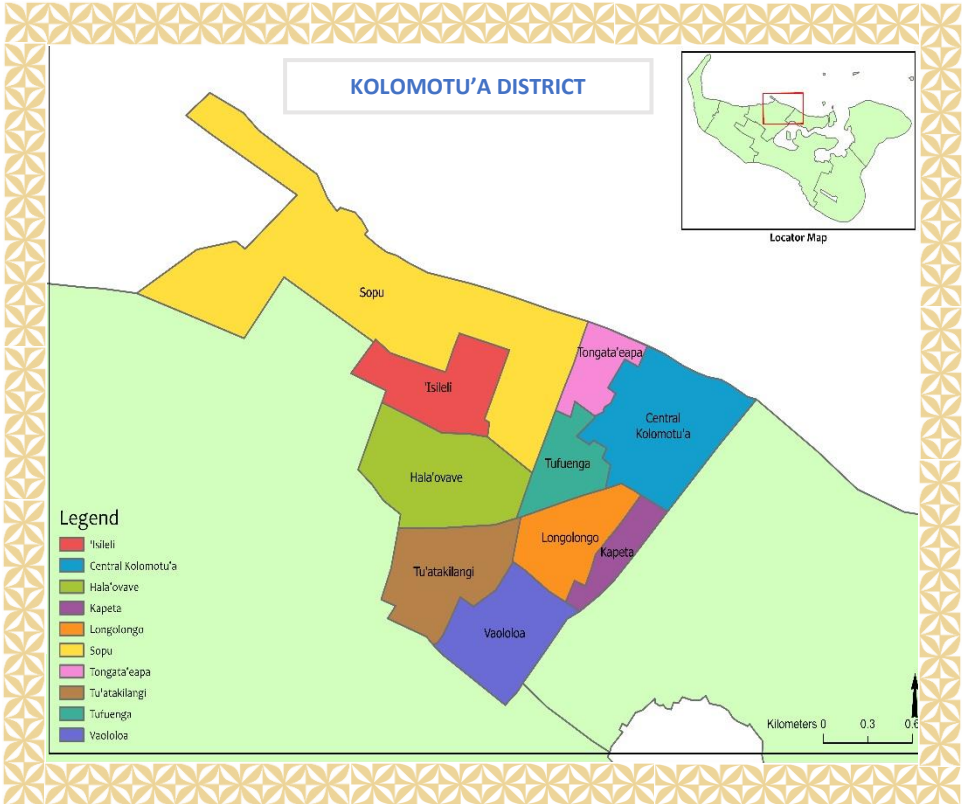




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Introduction

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 holds 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 'ISILELI

Name of Village	'Isileli
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	353	666	586
Male	178	339	295
Female	175	327	291
Sex ratio	102	104	101
1.2: Household Private Dwelling	Number of households		
Total	72		
Occupied Household	61		
Vacant Household	11		
Average member in households	6		

The total number of people who resided in this village in the Census of 2021 was a total of 353, reflecting a decrease of 313 individuals compared to the 2016 Census and a decrease of 233 from 2011 Census. Throughout these years, there were more males than females (Table 1.1).

There were a total number of 61 occupied households and 11 vacant households. On average, approximately 6 people resided in each household (Table 1.2).

Table 2: Total population by place of birth.

Place of birth	Number of persons
Total	353
'Isilei	183
Elsewhere in Tonga	157
Overseas	13

Most of the population were born in 'Isilei with 183 individuals. On the other hand, 157 people were born elsewhere in Tonga, while 13 individuals were born overseas.

Table 3: Total population by marital status

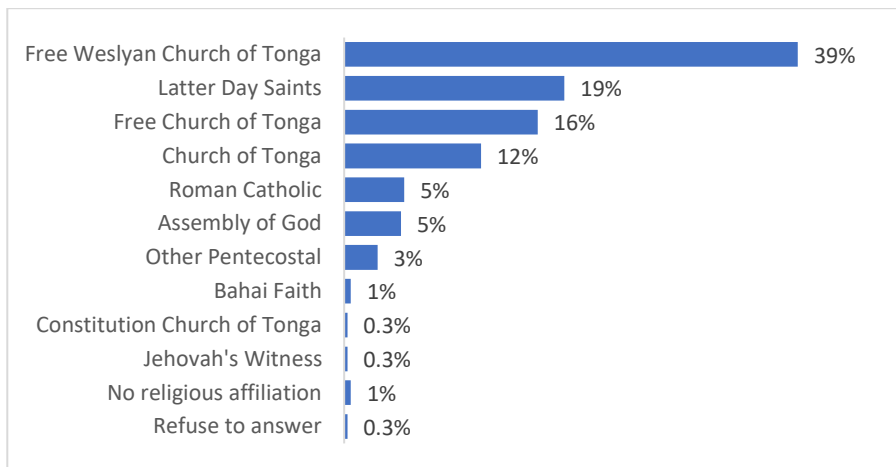
Marital status	Number of persons
Total	353
Never married.	221
Legal married	114
Widowed	12
Separated	5
Divorced	1

Most of the population were not married (221), while 114 were legally married. The remaining individuals included 12 widowed, 5 separated and 1 divorced.

Table 4: Total population by religion

Religion	Number of persons
Total	353
Free Wesleyan Church	136
Latter Day Saints	66
Free Church of Tonga	58
Church of Tonga	41
Roman Catholic	18
Assembly of God	17
Other Pentecostal	10
Bahai Faith	2
Constitution Church of Tonga	1
Jehovah's Witness	1
No religious affiliation	2
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 136 people, while the second-largest group attended the Church of the Latter-Day Saints (66). The smallest number of people identified with the church of Jehovah's witness and those in no religious affiliation.

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

Age group	Total	Male	Female
Total	353	178	175
Less than 1 year	6	1	5
1 – 4 years	39	20	19
5 – 9 years	36	21	15
10 – 14 years	38	18	20
15 – 19 years	37	20	17
20 – 24 years	35	19	16
25 – 29 years	30	17	13
30 – 34 years	19	11	8
35 – 39 years	35	14	21
40 – 44 years	16	9	7
45 – 49 years	10	6	4
50 – 54 years	12	7	5
55 – 59 years	14	4	10
60 – 64 years	8	3	5
65 – 69 years	6	3	3
70+ years	12	5	7

The majority included 39 children aged between 1 and 4, with more males than females. The minority comprised 6 children aged less than 1 year old and 6 individuals between the age of 65-69. 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	115	62	53
5 – 9 years	35	20	15
10 – 14 years	37	17	20
15 – 19 years	30	17	13
20 – 24 years	6	5	1
25 – 29 years	4	2	2
30 – 34 years	1	-	1
35+ years	2	1	1

The majority of children enrolled in school, totaling 37, were aged 10 to 14, consisting of 17 boys and 20 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	271	136	135
No	94	42	52
Yes	177	94	83
Location			
Home	173	92	81
Commercial internet access facility	1	-	1
Someone else's home	30	12	18
Workplace	34	17	17
At place of education	18	11	7
Other	-	-	-

A total of 177 individuals had access to the internet, primarily from home (173). The remaining population of 94 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	271	136	135
No	88	42	46
Yes	183	94	89
Yes, only TCC.	89	48	41
Yes, only Digicel.	79	38	41
Yes, both TCC and Digicel	15	8	7
Access mobile data			
Total	183	94	89
No	10	3	7
Yes	173	91	82
Yes, only TCC.	81	44	37
Yes, only Digicel.	77	39	38
Yes, both TCC and Digicel	15	8	7
Purpose of mobile data			
Education	38	21	17
Social Media	168	89	79
Work/Business	39	18	21
Information Gathering	-	-	-
Communication	88	44	44
Entertainment	69	34	35
Shopping/Product information	-	-	-
Other internet purpose	-	-	-

A total of 183 individuals used mobile phones, with the majority, 81 individuals, accessing the internet using TCC company. Among these, 168 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	282	147	135
Yes, some difficulties	20	8	11
Yes, a lot of difficulties	5	1	4
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	307	157	150
Hearing	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	298	151	147
Yes, some difficulties	9	6	3
Yes, a lot of difficulties	-	-	-
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	307	157	150
Mobility	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	296	153	143
Yes, some difficulties	9	3	6
Yes, a lot of difficulties	2	1	1
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	307	157	150
Memory	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	303	154	149
Yes, some difficulties	4	3	1
Yes, a lot of difficulties	-	-	-
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	307	157	150
Self-care	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	305	156	149
Yes, some difficulties	1	-	1
Yes, a lot of difficulties	-	-	-
Cannot do at all.	1	1	-
Total	307	157	150
Communication	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	307	157	150
Yes, some difficulties	-	-	-
Yes, a lot of difficulties	-	-	-
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	307	157	150

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	254	130	124
No	24	17	7
Yes, first dose.	45	28	17
Yes, second dose	185	85	100
Reason for not vaccinated			
Total	24	17	7
Vaccine not available	-	-	-
Concerned about possible side effects	2	1	1
I do not trust the vaccine	6	5	1
I generally do not believe in vaccines	7	7	-
I do not know if the vaccine will work	1	1	-
Not eligible for the vaccine	8	3	5
Refused to answer	-	-	-

The majority of people have received their second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine (185). However, 24 individuals remain unvaccinated, with 8 citing for not eligible for the vaccine.

People's habits

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

Kava – Tonga	Total	Male	Female
Not drinking Kava-Tonga	217	85	132
Drinking Kava - Tonga	54	51	3
By 5 yrs Age group			
10 – 14 years	-	-	-
15 – 19 years	2	2	-
20 – 24 years	10	8	2
25 – 29 years	8	8	-
30 – 34 years	6	6	-
35+ years	28	27	1
How often			
Special occasions	12	12	-
Once a week	26	23	3
2-3 times per week	10	10	-
4-6 times per week	2	2	-
Every day/night	4	4	-

There were 54 consumers of Tongan Kava, with the majority being males (51). The predominant age group among Tongan Kava drinkers was 35 and above, with 26 individuals consuming it once a week.

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

Alcohol	Total	Male	Female
Not drinking alcohol	233	109	124
Drinking alcohol	38	27	11
By 5 yrs age group			
10 – 14 years	-	-	-
15 – 19 years	2	1	1
20 – 24 years	12	7	5
25 – 29 years	7	7	-
30 – 34 years	3	3	-
35+ years	14	9	5
How often			
Rarely 1-2 drinks per week	26	19	7
Occasionally 3-7 drinks per week.	12	8	4
Sometimes 8-14 drinks per week	-	-	-
Regularly 15-21 drinks per week	-	-	-
Frequently 22+ drinks per week	-	-	-

A total of 38 individuals consumed alcohol, with the majority being males (27). Among the alcohol drinkers, the predominant age group was 35 and above, and the majority reported having only 1 to 2 drinks per week (26).

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

Smoking Cigarette	Total	Male	Female
Not smoking	233	111	122
Smoking	38	25	13
By 5 yrs Age group			
10 – 14 years	-	-	-
15 – 19 years	2	2	-
20 – 24 years	7	4	3
25 – 29 years	7	6	1
30 – 34 years	3	2	1
35+ years	19	11	8
How often			
Little 1 pack per week.	32	23	9
Occasional 5 cigarettes per day	3	1	2
Regular 1 pack per day	2	-	2
Heavy 1+ pack per day	1	1	-

A total of 38 individuals smoked cigarettes, with the majority being males (25). Among cigarette smokers, the predominant age group was 35 and above, with the majority smoking no more than 1 pack per week (32).

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

Smoking Local Tongan Tobacco	Total	Male	Female
Not smoking local Tongan tobacco	232	107	125
Smoking local Tongan tobacco	39	29	10
By Age group			
10 – 14 years	-	-	-
15 – 19 years	1	1	-
20 – 24 years	7	6	1
25 – 29 years	5	3	2
30 – 34 years	6	5	1
35+ years	20	14	6
How often			
Little, 1-2 tobacco per day	29	23	6
Occasional, 5 tobacco per day	7	4	3
Regular, 10 tobacco per day	1	-	1
Heavy, 15 tobacco per day	2	2	-

A total of 39 individuals in the population smoked the local Tongan Tobacco, with the majority being males (29). Most of the smokers were 35 years and older, and they smoked 1-2 tobacco products per day (29).

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	189	92	97
Register to vote	167	82	85
Not registered to vote	22	10	12
Refused to answer	-	-	-
Why not Registered			
Total	22	10	12
Was away overseas	-	-	-
Very old	1	-	1
Sick	1	-	1
Physically disabled	-	-	-
Not interested	10	5	5
Don't know where to register.	6	2	4
Don't know how.	-	-	-
Not a citizen	2	1	1
ID problem – missing none expired etc.	-	-	-
Name not on the list.	-	-	-
Busy	-	-	-
Late	-	-	-
Other reasons	2	2	-

A total of 167 people registered for the election, while 22 individuals were not registered, with 10 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	233	118	115
Working for pay	94	56	38
Working in any kind of business activity	2	1	1
Working in own farming or gardening, raising animals or livestock, fishing and Handicrafts	26	15	11
Studying	34	23	11
Household duties	59	13	46
Working in family business without pay	-	-	-
Working apprentice, internship	3	2	1
Working voluntary without pay, community, charity work	4	3	1
Looking for work	3	1	2
Retired or pensioner (too old)	8	4	4
With long term illness, injury or disability	-	-	-

The majority of current activities are centered around working for pay involving 94 individuals, comprising 38 females and 56 males. The lowest participation is seen among those working in any kind of business activity, totaling 2 individuals.

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

Total employment and unemployment	Total	Male	Female
Employment	123	72	51
Unemployment	2	1	1
Percentage (%)	1.6	1.4	1.9

Out of the total population, 123 individuals aged 15 and above were employed, with only 2 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	59	35	24
Youth unemployment	2	1	1
Percentage (%)	3.3	2.8	4.0

Out of the total population, 59 youths aged 15 -24 were employed, while only 2 youths were unemployed.

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

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	113	65	48
Managers	5	4	1
Professionals	36	18	18
Technicians and Associate Professionals	8	4	4
Clerical support workers	9	2	7
Services and Sales workers	11	5	6
Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery workers	10	10	-
Craft and Related Trades Workers	30	20	10
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	3	2	1
Elementary Occupations	1	-	1
Armed Forces Occupations	5	4	1

A majority of the population aged 15 and above, totaling 36, was employed in professional's occupations, with the same males and females of 18 each.

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	18	61
No	12	43
Yes	6	18
Yes – Australia (SWP or PLS)	5	11
Yes- New Zealand (RSE)	1	3
Yes – Australia and New Zealand	-	4
Goals Achieved	No. of households	
Purchase Land allotment	-	
Built/ renovated home.	3	
Purchase vehicles	2	
Pay school tuition.	2	
Started a business.	-	
Provide for family daily needs.	15	
Other	-	
None	-	
Social Problem (last 12 months)	No. of Households	
Yes	-	
No	6	

In 2020, a total of 6 household members participated in the labour mobility scheme, and this number increased to 18 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 (15). Additionally, the majority of the households participating in the labour mobility scheme did not encounter social problems in the last 12 months, with no households experiencing such issues.

Table 21 : Main source of household income.

Main source of household income.	Number of households
Total	61
Regular salary	28
Income from own business	7
Sale of products	10
Rental income from land lease	-
Rental income from house rented out	1
Remittances from anyone not in household	14
Pension or retirement fund	-
None	1
Other	-

The majority of the households (28) relied on regular salary as their main source of income, while only 1 household derived their primary income from house rented out and none as the least common type of primary income source.

Table 22: Household remittances and sources of remittances.

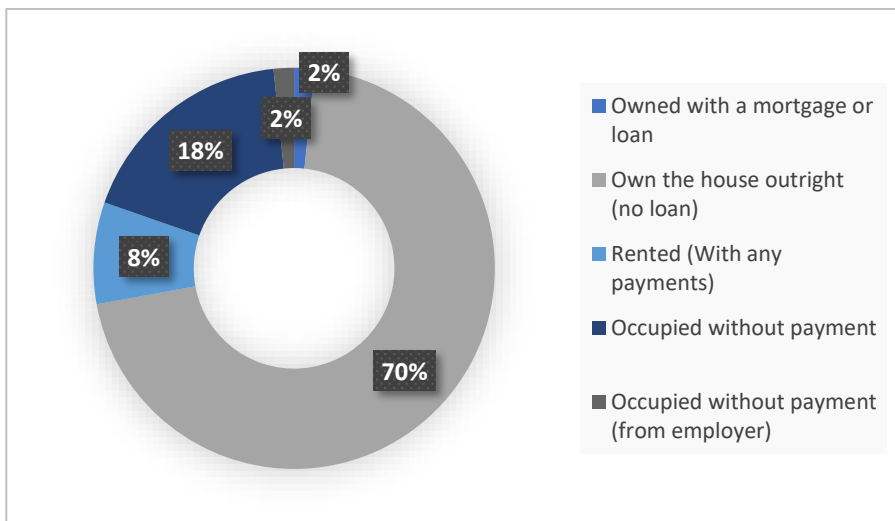
Household remittances	Number of households
Total	61
No receive remittances	20
Receive Remittances	40
Refused to answer	1
Sources of Remittances	
From outside the country only	35
From both within and outside the country	2
From within the country only	3

Out of the total households, 40 received remittances, with the majority originating from overseas or outside the country (35). However, the smallest number of households receiving remittances came from both within and outside the country, with a total of 2, while 3 households received remittances from within the country only.

Table 23: Total household by their land tenure.

Land Tenure	Number of households
Total	61
Owned by someone within the household with a mortgage or loan.	1
Owned by someone within the household without a mortgage or loan	43
Rented.	5
Occupied without payment.	11
Occupied without payment (from employer)	1

Figure 2: Percentage of household and their land tenure.



The majority of the households' dwelling, accounting for 70%, were owned by someone within the household without a mortgage or loan. In contrast, only 2% each represented owned by someone within the household with a mortgage or loan and occupied without payment form employer.

Table 24: Total household by their construction material.

Material construct household	Floor	Roof	Wall
Total	61	61	61
Wood / Masonite	12	2	30
Metal / iron / aluminum	2	56	-
Concrete / cement/ bricks	47	3	31
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 walls.

Table 25: Total Households by source of drinking water.

Source of drinking water	Number of households
Total	61
Tap water supply	2
Own water tank	38
Neighbor/community water tank	8
Bottled water (purchased water)	12
Boiled water	1
Other	-

Most of the households relied on their own water tank as their main source of drinking water (38), 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	61
Flush toilet	60
Manual toilet	1
Pit Latrine with slab.	-
Flush or pour-flush to elsewhere.	-
Compositing toilet	-
No facilities or bush or field	-
Toilet location	Number of households
Total	61
In own dwelling	51
In own yard	10
Elsewhere	-

The majority of the households used a modern toilet (flush) which included 60 households, and these were located within their own dwelling (51). The least common types of toilets used were manual toilet.

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

Stove	Number of households
Total	61
Yes	61
No	-
Cooking fuel	Number of households
Total	61
Electricity	3
Propane gas	58
Biogas	-
Kerosene	-
Solar Power	-
Wood and coconut husks/shells	-
Other	-
Cooking location	Number of households
Total	61
Inside the dwelling – separate kitchen area	54
Inside the dwelling – no devoted kitchen	1
Outside – open cooking area	4
Outside – closed cooking area	2
Other	-

All of the households used stoves (61), with propane gas as the main source of energy for cooking food (58). The majority of households have separate kitchen areas inside their dwelling (54). 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	61
Yes	33
No	28

About 54% of the total households, or 33, 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	61
Personal bin - public collection	60
Personal bin – take to dump by yourself	-
Burn it	-
Compost	1
Bury in yard / bush.	-
Ocean or body of water	-
Private business collection	-

Most households utilized the government's waste authorities rubbish collection (60), while the fewest opted to dispose their rubbish as to compost (1).

Table 30: Household assets / Goods

Household Assets/ goods	Number of Household	% of the household
Total	61	100
Stove	61	100
Mobile phone	60	98
Washing Machine	52	85
Electric Kettle	50	82
Television screen	44	72
Cars	43	70
Battery powered radio	40	66
Refrigerator	38	62
Desktop/laptop computers	31	51
Freezer	31	51
CD/DVD players	30	49
Plastic water tank	26	43
Cement water tank	24	39
Sewing Machine	18	30
Tablets	17	28
Bicycles	16	26
Van	16	26
Landlines	13	21
Generator	12	20
Electric frying	11	18
Water heater	9	15
Boats	6	10
Out-board Engine	4	7
Truck	3	5
In-board Engine	2	3
Air Conditioner	1	2
Solar System	1	2

The three most common assets owned by households were stove (100%), followed by mobile phones (98%) and washing machines (85%). The least common asset were air conditioner and solar system owned by only 1 household each.