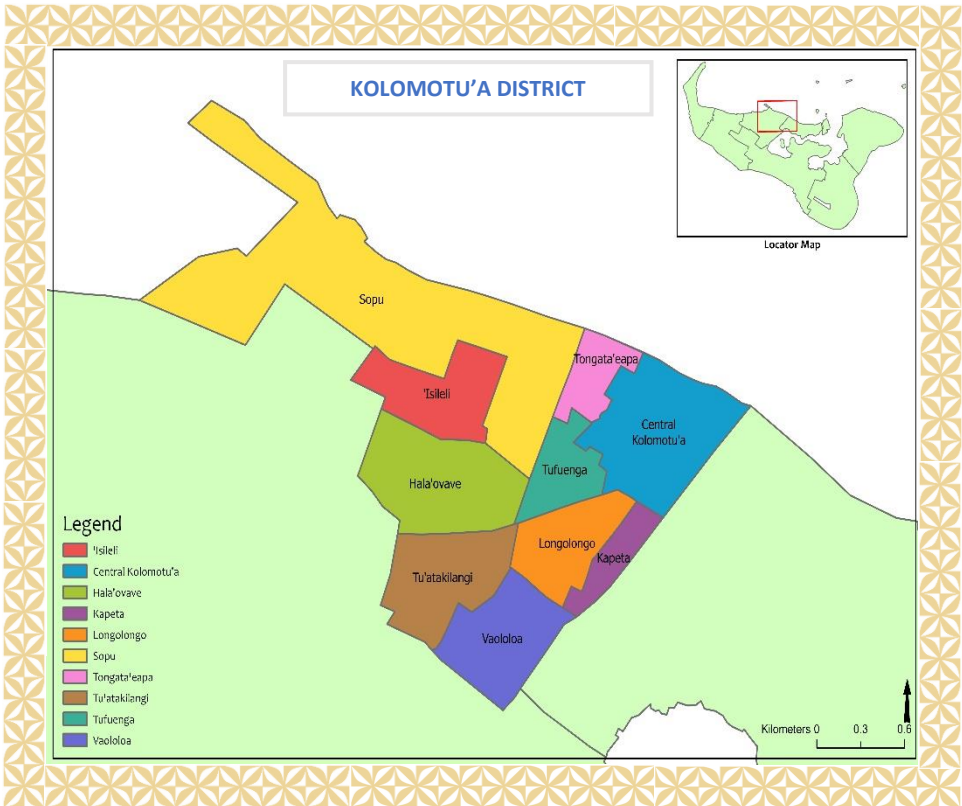




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Introduction

This Village Profile compiles essential insights drawn from your substantial contributions to the Tonga Statistics Department (TSD) during the latest Population and Housing Census in 2021. The information you provided hold significant value for both TSD and the Government of Tonga. This information proves highly useful for strategic planning, both on a global scale outlined by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and nationally as stated in Tonga's Strategic Development Framework (TSDF) II.

In addition, the information you shared has been vital in meeting the goals of the Statistics Department, which includes setting a **unique standard and ensuring the accuracy and reliability of information produced by the department**. Your contribution is truly appreciated and will play a key role in shaping the government policies and regulations for the country when needed.

VILLAGE PROFILE OF VAOLOLOA

Name of Village	Vaololoa
Name of Division	Tongatapu
Name of Constituency	Tongatapu 1

People and their demographic situation.

The most valuable asset of a country is its people as they are the ones who contribute to the country's economic development. Consequently, information about people and their demographic situation is disseminated to ensure that everyone in this village possesses the same knowledge and understanding.

Table 1: Total population by gender and the Household private dwelling in 2021, 2016, 2011

1.1: Total population by gender	Number of persons		
	2021	2016	2011
Total	633	584	591
Male	301	267	286
Female	332	317	305
Sex ratio	91	84	94
1.2: Household Private Dwelling	Number of households		
Total	137		
Occupied Household	121		
Vacant Household	16		
Average member in households	5		

The total number of people who resided in this district in the Census of 2021 was a total of 633, reflecting an increase of 49 individuals compared to the 2016 Census and an increase of 42 from 2011 Census. Throughout these years, there were more females than males (Table 1.1).

There were a total number of 121 occupied households and 16 vacant households. On average, approximately 5 people resided in each household (Table 1.2).

Table 2: Total population by place of birth.

Place of birth	Number of persons
Total	633
Vaololoa	303
Elsewhere in Tonga	319
Overseas	11

Most of the population were born in elsewhere in Tonga with 319 individuals. On the other hand, 303 people were born in Vaololoa, while 11 individuals were born overseas.

Table 3: Total population by marital status

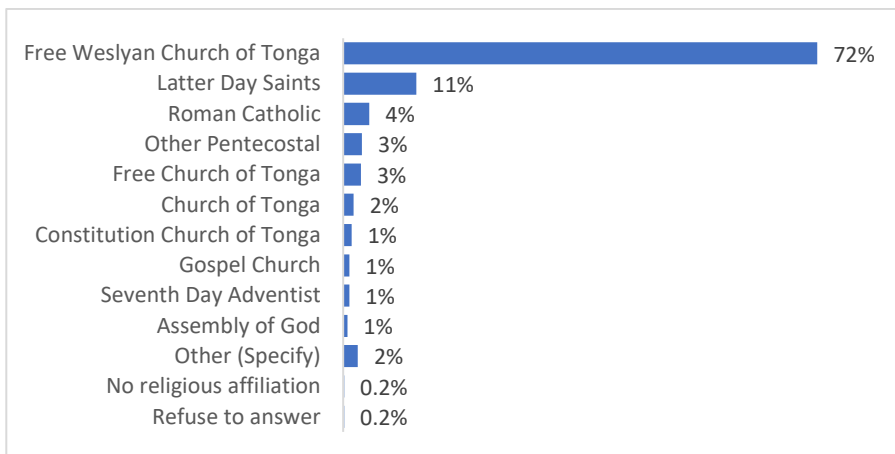
Marital status	Number of persons
Total	633
Never married.	378
Legal married	219
Widowed	27
Divorced	6
Separated	3
Defacto or marital union	-

Most of the population were not married (378), while 219 were legally married. The remaining individuals included 27 widowed, 6 divorced and 3 separated.

Table 4: Total population by religion

Religion	Number of persons
Total	633
Free Wesleyan Church	453
Latter Day Saints	70
Roman Catholic	25
Other Pentecostal	18
Free Church of Tonga	17
Church of Tonga	10
Constitution Church of Tonga	8
Gospel Church	6
Seventh Day Adventist	6
Assembly of God	4
Other (Specify)	14
No religious affiliation	1
Refuse to answer	1

Figure 1: Percentage of the population of people and their religious beliefs/denominations.



The majority of the population belonged to the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga, with a total of 453 people, while the second-largest group attended the Church of the Latter-Day Saints (70). The smallest number of people identified with the Assembly of God and those in no religious affiliation.

Table 5: Total population by Age in 5-years age group.

Age group	Total	Male	Female
Total	633	301	332
Less than 1 year	8	5	3
1 – 4 years	34	15	19
5 – 9 years	81	43	38
10 – 14 years	85	48	37
15 – 19 years	64	32	32
20 – 24 years	55	26	29
25 – 29 years	37	14	20
30 – 34 years	34	14	20
35 – 39 years	48	18	30
40 – 44 years	38	19	19
45 – 49 years	33	17	16
50 – 54 years	34	14	20
55 – 59 years	25	14	11
60 – 64 years	20	9	11
65 – 69 years	14	4	10
70+ years	23	8	15

The majority included 85 children aged between 10 and 14, with more males than females. The minority comprised 8 children aged less than 1 year old. There were more females than males who had reached the age of 70 or older.

Table 6: Total population currently at school by age group.

Education: currently at school	Total	Male	Female
Total	224	111	113
5 – 9 years	65	35	30
10 – 14 years	76	41	35
15 – 19 years	47	21	26
20 – 24 years	28	11	17
25 – 29 years	2	-	2
30 – 34 years	1	-	1
35+ years	5	3	2

The majority of children enrolled in school, totaling 76, were aged 10 to 14, consisting of 41 boys and 35 girls. The smallest group still enrolled in school was composed of individuals aged 30 to 34, totaling 1 individual.

Table 7: Total population aged 10 and above, access to internet and the location of using the internet.

Access to internet	Total	Male	Female
Total	510	238	272
No	185	93	92
Yes	325	145	180
Location			
Home	315	141	174
Commercial internet access facility	-	-	-
Someone else's home	6	4	2
Workplace	97	46	51
At place of education	46	16	30
Other	-	-	-

A total of 325 individuals had access to the internet, primarily from home (315). The remaining population of 185 individuals did not have access to the internet.

Table 8: Total population aged 10 and above, access mobile phone, access mobile date and the purpose of mobile data.

Access mobile phone	Total	Male	Female
Total	510	238	272
No	165	80	85
Yes	345	158	187
Yes, only TCC.	212	104	108
Yes, only Digicel.	81	35	46
Yes, both TCC and Digicel	52	19	33
Access mobile data			
Total	345	158	187
No	19	9	10
Yes	326	149	177
Yes, only TCC.	207	97	110
Yes, only Digicel.	86	38	48
Yes, both TCC and Digicel	33	14	19
Purpose of mobile data			
Education	81	33	48
Social Media	254	115	139
Work/Business	128	56	43
Information Gathering	49	16	33
Communication	238	100	138
Entertainment	99	56	43
Shopping/Product information	3	1	2
Other internet purpose	1	1	-

A total of 345 individuals used mobile phones, with the majority, 207 individuals, accessing the internet using TCC company. Among these, 254 individuals used mobile phones to access the internet for social media purposes.

People with disabilities

The sustainable development goal and the government's national objectives aspire to raise awareness for vulnerable individuals, including those with disabilities or difficulties affecting their sight, hearing, mobility, memory, or hindering individual self-care and communication due to their unique circumstances. The aim is to ensure that these individuals do not feel isolated or marginalized.

Table 9: Total population with disability aged 2 and above.

Seeing	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	533	259	274
Yes, some difficulties	52	22	30
Yes, a lot of difficulties	5	-	5
Cannot do at all.	1	-	1
Total	591	281	310
Hearing	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	571	274	297
Yes, some difficulties	18	7	11
Yes, a lot of difficulties	2	-	2
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	591	281	310
Mobility	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	566	274	292
Yes, some difficulties	16	5	11
Yes, a lot of difficulties	9	2	7
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	591	281	310
Memory	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	583	278	305
Yes, some difficulties	6	3	3
Yes, a lot of difficulties	2	-	2
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	591	281	310
Self-care	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	579	277	302
Yes, some difficulties	8	3	5
Yes, a lot of difficulties	4	1	3
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	591	281	310
Communication	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	584	281	303
Yes, some difficulties	4	-	4
Yes, a lot of difficulties	3	-	3
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	591	281	310

Over 99% of the entire population was without disabilities in sight, walk, memory, hearing, communication, and self-care. Conversely, less than 1% of the population faced significant disability challenges, making them unable to perform basic activities.

Covid 19 Vaccination and the reason for not vaccinated.

Table 10: Covid Vaccination and reason for not vaccinated.

Covid 19 Vaccination	Total	Male	Female
Total	472	217	255
No	22	13	9
Yes, first dose.	64	29	35
Yes, second dose	386	175	211
Reason for not vaccinated			
Total	22	13	9
Vaccine not available	-	-	-
Concerned about possible side effects	10	6	4
I do not trust the vaccine	5	3	2
I generally do not believe in vaccines	1	1	-
I do not know if the vaccine will work	3	1	2
Not eligible for the vaccine	3	2	1
Refused to answer	-	-	-

The majority of people have received their second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine (386). However, 22 individuals remain unvaccinated, with 10 citing a concerned about possible side effects in the vaccine as their reason for not getting vaccinated.

People's habits

Table 11: Total population aged 10 and above, drinking Kava - Tonga.

Kava – Tonga	Total	Male	Female
Not drinking Kava-Tonga	420	149	271
Drinking Kava - Tonga	90	89	1
By 5 yrs Age group			
10 – 14 years	-	-	-
15 – 19 years	3	3	-
20 – 24 years	7	7	-
25 – 29 years	12	12	-
30 – 34 years	4	4	-
35+ years	64	63	1
How often			
Special occasions	19	18	1
Once a week	33	33	-
2-3 times per week	28	28	-
4-6 times per week	3	3	-
Every day/night	7	7	-

There were 90 consumers of Tongan Kava, with the majority being males (89). The predominant age group among Tongan Kava drinkers was 35 and above, with 33 individuals consuming it once a week.

Table 12: Total population aged 10 and above, drinking alcohol.

Alcohol	Total	Male	Female
Not drinking alcohol	433	183	250
Drinking alcohol	77	55	22
By 5 yrs age group			
10 – 14 years	-	-	-
15 – 19 years	4	2	2
20 – 24 years	14	10	4
25 – 29 years	14	10	4
30 – 34 years	8	4	4
35+ years	37	29	8
How often			
Rarely 1-2 drinks per week	56	44	12
Occasionally 3-7 drinks per week.	14	7	7
Sometimes 8-14 drinks per week	4	3	1
Regularly 15-21 drinks per week	3	1	2
Frequently 22+ drinks per week	-	-	-

A total of 77 individuals consumed alcohol, with the majority being males (55). Among the alcohol drinkers, the predominant age group was 35 and above, and the majority reported having only 1 to 2 drinks per week (56).

Table 13: Total population aged 10 and above, smoking cigarette.

Smoking Cigarette	Total	Male	Female
Not smoking	435	188	247
Smoking	75	50	25
By 5 yrs Age group			
10 – 14 years	-	-	-
15 – 19 years	2	2	-
20 – 24 years	9	7	2
25 – 29 years	10	7	3
30 – 34 years	9	6	3
35+ years	45	28	17
How often			
Little 1 pack per week.	27	21	6
Occasional 5 cigarettes per day	24	16	8
Regular 1 pack per day	21	12	9
Heavy 1+ pack per day	3	1	2

A total of 75 individuals smoked cigarettes, with the majority being males (50). Among cigarette smokers, the predominant age group was 35 and above, with the majority smoking no more than 1 pack per week (27).

Table 14: Total population aged 10 and above, smoking Local Tongan tobacco.

Smoking Local Tongan Tobacco	Total	Male	Female
Not smoking local Tongan tobacco	451	192	259
Smoking local Tongan tobacco	59	46	13
By Age group			
10 – 14 years	-	-	-
15 – 19 years	3	3	-
20 – 24 years	8	8	-
25 – 29 years	8	6	2
30 – 34 years	8	6	2
35+ years	32	23	9
How often			
Little, 1-2 tobacco per day	14	12	2
Occasional, 5 tobacco per day	20	18	2
Regular, 10 tobacco per day	25	16	9
Heavy, 15 tobacco per day	-	-	-

A total of 59 individuals in the population smoked the local Tongan Tobacco, with the majority being males (46). Most of the smokers were 35 years and older, and they smoked occasionally 5 tobacco products per day (20).

Electro vote registration

Table 15: Total population age 21 and above by electro vote and the reason for not registering for vote.

Electro vote	Total	Male	Female
Total	347	152	195
Register to vote	305	129	176
Not registered to vote	42	23	19
Refused to answer	-	-	-
Why not Registered			
Total	42	23	19
Was away overseas	3	2	1
Very old	-	-	-
Sick	3	1	2
Physically disabled	-	-	-
Not interested	25	16	9
Don't know where to register.	1	-	1
Don't know how.	-	-	-
Not a citizen	2	1	1
ID problem – missing none expired etc.	2	1	1
Name not on the list.	-	-	-
Busy	-	-	-
Late	2	-	2
Other reasons	4	2	2

A total of 305 people registered for the election, while 42 individuals were not registered, with 25 citing a lack of interest in voting.

People and Employment

Table 16: Total Population aged 15 and above and their current activity.

Current Activity	Total	Male	Female
Total	425	190	235
Working for pay	203	101	102
Working in any kind of business activity	5	3	2
Working in own farming or gardening, raising animals or livestock, fishing and Handicrafts	20	13	7
Studying	77	38	39
Household duties	92	20	72
Working in family business without pay	4	1	3
Working apprentice, internship	-	-	-
Working voluntary without pay, community, charity work	1	1	-
Looking for work	5	4	1
Retired or pensioner (too old)	11	4	7
With long term illness, injury or disability	7	5	2

The majority of current activities are centered around working for pay, involving 203 individuals, comprising 102 females and 101 males. The lowest participation is seen among those engaged in working voluntarily without pay, community, charity work, totaling 1 individual.

Table 17: Total employment and unemployment aged 15 and above.

Total employment and unemployment	Total	Male	Female
Employment	232	114	118
Unemployment	7	2	5
Percentage (%)	2.9	1.7	4.1

Out of the total population, 232 individuals aged 15 and above were employed, with only 7 people being unemployed. There was slightly a higher proportion of employed males than females.

Table 18: Youth employment and unemployment.

Youth employment and unemployment	Total	Male	Female
Youth employment	88	42	46
Youth unemployment	6	2	4
Percentage (%)	6.4	4.5	8.0

Out of the total population, 88 youths aged 15 -24 were employed, while only 6 youths were unemployed.

Table 19: Total Population aged 15 and above by their Occupation.

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	210	101	109
Managers	20	10	10
Professionals	76	38	38
Technicians and Associate Professionals	22	12	10
Clerical support workers	29	3	26
Services and Sales workers	27	13	14
Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery workers	4	4	-
Craft and Related Trades Workers	19	12	7
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	6	3	3
Elementary Occupations	7	6	1
Armed Forces Occupations	20	10	10

A majority of the population aged 15 and above, totaling 76, was employed in professionals occupations, with the same females and males 38 individuals.

Household characteristics

This information is about the standard of living in households within the village.

Table 20: Labour Mobility Scheme

Labour Mobility Scheme 2020 (age 15-64)	2020	2021
Total	9	121
No	4	112
Yes	5	9
Yes – Australia (SWP or PLS)	5	8
Yes- New Zealand (RSE)	-	-
Yes – Australia and New Zealand	-	1

Goals Achieved	No. of households
Purchase Land allotment	1
Built/ renovated home.	2
Purchase vehicles	2
Pay school tuition.	3
Started a business.	-
Provide for family daily needs.	5
Other	-
None	-

Social Problem (last 12 months)	No. of Households
Yes	1
No	4

In 2020, a total of 5 household members participated in the labour mobility scheme, and this number increased to 9 in 2021. The majority engaged in the Seasonal Worker Program (SWP) and the Pacific Labour Scheme (PLS) in Australia, achieved their goals in providing for their family's daily needs (129). Additionally, the majority of the households participating in the labour mobility scheme did not encounter social problems in the last 12 months, with only 1 household experiencing such issues.

Table 21 : Main source of household income.

Main source of household income.	Number of households
Total	121
Regular salary	87
Income from own business	7
Sale of products	2
Rental income from land lease	-
Rental income from house rented out	2
Remittances from anyone not in household	20
Pension or retirement fund	3
None	-
Other	-

The majority of the households (87) relied on regular salary as their main source of income, while only 2 households derived their primary income from sale of products and rental income from house rented out, representing the least common type of primary income source.

Table 22: Household remittances and sources of remittances.

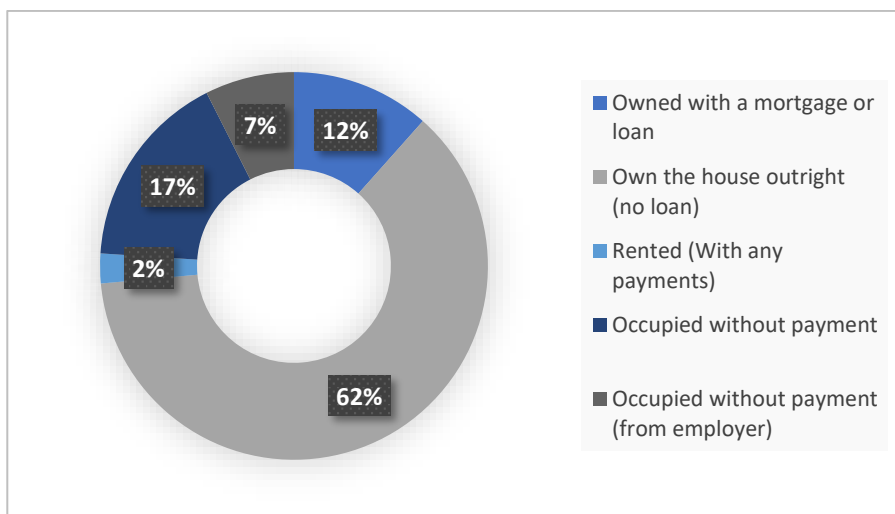
Household remittances	Number of households
Total	121
No receive remittances	25
Receive Remittances	96
Sources of Remittances	
From outside the country only	82
From both within and outside the country	10
From within the country only	4

Out of the total households, 96 received remittances, with the majority originating from overseas or outside the country (82). However, the smallest number of households receiving remittances came from within the country, with a total of 4, while 10 households received remittances from both overseas and locally.

Table 23: Total household by their land tenure.

Land Tenure	Number of households
Total	121
Owned by someone within the household with a mortgage or loan.	14
Owned by someone within the household without a mortgage or loan	75
Rented.	3
Occupied without payment.	20
Occupied without payment (from employer)	9

Figure 2: Percentage of household and their land tenure.



The majority of the households' dwelling, accounting for 62%, were owned by someone within the household without a mortgage or loan. In contrast, only 2% represented rented houses.

Table 24: Total household by their construction material.

Material construct household	Floor	Roof	Wall
Total	121	121	121
Wood / Masonite	18	1	68
Metal / iron / aluminum	1	119	-
Concrete / cement/ bricks	102	1	53
Traditional materials	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-

The most commonly used construction materials for household dwellings were metal, iron, or aluminum for roofing, concrete, cement, or bricks for constructing the floor, and wood or Masonite for the walls.

Table 25: Total Households by source of drinking water.

Source of drinking water	Number of households
Total	121
Tap water supply	3
Own water tank	65
Neighbor/community water tank	15
Bottled water (purchased water)	37
Boiled water	1
Other	-

Most of the households relied on their own water tank as their main source of drinking water (65), followed by water from bottled water (purchased water).

Table 26: Total households by type of toilet and the toilet location.

Type of toilet	Number of households
Total	121
Flush toilet	118
Manual toilet	4
Pit Latrine with slab.	-
Flush or pour-flush elsewhere.	1
Compositing toilet	-
No facilities or bush or field	-
Toilet location	Number of households
Total	121
In own dwelling	108
In own yard	12
Elsewhere	-
Refuse to answer	1

The majority of the households used a modern toilet (flush) which included 118 households, and these were located within their own dwelling (108). The least common types of toilets used were flush or pour-flush to elsewhere.

Table 27: Total Households by energy used, source of cooking fuel and the cooking location.

Stove	Number of households
Total	121
Yes	115
No	6
Cooking fuel	Number of households
Total	121
Electricity	4
Propane gas	112
Biogas	-
Kerosene	-
Solar Power	-
Wood and coconut husks/shells	4
Other	1
Cooking location	Number of households
Total	121
Inside the dwelling – separate kitchen area	114
Inside the dwelling – no devoted kitchen	4
Outside – open cooking area	2
Outside – closed cooking area	1
Other	-

Most of the households used stoves (115), with propane gas as the main source of energy for cooking food (112). The majority of households have separate kitchen areas inside their dwelling (114). No households used biogas as its main source of energy for cooking.

Table 28: Natural Disaster Emergency 72 hours bag

72 hrs. bag	Number of Household
Total	121
Yes	67
No	54

About 55% of the total households, or 67, had a natural disaster emergency bag designed to last for 72hrs or 3 days in the event of a disaster.

Table 29: Total Households by waste disposal.

Household waste disposal	Number of households.
Total	121
Personal bin - public collection	121
Personal bin – take to dump by yourself	-
Burn it	-
Compost	-
Bury in yard / bush.	-
Ocean or body of water	-
Private business collection	-

All of the households utilized the government's waste authorities rubbish collection (121).

Table 30: Household assets / Goods

Household Assets/ goods	Number of Household	% of the household
Total	121	100
Mobile phone	121	100
Washing machine	117	97
Stove	115	95
Refrigerator	100	83
Television screen	99	82
Cars	89	74
Electric Kettle	88	73
Desktop/laptop computers	85	70
Battery powered radio	75	62
Freezer	72	60
CD/DVD players	57	47
Electric frying	56	46
Van	55	45
Plastic water tank	50	41
Tablets	46	38
Cement water tank	46	38
Sewing machine	44	36
Landlines	41	34
Water heater	24	20
Bicycles	10	8
Truck	9	7
Generator	5	4
Solar system	5	4
Air conditioner	4	3

The three most common assets owned by households were mobile phones (100%), followed by washing machines (97%) and stoves (95%). The least common asset were generator and solar system owned by only 5 households and air conditioner owned by only 4 households.