

Belize City Municipal Profile

General

Belize City is the most populated municipality in the country, located on the eastern coast of the Belize District. It is the former political capital of the country, and remains the commercial and financial center of the country.

Population

Between 2000 and 2010, Belize City experienced average annual population growth of 1.6%, well below the 3% average annual urban population growth for the intercensal period. At the 2010 population census count, the population was estimated to be around 57,200 persons. The low population growth in the intercensal period is mainly as a result of migration of households from the city to surrounding rural areas in the Belize district in pursuit of land and housing. The average household size also declined in the intercensal period from 3.8 persons per household in 2000 to 3.5 persons per household in 2010.

Demographics

Belize City is predominantly a Creole community. Creoles are the major ethnic group, comprising 61% of the population in 2000, but declining to over 52% in 2010. English is the most spoken language, with 65% of the population speaking English. Creole is also spoken by 62% of the population.

The male-to-female ratio increased from 91 males per 100 females in 2000 to 94 males per 100 females in 2010.

The Age-Dependency ratio also declined from 69 dependents per 100 adults in 2000 to 57 dependents per 100 adults in 2010. This is mainly as a result of the higher growth rate among the adult population which outpaced the growth among the children and senior populations between the intercensal period.

The foreign-born population remained fairly steady at around 12% of the population between 2000 and 2010. The foreign-born population in Belize City have traditionally been from Central America; however within the intercensal period, there has been increased immigration from India and China.

Access to Public Utilities (Water, Sanitation, Electricity)

The major source of drinking water for households in Belize City has shifted from piped water in 2000 to bottled water in 2010. Piped water was the main source of drinking water for over 51% of households in 2000, but declined to 18% of households by 2010. Bottled water has become the main source of drinking water for over 70% of households in 2010.

The major type of toilet facility for households in Belize City has shifted from flush toilets piped to sewer in 2000 to flush toilets piped to septic tanks in 2010. Flush toilets piped to sewer was the main type of toilet facility for nearly 57% of households in 2000, but declined to 42% of households by 2010. Flush toilets piped to septic tanks have become the main type of toilet facility for over 48% of households in 2010. Belize City is

one of only three municipalities in the country with an established sewer system for waste water disposal and treatment.

The vast majority of households in Belize City use electricity as the main power source for lighting. The proportion of households with electricity has declined slightly from nearly 97% of all households in 2000 to 94% of households in 2010.

Education

Currently there are 32 Primary schools, 13 High schools, and 4 sixth forms/colleges established in Belize City. The Net Enrolment rate in primary school increased from nearly 104% in 2004 to over 108% in 2010. This increase may be largely due to children from adjacent rural communities attending primary schools in Belize City. As households migrated to surrounding rural communities, some may have kept their children enrolled in schools in Belize City. The ratio of boys to girls enrolled in Primary school decreased from 105 per 100 girls in 2000 to 101 boys per 100 girls by 2010, indicating that more boys than girls continued to be enrolled in Primary school.

The Gross Enrolment rate in secondary school increased significantly for both males and females between 2000 and 2010. The Gross Enrolment rate increased from 67% in 2000 to 82% in 2010 for males, and from 80% in 2000 to 93% in 2010 for females. The ratio of boys to girls enrolled in secondary school increased from 89 boys to every 100 girls in 2000 to 92 boys to every 100 girls by 2010, indicating that more girls than boys continue to be enrolled in secondary school.

The Youth literacy rate (15 to 24 years) increased from 92% in 2000 to 97% in 2010 for male youths, and from 94% in 2000 to 98% in 2010 for female youths. These results indicate similar levels of literacy among youths by gender.

Technical and Vocational training also experienced significant growth as the number of trainees increased by 112% between 2000 and 2010.

Employment

Due to the sample design of the annual Belize Labour Force survey, no employment data is estimated separately for Belize City. Employment data is released at the Belize District urban level, which includes Belize City and San Pedro Town combined.

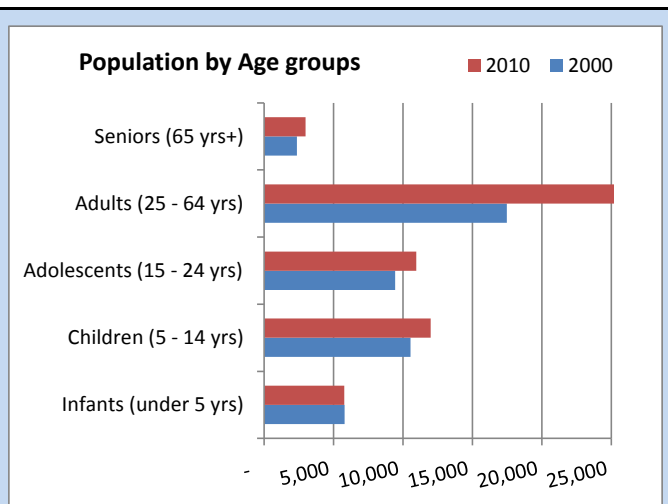
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A. POPULATION

Population by Age groups	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (All persons)	49,456	57,169	7,713	15.6%
Infants (under 5 yrs)	5,784	5,765	(19)	-0.3%
Children (5 - 14 yrs)	10,528	11,990	1,462	13.9%
Adolescents (15 - 24 yrs)	9,426	10,943	1,517	16.1%
Adults (25 - 64 yrs)	17,478	25,470	7,992	45.7%
Seniors (65 yrs+)	2,368	2,991	623	26.3%

Source: Census data, SIB.



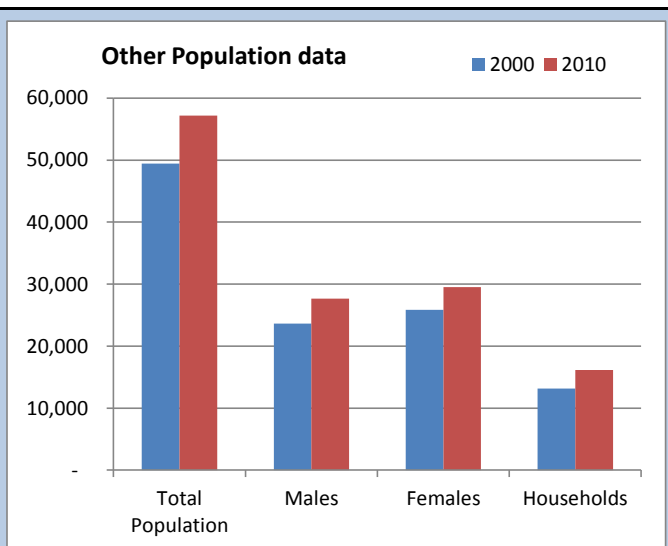
Other Population data	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total Population	49,456	57,169	7,713	15.6%
Males	23,610	27,655	4,045	17.1%
Females	25,846	29,514	3,668	14.2%
Households	13,130	16,162	3,032	23.1%
avg. Persons per household	3.8	3.5	-0.2	-6.1%
Age Dependency ratio	0.69	0.57	-0.12	-17.9%
Male to Female ratio	0.91	0.94	0.02	2.6%
Urban density* (persons/acre)		-		

Source: Census data, SIB.

*Municipal Development Plan, draft Nov. 2013

Age dependency ratio is the number of persons less than 15 years plus persons over 64 years divided by the number of persons 15 to 64 years.

Male of Female ratio is the number of males divided by the number of females.



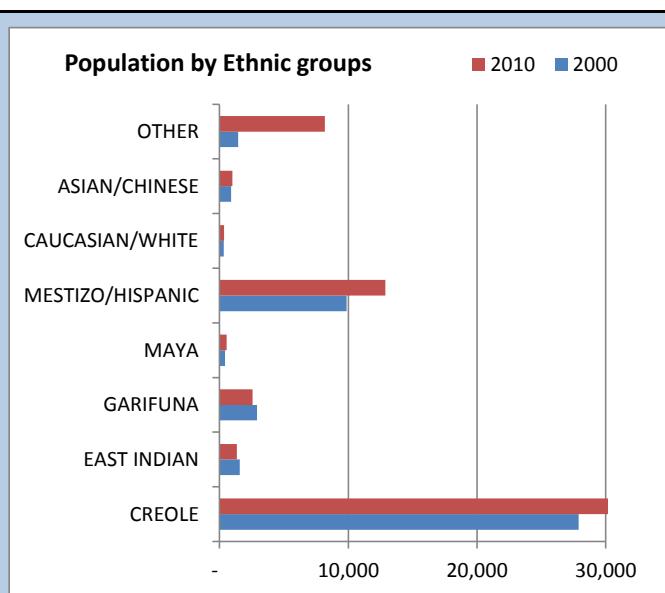
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B. DEMOGRAPHICS

Population by Ethnic groups	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (All persons)	45,584	57,171		
CREOLE	27,884	30,197	2,313	8.3%
EAST INDIAN	1,574	1,340	(234)	-14.9%
GARIFUNA	2,925	2,560	(365)	-12.5%
MAYA	440	542	102	23.2%
MESTIZO/HISPANIC	9,875	12,886	3,011	30.5%
CAUCASIAN/WHITE	320	363	43	13.4%
ASIAN/CHINESE	893	1,009	116	13.0%
OTHER	1,459	8,181	6,722	460.7%
NOT STATED	214	93		

Source: Census data, SIB.



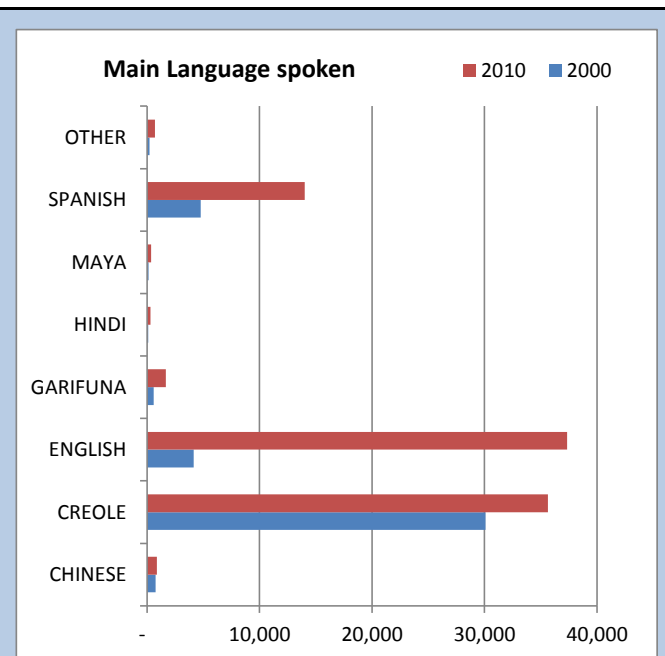
Main Language spoken at home*	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Persons 4 years or older)	40,951	57,169		
CHINESE	744	883	139	18.7%
CREOLE	30,089	35,652	5,563	18.5%
ENGLISH	4,147	37,344	33,197	800.5%
GARIFUNA	577	1,666	1,089	188.7%
HINDI	107	289	182	170.1%
MAYA	125	353	228	182.4%
SPANISH	4,763	14,015	9,252	194.2%
OTHER	217	692	475	218.9%
NOT STATED	182			

*-multiple languages reported (Census 2010)

Source: Census data, SIB.

*In Census 2010, this question was worded as which language(s) do you speak well enough to conduct a conversation; multiple languages reported in Census 2010.

Total for Census 2010 includes all persons (not persons 4 years or older)

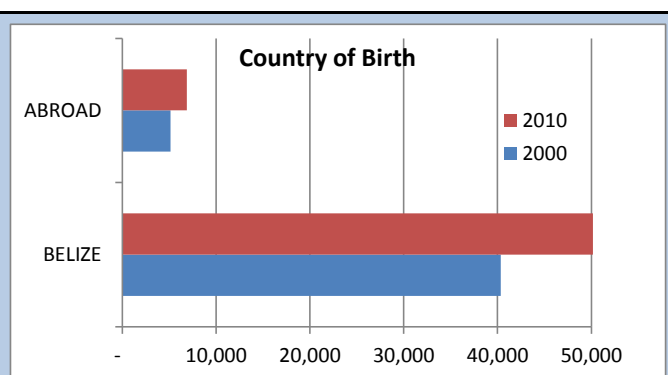


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Country of Birth	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (All persons)	45,584	57,169		
BELIZE	40,355	50,151	9,796	24.3%
ABROAD	5,128	6,875	1,747	34.1%
NOT STATED	101	143		

Source: Census data, SIB.



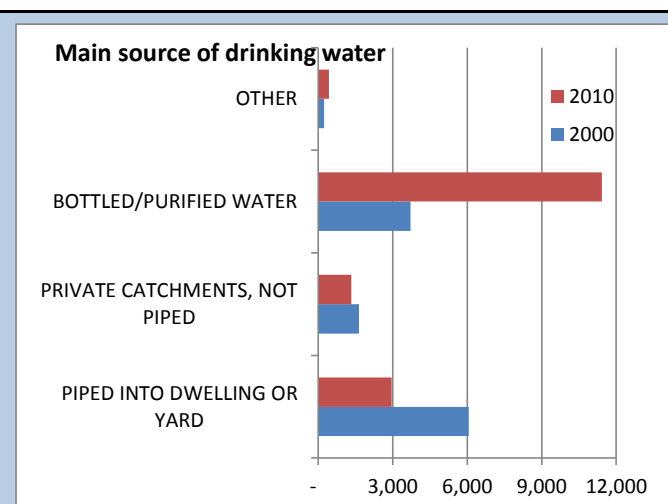
C. ACCESS TO PUBLIC UTILITIES

Main source of Drinking water	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	11,716	16,162		
PIPED INTO DWELLING OR YARD	6,059	2,954	(3,105)	-51.2%
PRIVATE CATCHMENTS, NOT PIPED	1,651	1,336	(315)	-19.1%
BOTTLED/PURIFIED WATER	3,719	11,417	7,698	207.0%
OTHER	243	431	188	77.4%
NOT STATED	44	24	(20)	

Source: Census data, SIB.

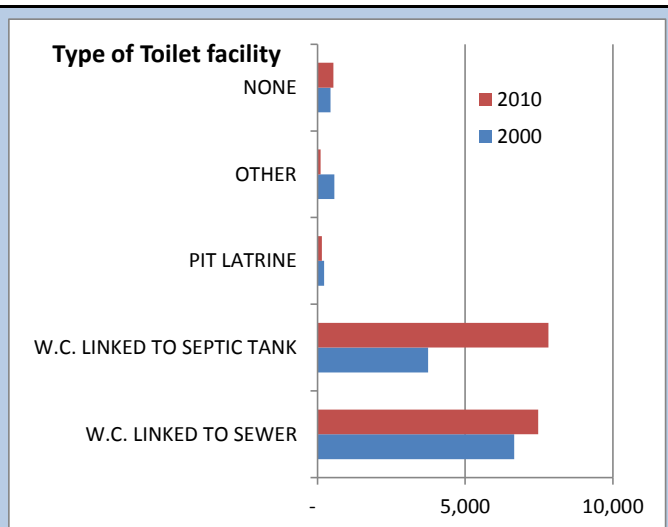
Piped into dwelling or yard includes water piped from public and private sources.

Other includes water from dug well, public standpipe, and rivers/streams/creeks.



Type of Toilet facilities	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	11,716	16,162		
W.C. LINKED TO SEWER	6,665	7,474	809	12.1%
W.C. LINKED TO SEPTIC TANK	3,745	7,822	4,077	108.9%
PIT LATRINE	227	148	(79)	-34.8%
OTHER	579	110	(469)	
NONE	440	546	106	24.1%
NOT STATED	60	62		

Source: Census data, SIB.

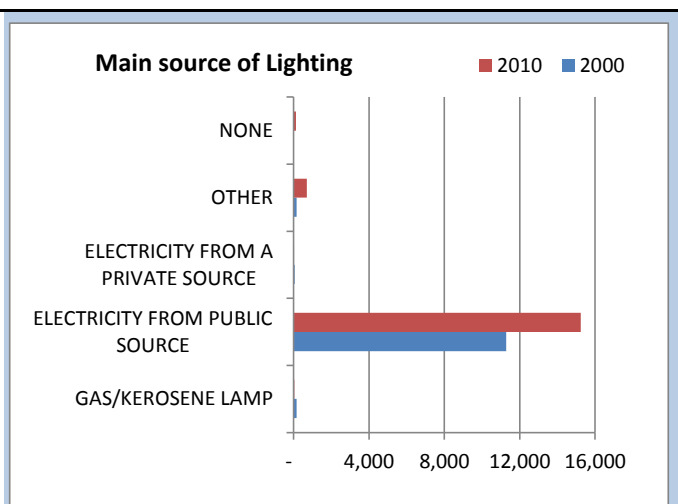


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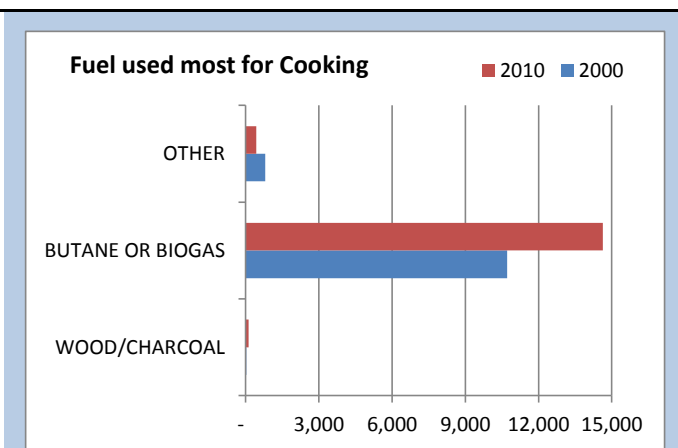
Main Source of Lighting	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	11,716	16,162		
GAS/KEROSENE LAMP	161	38	(123)	-76.4%
ELECTRICITY FROM PUBLIC SOURCE	11,279	15,241	3,962	35.1%
ELECTRICITY FROM A PRIVATE SOURCE	60	14	(46)	-76.7%
OTHER	167	698	531	318.0%
NONE		119	119	
NOT STATED	49	52		

Source: Census data, SIB.



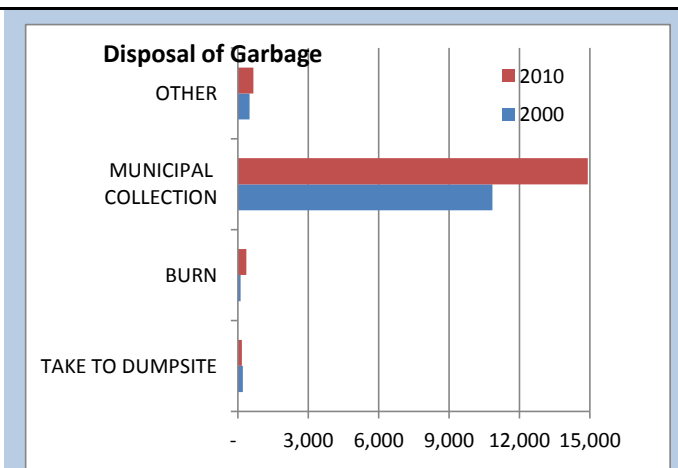
Fuel used most for Cooking	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	11,716	15,229		
WOOD/CHARCOAL	31	119	88	283.9%
BUTANE OR BIOGAS	10,708	14,635	3,927	36.7%
OTHER	799	433	(366)	-45.8%
NOT STATED	178	42		

Source: Census data, SIB.



Disposal of Garbage	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	11,716	16,162		
TAKE TO DUMPSITE	215	168	(47)	-21.9%
BURN	120	365	245	204.2%
MUNICIPAL COLLECTION	10,849	14,917	4,068	37.5%
OTHER	489	656	167	34.2%
NOT STATED	43	56		

Source: Census data, SIB.



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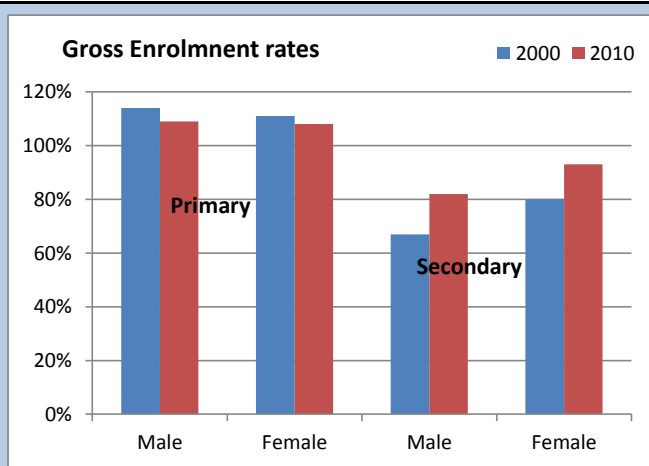
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D. EDUCATION

Gross Enrolment Rate, Primary	2000	2010	%Change
Male	114%	109%	-5%
Female	111%	108%	-3%
Gross Enrolment Rate, Secondary	2000	2010	%Change
Male	67%	82%	15%
Female	80%	93%	13%

Source: Census data, SIB.

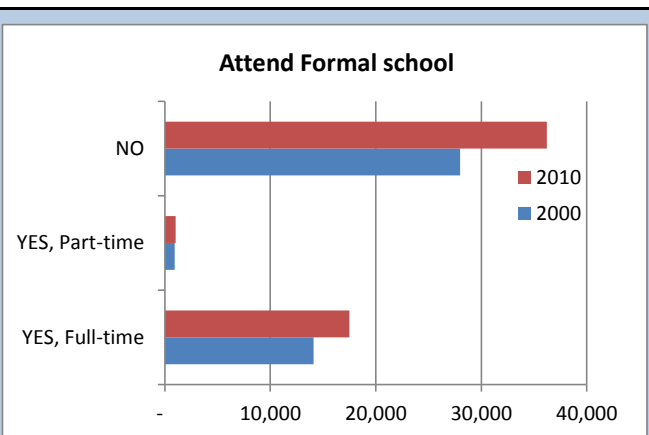
Gross Enrolment Rate (Primary) is the ratio of persons enrolled in primary school to all persons in the official primary school age (5 to 12 years).
Gross Enrolment Rate (Secondary) is the ratio of persons enrolled in secondary school to all persons in the official secondary school age (13 to 16 years).



Attend Formal School	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Persons 2 years or older)	43,201	54,966		
YES, Full-time	14,102	17,496	3394	24%
YES, Part-time	950	1,022	72	8%
NO	27,994	36,219	8225	29%
NOT STATED	155	229		

Source: Census data, SIB.

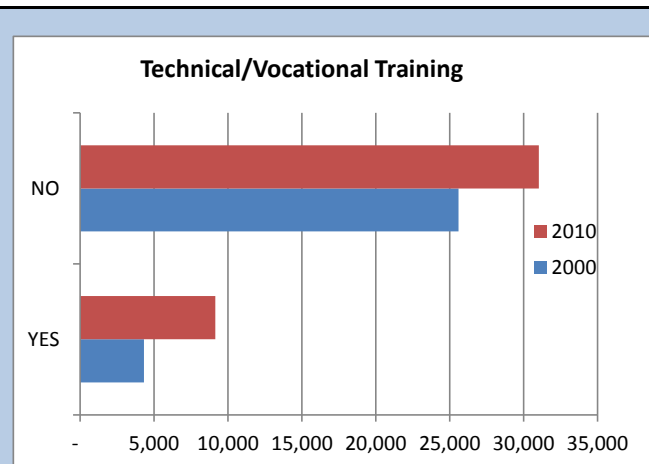
Includes all school levels.



Received any Technical/ Vocational training*	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Persons 14 years or older)	30,231	40,568		
YES	4,316	9,162	4846	112%
NO	25,994	31,041	5444	21%
NOT STATED	318	365		

*- includes any formal job training (Census 2010)

Source: Census data, SIB.



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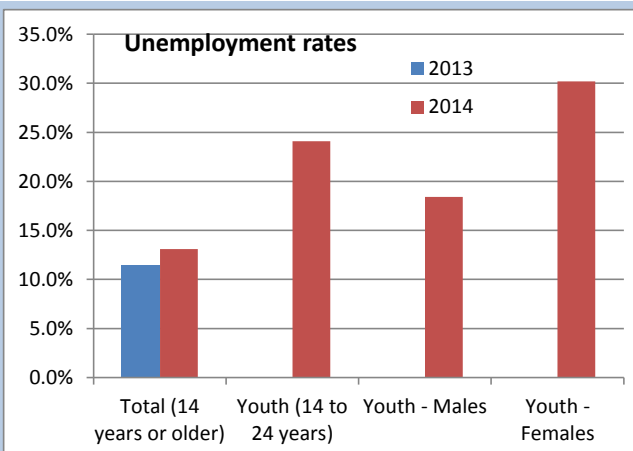
E. EMPLOYMENT

Main Labour Force Indicators (Persons 14 years or older)	April 2013	April 2014	Change	%Change
Working Age Population	53,223	-	-	-
Labour Force	38,531	-	-	-
Employed Labour Force	33,494	-	-	-
Unemployed Labour Force	5,036	-	-	-
Not In The Labour Force	14,692	-	-	-
Underemployed Labour Force	4,090	-	-	-

Source: Belize Labour Force survey, SIB [April 2013, April 2014]
Main Labour Force indicators (April 2014) includes Belize City and San Pedro combined; comparative data for April 2013 not available.
Working Age Population includes all persons 14 years or older.

Unemployment Rates*	April 2013	April 2014	Change
Total (14 years or older)	11.5%	13.1%	1.6%
Males	-	6.0%	-
Females	-	21.1%	-
Youth (14 to 24 years)	-	24.1%	-
Youth - Males	-	18.4%	-
Youth - Females	-	30.2%	-

Source: Belize Labour Force survey, SIB [April 2013, April 2014]
All unemployment rates includes Belize City and San Pedro combined. Male and Female unemployment rates, Youth unemployment rates not available (April 2013).



*- includes Belize City and San Pedro

F. APPENDIX OF CENSUS TABLES (2000, 2010)

HOUSING & PROPERTY

Occupancy of Dwelling	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	11,716	16,163		
Own	5,427	8,790	3363	62.0%
Rent/Lease	4,955	5,802	847	17.1%
Other	1,291	1,522	231	17.9%
Not Stated	43	49		

Occupancy of Land	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	5,393	8,790		
Freehold	3,217	6,837	3620	112.5%
Leasehold	1,705	1,560	-145	-8.5%
Other	437	309	-128	-29.3%
Not Stated	34	84		

Main material of Dwelling	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	11,716	16,163		
Wood	5,632	5,055	-577	-10.2%
Concrete/Brick	4,761	8,494	3733	78.4%
Wood and Concrete	438	428	-10	-2.3%
Plywood/Palmetto/Stucco	753	1,500	747	99.2%
Other	96	653	557	580.2%
Not Stated	36	33		

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Main material of roofing	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	11,716	16,162		
Sheet metal	11,134	14,719	3585	32.2%
Concrete	425	1,102	677	159.3%
Thatch	1	3	2	200.0%
Other	110	294	184	167.3%
Not Stated	46	44		

Main material of flooring	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	11,716	16,163		
WOOD	6,420	6,339	-81	-1.3%
CEMENT/CONCRETE	5,098	9,144	4046	79.4%
DIRT	9	9	0	0.0%
OTHER	110	629	519	471.8%
Not Stated	79	42		

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population by Religious affiliation	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (All persons)	45,584	57,171		
ANGLICAN	7,531	7,887	356	4.7%
BAPTIST	1,752	2,122	370	21.1%
JEHOVAH WITNESS	629	768	139	22.1%
METHODIST	4,343	4,985	642	14.8%
NAZARENE	1,300	1,297	(3)	-0.2%
PENTECOSTAL	2,159	2,700	541	25.1%
ROMAN CATHOLIC	20,413	23,214	2,801	13.7%
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST	1,802	2,642	840	46.6%
OTHER	2,154	4,280	2,126	98.7%
NONE	2,939	6,771	3,832	130.4%
NOT STATED	562	505		

Current Union Status	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Persons 14 years and older)	30,231	39,402		
MARRIED	7,603	8,738	1135	14.9%
COMMON-LAW-UNION	6,909	9,862	2953	42.7%
VISITING PARTNER	2,232	5,601	3369	150.9%
SEPARATED (NOT IN A UNION)	536	1,748	1212	226.1%
WIDOWED (NOT IN A UNION)	827	1,322	495	59.9%
DIVORCED (NOT IN UNION)	278	907	629	226.3%
OTHER (NOT IN UNION)	11,571	10,924	-647	-5.6%
NOT STATED	275	300		

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MISCELLANEOUS				
Have Fixed Telephone Service	2000	2010	<i>Change</i>	<i>%Change</i>
Total (Households)	11,716	16,162		
YES	7,331	5,596	-1735	-23.7%
NO	4,255	10,566	6311	148.3%
NOT STATED	130			

Ownership of Private Motor vehicle	2000	2010	<i>Change</i>	<i>%Change</i>
Total (Households)	11,716	15,983		
YES	3,972	5,550	1578	39.7%
NO	7,620	10,433	2813	36.9%
NOT STATED	124			

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II. Scorecard of selected MDG Indicators

MDG Indicator	Description	Actual 2000	Actual 2010	Target 2015	CHARTS	NOTES												
1.5	Employment to Working Age Population ratio	0.54	0.49		<p>MDG 1.5</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Year</th><th>Value</th></tr> <tr><td>2000</td><td>0.54</td></tr> <tr><td>2010</td><td>0.49</td></tr> </table>	Year	Value	2000	0.54	2010	0.49	<p>Source: Census data, SIB.</p> <p>Employment includes all persons 14 years or older who worked for at least 1 hour for pay, profit or family gain, or who were temporarily absent from his/her job, during the Census reference week. Working Age Population includes all persons 14 years or older regardless of their economic activity status.</p>						
Year	Value																	
2000	0.54																	
2010	0.49																	
1.7	Proportion of own-account and contributing Family workers to Total Employment	15%	19%		<p>MDG 1.7</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Year</th><th>Value</th></tr> <tr><td>2000</td><td>15%</td></tr> <tr><td>2010</td><td>19%</td></tr> </table>	Year	Value	2000	15%	2010	19%	<p>Source: Census data, SIB.</p> <p>Own-account workers are self-employed (without paid help) persons 14 years or older. Contributing Family workers are unpaid family workers 14 years or older. Total Employment includes all persons 14 years or older who worked for at least 1 hour for pay, profit or family gain, or who were temporarily absent from his/her job, during the Census reference week.</p>						
Year	Value																	
2000	15%																	
2010	19%																	
2.1	Net Enrolment Rate in Primary education	103.9%	108.7%		<p>MDG 2.1</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Year</th><th>Value</th></tr> <tr><td>2004</td><td>103.9%</td></tr> <tr><td>2010</td><td>108.7%</td></tr> </table>	Year	Value	2004	103.9%	2010	108.7%	<p>Sources: Policy and Planning Unit, MOE; Census data, SIB.</p> <p>Net Primary Enrolment rate is the proportion of all children 5 to 12 years enrolled in Primary School. This rate can be above 100% as the enrolment data may include children from adjacent rural communities enrolled in urban primary schools.</p>						
Year	Value																	
2004	103.9%																	
2010	108.7%																	
2.3	Youth Literacy rate (15-24 years)	Males 92%, Females 94%	Males 97%, Females 98%	100%	<p>MDG 2.3</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Year</th><th>Males</th><th>Females</th><th>Target</th></tr> <tr><td>2000</td><td>92%</td><td>94%</td><td>100%</td></tr> <tr><td>2010</td><td>97%</td><td>98%</td><td>100%</td></tr> </table>	Year	Males	Females	Target	2000	92%	94%	100%	2010	97%	98%	100%	<p>Source: Census data, SIB.</p> <p>Literacy is the ability of a person to read and write. In absence of a functional literacy test, literacy is estimated by a proxy measure such as the number of completed years of formal schooling. Youth Literacy rate is the proportion of all persons 15 to 24 years who can read and write. For MDG 2.3, the proportion of all persons 15 to 24 years who completed at least standard 5 of Primary school is used to estimate youth literacy.</p>
Year	Males	Females	Target															
2000	92%	94%	100%															
2010	97%	98%	100%															
3.1	Ratio of boys to girls enrolled in Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary education	2004	2010	2015	<p>MDG 3.1</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Year</th><th>Primary</th><th>Secondary</th><th>Tertiary*</th></tr> <tr><td>2004</td><td>1.05</td><td>0.79</td><td>0.64</td></tr> <tr><td>2010</td><td>1.01</td><td>0.82</td><td>0.59</td></tr> </table>	Year	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary*	2004	1.05	0.79	0.64	2010	1.01	0.82	0.59	<p>Sources: Policy and Planning Unit, MOE; Registrar, University of Belize; Registrar, Galen University; SIB.</p> <p>Tertiary enrolment includes data from all Sixth Forms, Galen, and UB.</p> <p>A ratio equal to 1 indicates an equal number of boys and girls are enrolled at that school level. A ratio less than 1 indicates more girls than boys are enrolled at that school level. A ratio greater than 1 indicates more boys than girls are enrolled at that school level.</p>
Year	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary*															
2004	1.05	0.79	0.64															
2010	1.01	0.82	0.59															
3.2	Proportion of women in wage employment in the non-Agricultural sectors	36%	28%		<p>MDG 3.2</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Year</th><th>Value</th></tr> <tr><td>2000</td><td>36%</td></tr> <tr><td>2010</td><td>28%</td></tr> </table>	Year	Value	2000	36%	2010	28%	<p>Source: Census data, SIB.</p> <p>MDG 3.2 represents the number of women 14 years or older, employed as paid workers in all industry, except agriculture, as a proportion of all persons 14 years or older, employed in the non-Agricultural sectors.</p>						
Year	Value																	
2000	36%																	
2010	28%																	

MOE enrolment data are reported by schools within each municipality, not by the place of residence of the students. As a result, the urban Net Enrolment Rates (NER) based on MOE data may overstate the actual NER as the enrolment reported may include students from rural communities who are enrolled in urban schools. This may be more acute at the Secondary and Tertiary levels as the schools at these levels are concentrated in the urban areas within each district.

*- Tertiary gender ratios are reported for years 2000 and 2010.

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II. Scorecard of selected MDG Indicators

MDG Indicator	Description	Actual 2000	Actual 2010	Target 2015	CHARTS	NOTES						
7.8	Proportion of population using an improved drinking water source	66%	28%	100%	<p>MDG 7.8</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Year</th><th>Value</th></tr> <tr><td>2000</td><td>66%</td></tr> <tr><td>2010</td><td>28%</td></tr> </table>	Year	Value	2000	66%	2010	28%	<p><i>Source: Census data, SIB.</i></p> <p>MDG 7.8 represents the household population with access to improved drinking water as a proportion of the total population. Improved drinking water sources include water piped into dwelling or yard, public tap or standpipe, protected dug well/tubewell/borehole, protected spring, and rainwater collection. It excludes water from carts or tanker trucks, bottled water, and unprotected surface water.</p>
Year	Value											
2000	66%											
2010	28%											
	<p>The definition of an improved drinking water source is based on the classification developed by the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water and Sanitation. The data indicates a remarkable decline in the level of this indicator between 2000 and 2010. This is mainly as a result of the huge increase in bottled water as a main source of drinking water for most urban households.</p>											
7.9	Proportion of population using an improved sanitation facility	88%	90%	100%	<p>MDG 7.9</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Year</th><th>Value</th></tr> <tr><td>2000</td><td>88%</td></tr> <tr><td>2010</td><td>90%</td></tr> </table>	Year	Value	2000	88%	2010	90%	<p><i>Source: Census data, SIB.</i></p> <p>MDG 7.9 represents the household population with access to an improved toilet facility as a proportion of the total population. An improved toilet facility includes Flush and Pour-flush toilets piped into sewer, septic tanks, or pit latrines, Ventilated and Improved Pit (VIP) latrines, Pit latrines with Slab, and Composting toilets, <u>not shared</u> with another household.</p>
Year	Value											
2000	88%											
2010	90%											
	<p>The definition of an improved sanitation facility is based on the classification developed by the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water and Sanitation.</p>											
8.14	Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	16.1	9.8		<p>MDG 8.14</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Year</th><th>Value</th></tr> <tr><td>2000</td><td>16.1</td></tr> <tr><td>2010</td><td>9.8</td></tr> </table>	Year	Value	2000	16.1	2010	9.8	<p><i>Source: Census data, SIB.</i></p> <p>MDG 8.14 represents the total number of fixed telephone lines per 100 persons. Data from the telecom providers is required for this indicator. Household information on fixed telephone service (residential) was used from the census to approximate this measure. The census data represents the proportion of households with fixed telephone service to the total population. It assumes 1 fixed telephone line per household.</p>
Year	Value											
2000	16.1											
2010	9.8											
8.16	Internet users per 100 inhabitants	-	34.7			<p><i>Source: Census data, SIB.</i></p> <p>Internet users are persons 5 years or older who reported using the internet within the past 3 months of the Census reference date. This information is not available from the 2000 Census.</p>						