

**REMARKS BY MR. ZACHARY MWANGI, DIRECTOR GENERAL~ KENYA NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS, DURING THE OFFICIAL RELEASE OF THE 2019 KENYA POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS RESULTS, MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019, NAIROBI-KENYA.**

Your Excellency, The President of the Republic of Kenya,  
All protocols observed,

Your Excellency,

We are honoured by your presence as we release the results of the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census. The 2019 census was the 8<sup>th</sup> to be conducted in Kenya and the first paperless, where Mobile technology was used during mapping and enumeration. This was in adherence to the UN recommendations for the 2020 round of censuses on adoption of use of technology.

The 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census was conducted under the provisions of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 (Fourth Schedule Part 1 Item 11), the Statistics (Amendment) Act, 2019 and the Statistics (Census of Population) Order, 2018 - Legal Notice No. 205.

Your Excellency,

The theme of the census was *“Counting Our People for Sustainable Development and Devolution of Services”*. This was in response to the demand for statistical information for implementation of Kenya’s development agenda such as the Big Four and Vision 2030 and other global initiatives including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The preparations for the 2019 census commenced in 2016 with Cartographic Mapping. Other preparatory activities undertaken included development of tools, pilot census, recruitment and training, and publicity and advocacy.

**Your Excellency,**

The enumeration was successfully conducted from 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 and a mop-up exercise carried out on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2019, to cover those not enumerated during the seven days. To ensure data quality, field supervision followed a three tier structure (Coordinators, ICT and Content Supervisors) to support real-time response to emerging issues. The enumeration process was also monitored by independent observers drawn from the international community and national statistics offices across Africa. The collected data was encrypted and successfully transmitted to servers through a secure ICT infrastructure.

**Your Excellency,**

The data that was collected has undergone validation checks as guided by the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the UN Handbook on Editing of Census Data.

I hereby wish to release the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census Volume 1: Population by County and Sub-County. The highlights of the results are as follows: ~

- The total enumerated population was **47,564,296**
- Of which **23,548,056** were Males, **24,014,716** were Females and **1,524** were Intersex
- Females accounted for 50.5% of the total population
- The population has grown to 47.6 Million in 2019 from 37.7 Million in 2009
- The intercensal growth rate has declined to 2.2% in 2019, from 2.9% in 2009
- Average Household Size has declined to 3.9 in 2019 from 4.2 in 2009

Your Excellency, population distribution by county is as follows:

National/ County	Total	Sex		
		Male	Female	Intersex
<b>Kenya.....</b>	<b>47,564,296</b>	<b>23,548,056</b>	<b>24,014,716</b>	<b>1,524</b>
<b>County</b>				
Mombasa.....	1,208,333	610,257	598,046	30
Kwale.....	866,820	425,121	441,681	18
Kilifi.....	1,453,787	704,089	749,673	25
Tana River.....	315,943	158,550	157,391	2
Lamu.....	143,920	76,103	67,813	4
Taita/Taveta.....	340,671	173,337	167,327	7
Garissa.....	841,353	458,975	382,344	34
Wajir.....	781,263	415,374	365,840	49
Mandera.....	867,457	434,976	432,444	37
Marsabit.....	459,785	243,548	216,219	18
Isiolo.....	268,002	139,510	128,483	9
Meru.....	1,545,714	767,698	777,975	41
Tharaka-Nithi.....	393,177	193,764	199,406	7
Embu.....	608,599	304,208	304,367	24
Kitui.....	1,136,187	549,003	587,151	33
Machakos.....	1,421,932	710,707	711,191	34
Makueni.....	987,653	489,691	497,942	20
Nyandarua.....	638,289	315,022	323,247	20
Nyeri.....	759,164	374,288	384,845	31
Kirinyaga.....	610,411	302,011	308,369	31
Murang'a.....	1,056,640	523,940	532,669	31
Kiambu.....	2,417,735	1,187,146	1,230,454	135
Turkana.....	926,976	478,087	448,868	21
West Pokot.....	621,241	307,013	314,213	15
Samburu.....	310,327	156,774	153,546	7
Trans Nzoia.....	990,341	489,107	501,206	28
Uasin Gishu.....	1,163,186	580,269	582,889	28
Elgeyo/Marakwet.....	454,480	227,317	227,151	12
Nandi.....	885,711	441,259	444,430	22
Baringo.....	666,763	336,322	330,428	13
Laikipia.....	518,560	259,440	259,102	18
Nakuru.....	2,162,202	1,077,272	1,084,835	95
Narok.....	1,157,873	579,042	578,805	26
Kajiado.....	1,117,840	557,098	560,704	38
Kericho.....	901,777	450,741	451,008	28
Bomet.....	875,689	434,287	441,379	23
Kakamega.....	1,867,579	897,133	970,406	40
Vihiga.....	590,013	283,678	306,323	12
Bungoma.....	1,670,570	812,146	858,389	35
Busia.....	893,681	426,252	467,401	28
Siaya.....	993,183	471,669	521,496	18
Kisumu.....	1,155,574	560,942	594,609	23
Homa Bay.....	1,131,950	539,560	592,367	23
Migori.....	1,116,436	536,187	580,214	35
Kisii.....	1,266,860	605,784	661,038	38
Nyamira.....	605,576	290,907	314,656	13
Nairobi City.....	4,397,073	2,192,452	2,204,376	245

The five most and least populous counties were: ~

Five most populous counties (million)		Five least populous counties (million)	
County	Population	County	Population
Nairobi City	4.40	Lamu	0.14
Kiambu	2.42	Isiolo	0.27
Nakuru	2.16	Samburu	0.31
Kakamega	1.87	Tana River	0.32
Bungoma	1.67	Taita/Taveta	0.34

**Your Excellency,**

The KNBS will undertake further analysis to produce 4 basic reports focussing on population by: *Administrative units up to sub-location, Age and Sex by county, Political Units, Socio-economic characteristics*; and thematic analytical reports.

In conclusion, your Excellency, I wish to thank all organs of the Government, the private sector and the public for the overwhelming support and participation in the implementation of the 2019 census.

Thank you.