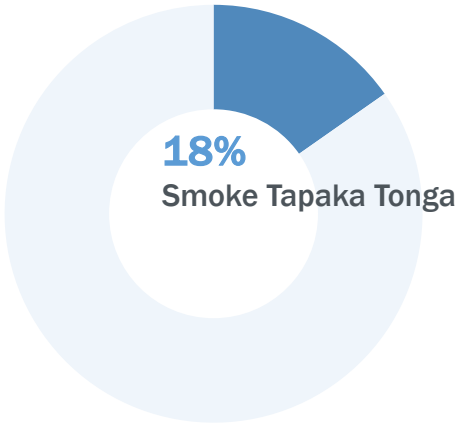
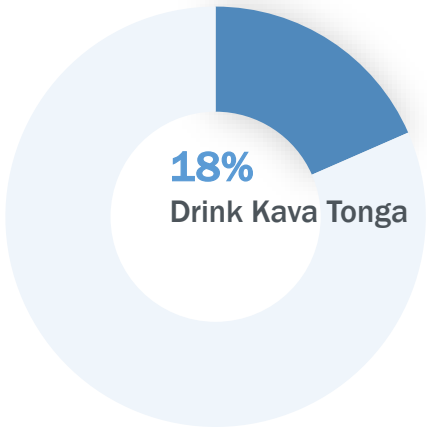
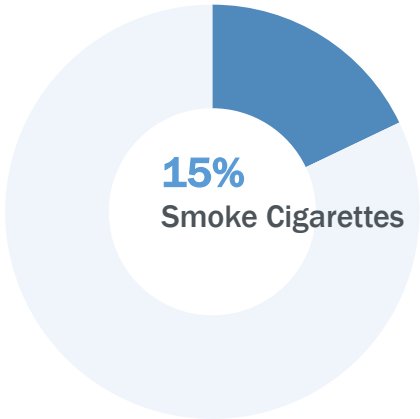
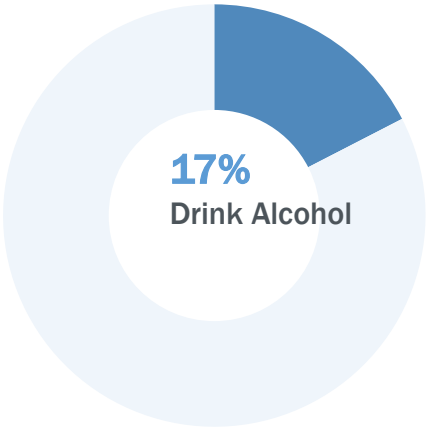
	Affected Mentally	Affected by Evil Spirits	Mental Retardation	Affected by drugs Consumption	Affected by old age
Tonga	654	508	572	197	890
Tongatapu	496	312	404	140	644
Vava'u	92	113	90	34	152
Ha'apai	34	43	44	14	50
'Eua	29	24	29	8	41
Ongo Niua	3	16	5	1	3
Urban	174	75	122	36	161
Rural	480	433	450	161	729

(5 years +) Experiencing Mental Illness, 2021



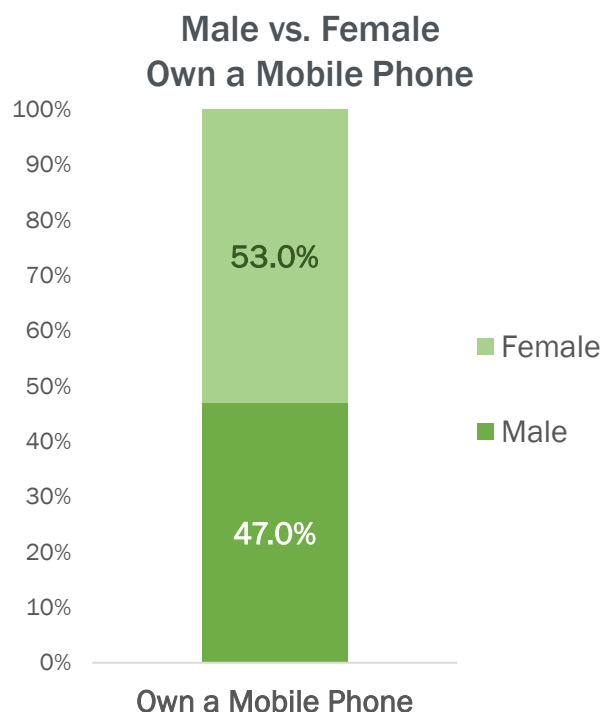
Alcohol and Tobacco Consumption (15 years +)

	Total	Drink Alcohol	Drink Kava Tonga	Smoke Cigarette	Smoke Tapaka Tonga
Tonga	76,610	13,355	14,129	11,699	13,722
Tongatapu	57,115	10,469	9,639	9,017	9,613
Vava'u	10,675	1,696	2,442	1,505	2,035
Ha'apai	4,269	524	957	475	894
'Eua	3,669	497	805	634	910
Ongo Niua	882	169	286	68	270
Urban	16,669	3,593	2,797	2,820	2,463
Rural	59,941	9,762	11,332	8,879	11,259
Greater Nuku'alofa	26,587	5,201	4,410	4,175	4,059



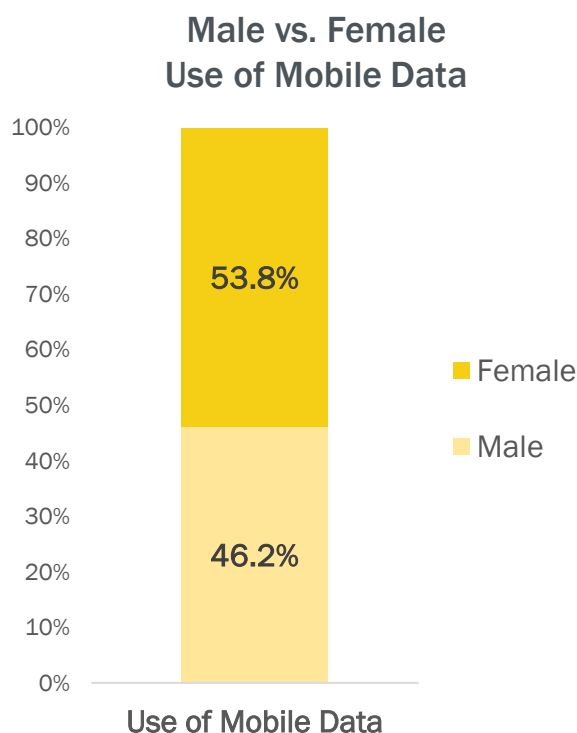
Own mobile phone (Population 10 years +)

	Total	Own mobile phone
Tonga	76,610	47,814
Tongatapu	57,115	36,270
Vava'u	10,675	6,361
Ha'apai	4,269	2,536
'Eua	3,669	2,150
Ongo Niua	882	497
Urban	16,671	11,356
Rural	59,939	36,458



Mobile data usage (Population 10 years +)

	Total	Use mobile data
Tonga	47,814	43,584
Tongatapu	36,270	33,396
Vava'u	6,361	5,633
Ha'apai	2,536	2,172
'Eua	2,150	1,944
Ongo Niua	497	439
Urban	11,356	10,521
Rural	36,458	33,063



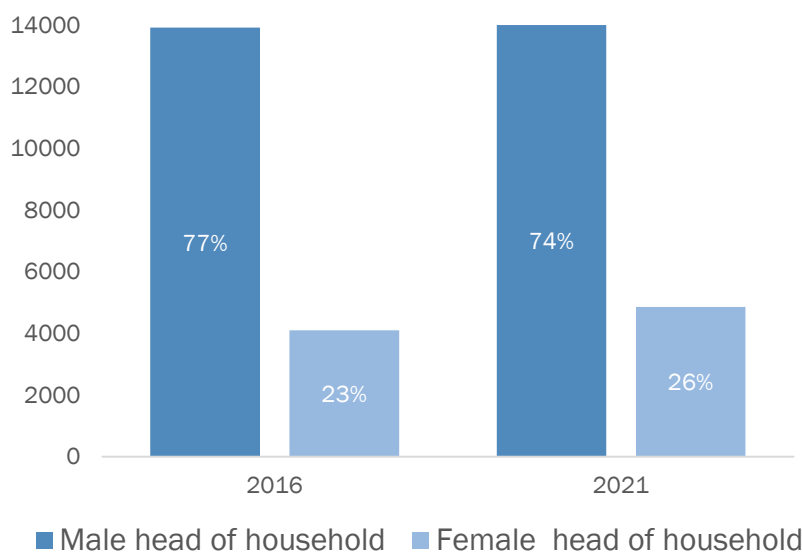


Tonga Household

Head of household

Division	2021			2016		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Tonga	18,847	13,996	4,851	18,005	13,911	4,094
Tongatapu	13,705	9,951	3,754	12,953	9,853	6,100
Vava'u	2,790	2,203	587	2,715	2,152	563
Ha'apai	1,157	910	247	6085	968	211
'Eua	931	727	204	4918	708	177
Ongo Niua	264	205	59	1215	230	43
Urban	4,069	2,874	1,195	4089	2,998	1,091
Rural	14,778	11,122	3,656	13916	10,913	3,003
Greater Nuku'alofa	6,386	4,606	1,780	6,132	4,594	1,545

Head of household by Sex



26% of households in Tonga are headed by females

An increase of **757** household from 2016 are now being headed by females.

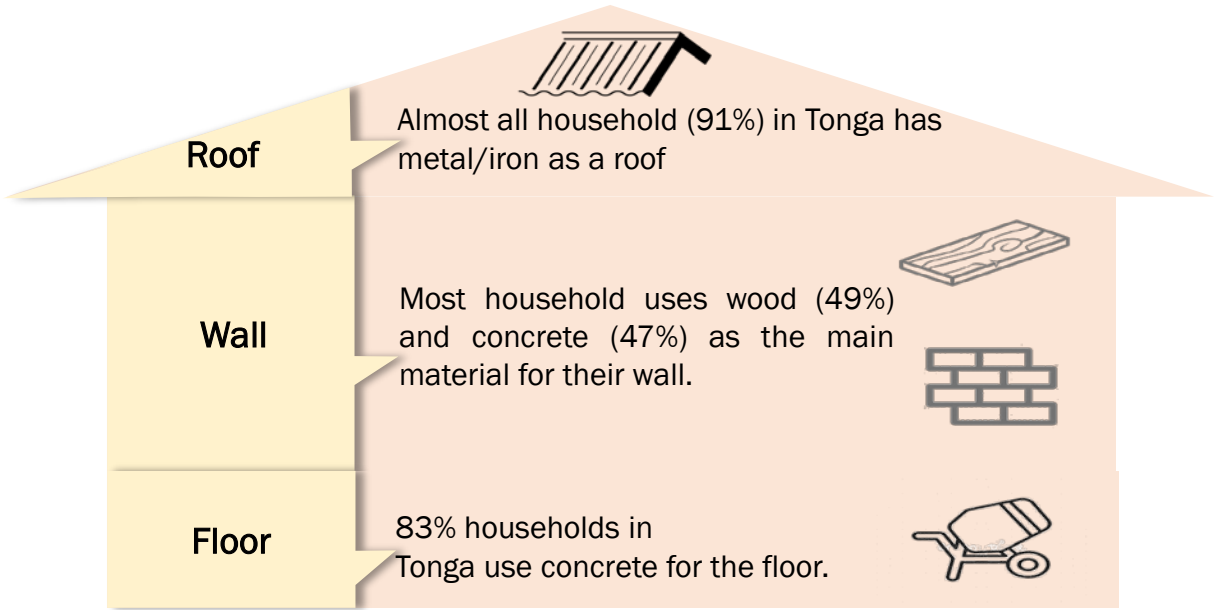
Total Household

	2016	2021
Tonga	18,005	18,847
Tongatapu	12,953	13,705
Vava'u	2,715	2,790
Ha'apai	1,179	1,157
'Eua	885	931
Ongo Niua	273	264
Urban	4,080	4,069
Rural	13,925	14,778
Greater Nuku'alofa	6,134	6,386

Total Institution

	2016	2021
Tonga	193	182
Tongatapu	143	110
Vava'u	30	46
Ha'apai	14	16
'Eua	4	10
Ongo Niua	2	0
Urban	95	36
Rural	98	146
Greater Nuku'alofa	106	58

Main material for building:



Main material of the roof

	Wood	Metal/Iron	Concrete	Traditional	Other
Tonga	1,251	17,239	319	27	11
Tongatapu	1,003	12,408	266	24	4
Vava’u	114	2,648	26	1	1
Ha’apai	119	1,015	19	1	3
‘Eua	8	915	6	1	1
Ongo Niua	7	253	2	0	2

Main material of the wall

	Wood	Metal/Iron	Concrete	Traditional	Other
Tonga	9,317	672	8,789	61	8
Tongatapu	6,574	510	6,585	32	4
Vava’u	1,314	89	1,381	5	1
Ha’apai	869	31	253	2	2
‘Eua	375	32	502	22	0
Ongo Niua	185	10	68	0	1

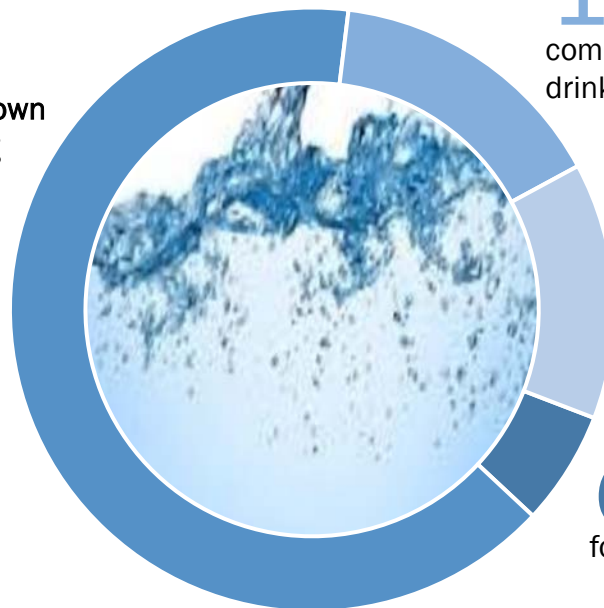
Main material of the Floor

	Wood	Metal/Iron	Concrete	Traditional	Other
Tonga	2,881	229	15,561	117	59
Tongatapu	1,812	169	11,597	80	47
Vava’u	506	25	2,237	13	9
Ha’apai	420	23	706	8	0
‘Eua	61	11	843	14	2
Ongo Niua	82	1	178	2	1

Main source of drinking water

	Piped water supply	Own water tank	Neighbor/Community tank	Bottled water	Boiled water	Other
Tonga	1,150	12,205	2,853	2,577	47	15
Tongatapu	961	7,950	2,262	2,479	43	10
Vava'u	116	2212	387	73	0	2
Ha'apai	24	1043	74	12	1	3
'Eua	42	757	119	13	0	0
Ongo Niua	7	243	11	0	3	0
Urban	343	2,137	478	1,086	22	3
Rural	807	10,068	2,375	1,491	25	12
Greater Nuku'alofa	538	3419	837	1,561	27	4

65% uses their own water tank for drinking



15% uses neighbor/ community water tank for drinking

14% buy bottled water for drinking

6% piped water supply for drinking

Main source of water for wash and cook

	Piped water supply	Own water tank	Neighbor/Community tank	Own well	Other
Tonga	16,716	1,664	378	47	42
Tongatapu	12,588	737	308	35	37
Vava'u	2,790	2,412	340	36	1
Ha'apai	1,157	693	429	21	10
'Eua	931	871	48	11	1
Ongo Niua	152	110	2	0	0
Urban	3,781	257	19	6	0
Rural	12,935	1,407	359	41	0
Greater Nuku'alofa	5,838	438	68	31	0

Main source of cooking energy

	Electricity	LPG	Bio Gas	Kerosene	Solar	Wood/Coconut	Other
Tonga	830	15,060	916	28	11	1,968	34
Tongatapu	697	11275	776	9	6	912	30
Vava'u	77	2416	57	0	2	236	2
Ha'apai	35	617	72	1	3	429	0
'Eua	21	671	11	0	0	226	2
Ongo Niua	0	81	0	18	0	165	0
<i>Urban</i>	<i>239</i>	<i>3,513</i>	<i>194</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>111</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Rural</i>	<i>591</i>	<i>11,547</i>	<i>722</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1,857</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Greater Nuku'alofa</i>	<i>392</i>	<i>5,371</i>	<i>399</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>208</i>	<i>12</i>



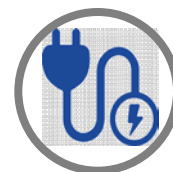
LPG
79.9%



Wood/Coconut Husk
10.4%



Bio-Gas
4.9%



Electric Stove
4.9%



Others
0.4%

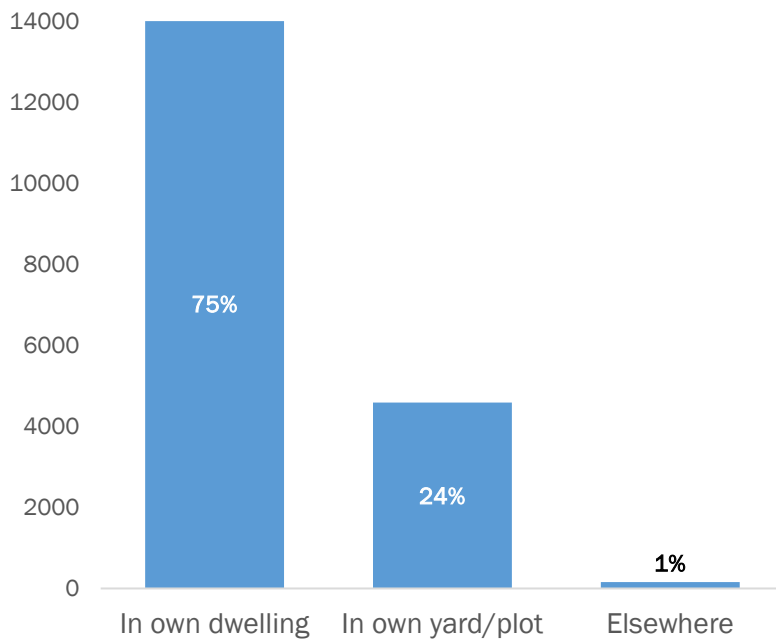
Main source of energy for lighting

	Public power supply	Solar	Own generator	Kerosene/ Petrol	Other
Tonga	17,731	707	132	79	198
Tongatapu	13,417	100	24	51	113
Vava'u	2,552	207	5	6	20
Ha'apai	852	180	94	9	22
'Eua	910	3	0	6	12
Ongo Niua	0	217	9	7	31
<i>Urban</i>	<i>4,031</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Rural</i>	<i>13,700</i>	<i>697</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>180</i>
<i>Greater Nuku'alofa</i>	<i>6,300</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>39</i>

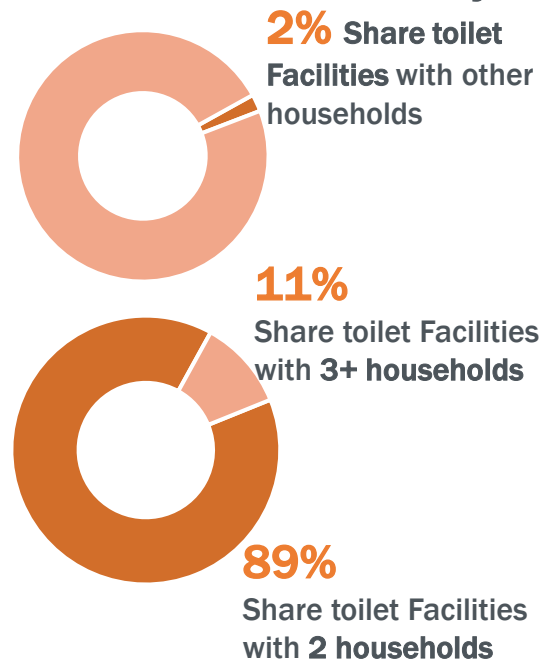
Toilet Type

	Total	Tongatapu	Vava'u	Ha'apai	'Eua	Ongo Niua
Flush to septic tank	16,726	12,619	2,346	746	835	180
Pour to piped septic tank	946	706	105	82	41	12
Flush or pour-flush to elsewhere.	148	109	17	14	8	0
Pit latrine with slab	716	162	231	222	29	72
Composting toilet	173	41	61	61	10	0
Pit latrine without slab or open pit	62	13	22	26	1	0
Bucket hanging toilet or hanging latrine	37	27	2	2	6	0
No facilities	39	28	6	4	1	0

Toilet Location



Shared Toilet Facility



Waste Disposal

	Total	Tongatapu	Vava'u	Ha'apai	'Eua	Ongo Niua
Public collection	17,101	13,012	2,547	568	864	110
Take to public dump	190	132	24	8	13	13
Burn it	1,227	372	171	520	34	130
Compost	157	93	23	22	16	3
Bury in yard	123	70	20	23	2	8
Ocean	9	9	0	0	0	0
Private business	37	15	5	15	2	0
Other	3	2	0	1	0	0

Land Tenure

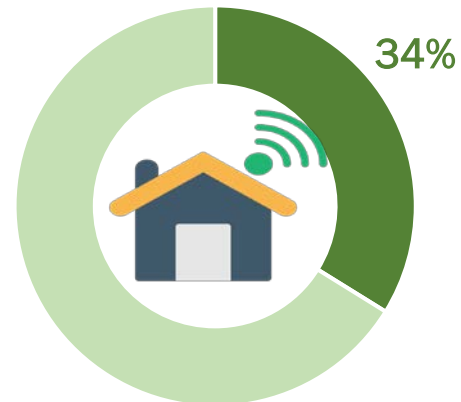
	Mortgage	No Mortgage	Rented	Occupied	Occupied (Employer)
Tonga	1,306	13,093	793	3,011	644
Tongatapu	1,027	9,474	713	2,166	325
Vava'u	153	2,025	53	464	95
Ha'apai	78	713	13	256	97
'Eua	44	722	12	78	75
Ongo Niua	4	159	2	47	52
<i>Urban</i>	<i>317</i>	<i>2,613</i>	<i>425</i>	<i>617</i>	<i>97</i>
<i>Rural</i>	<i>989</i>	<i>10,480</i>	<i>368</i>	<i>2,394</i>	<i>547</i>
<i>Greater Nuku'alofa</i>	<i>523</i>	<i>4,162</i>	<i>579</i>	<i>956</i>	<i>166</i>



Home Internet

	Household with internet	Household with no internet
Tonga	6,376	12,471
Tongatapu	5,126	8,579
Vava'u	301	2,489
Ha'apai	422	735
'Eua	435	496
Ongo Niua	92	172
Urban	<i>1,509</i>	<i>2,560</i>
Rural	<i>4,867</i>	<i>9,911</i>

Households Accessing the Internet as a Percentage of Total Households



Household Internet Type

	ADSL	Fiber	Satellite	Fixed Wireless	Mobile Cellular
Tonga	648	72	24	689	5,663
Tongatapu	590	64	20	594	4,515
Vava'u	29	5	3	70	229
Ha'apai	19	0	0	13	402
'Eua	9	3	1	12	426
Ongo Niua	1	0	0	0	91
Urban	<i>256</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>1,244</i>
Rural	<i>392</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>454</i>	<i>4,419</i>

Overview - Types of Household Internet Access

Percentage of household accessing Internet via **MOBILE CELLULAR**



88.8%

Percentage of household accessing Internet via **FIXED WIRELESS**



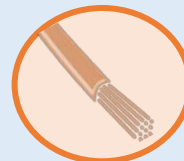
10.8%

Percentage of household accessing Internet via **ADSL**



10.2%

Percentage of household accessing Internet via **FIBER OPTIC**



1.1%

Percentage of household accessing Internet via **SATELLITE**



0.4%

Building Structure

	House detached from any other house	House made up of multiple small structures	Building with two or more apartments	Attached to a shop or other non-resident building	Other
Tonga	16,746	1,712	153	233	3
Tongatapu	12,157	1,214	135	197	2
Vava'u	2,559	193	13	24	1
Ha'apai	946	203	2	6	0
'Eua	851	73	2	5	0
Ongo Niua	233	29	1	1	0
<i>Urban</i>	<i>3,538</i>	<i>392</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Rural</i>	<i>13,208</i>	<i>1,320</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Greater Nuku'alofa</i>	<i>5,568</i>	<i>636</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>1</i>

