

# Dangriga Town Municipal Profile

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## *General*

Dangriga Town is a southern, coastal municipality located some 55 miles along the Hummingbird highway southeast of Belmopan. Dangriga Town is the only municipality in the Stann Creek District, a district which is predominantly rural with 72% of its population residing in rural communities. It is the administrative and commercial center of the district.

## *Population*

Between 2000 and 2010, Dangriga Town experienced average annual population growth of nearly 1.2%, well below the 3% annual urban population growth for the intercensal period. At the 2010 population census count, the population was estimated to be around 9,600 persons. It is now the third least-populated municipality in Belize, having been outgrown by Corozal Town, San Pedro Town and Belmopan between 2000 and 2010. The average household size also declined from 3.9 persons per household in 2000 to 3.7 persons per household in 2010.

## *Demographics*

Dangriga Town is predominantly a Garifuna community with vibrant history, language, and culture. Garifunas are by far the major ethnic group, comprising 63% of the population in both 2000, but declined to 55% in 2010. Creole is the most spoken language, with over 75% of the population speaking Creole. The Garifuna language is spoken by nearly 24% of the population.

The male-to-female ratio declined from 95 males per 100 females in 2000 to 93 males per 100 females in 2010. Since the population census figures are based on a de-facto count of the non-institutional population, this may be as a result of a portion of male population temporarily residing in other areas of the country in pursuit of employment or higher education, or residing in institutions such as military camps.

The Age-Dependency ratio also declined significantly from 90 dependents per 100 adults in 2000 to 72 dependents per 100 adults in 2010. This is mainly as a result of the 31% growth rate among the adult population while the infant and senior populations actually decreased between the intercensal period.

The foreign-born population remained fairly constant at around 11% to 12% between 2000 and 2010. The foreign-born population in Dangriga Town has traditionally been from Honduras and Guatemala; however, within the intercensal period, there has been increased immigration from China.

## *Access to Public Utilities (Water, Sanitation, Electricity)*

Piped water continued as the major source of drinking water for households in Dangriga Town, with the proportion of households drinking piped water declining from 88% in 2000 to 71% in 2010. Meanwhile, the proportion of households using bottled water has more than doubled from nearly 11% in 2000 to 25% in

2010.

Flush toilet piped to septic tank is the main type of toilet facility for most households in Dangriga Town. The proportion of households with flush toilets increased from 69% in 2000 to 88% in 2010. Meanwhile, households using traditional pit latrines have declined from 24% in 2000 to less than 9% in 2010. Dangriga Town is among the six municipalities in the country without an established sewer system for waste water disposal and treatment.

The vast majority of households in Dangriga Town use electricity as the main power source for lighting. The proportion of households with electricity has remained fairly steady at around 93% to 94% of all households between 2000 and 2010.

### *Education*

Currently there are 8 Primary schools, 2 High schools, and 1 sixth form established in Dangriga Town. The Net Enrolment rate in primary school increased from 98% in 2004 to 103% in 2010. This increase may be due to children from adjacent rural communities attending primary schools in Dangriga Town. The ratio of boys to girls enrolled in Primary school increased from 107 boys to every 100 girls in 2000 to 113 boys to every 100 girls in 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, from 56% in 2000 to 86% in 2010 for males, and from 75% in 2000 to 102% in 2010 for females. The ratio of boys to girls enrolled in secondary school decreased from 84 boys to every 100 girls in 2000 to 74 boys to every 100 girls by 2010, indicating that more girls than boys continued to be enrolled in secondary school.

The Literacy rate for male youths (15 to 24 years) increased from 92% in 2000 to 98% in 2010, while the literacy rate for female youths increased from 95% in 2000 to 97% in 2010.

Technical and Vocational training also experienced a significant growth as the number of trainees increased by 81% between 2000 and 2010.

### *Employment*

Results from the annual Belize Labour Force Survey show that there were 3,335 employed persons, and 658 unemployed persons, comprising a total labour force of 3,993 persons in Dangriga Town in April 2014. The total unemployment rate increased from 12.8% in April 2013 to 16.5% in April 2014. In April 2014, the male unemployment rate was 11.4%, while the female unemployment rate was almost two times higher at 22.5%. Youth unemployment in April 2014 was 33.3% among males and 53.8% among females. Female unemployment continues to significantly outpace male unemployment.

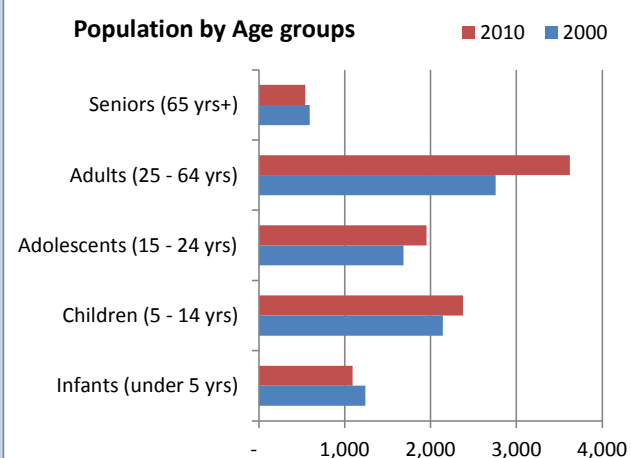
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## I. Tables and Charts

### A. POPULATION

Population by Age groups	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (All persons)	8,557	9,593	1,036	12.1%
Infants (under 5 yrs)	1,242	1,093	(149)	-12.0%
Children (5 - 14 yrs)	2,144	2,379	235	11.0%
Adolescents (15 - 24 yrs)	1,686	1,954	268	15.9%
Adults (25 - 64 yrs)	2,758	3,624	866	31.4%
Seniors (65 yrs+)	594	542	(52)	-8.8%

Source: Census data, SIB.



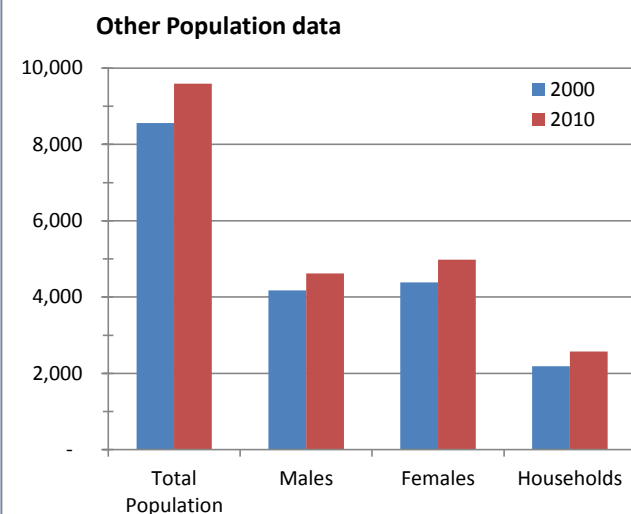
Other Population data	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total Population	8,557	9,593	1,036	12.1%
Males	4,176	4,617	441	10.6%
Females	4,381	4,976	595	13.6%
Households	2,185	2,572	387	17.7%
avg. Persons per household	3.9	3.7	-0.2	-4.8%
Age Dependency ratio	0.90	0.72	-0.18	-19.6%
Male to Female ratio	0.95	0.93	-0.03	-2.7%
Urban density* (persons/acre)		15.7		

Source: Census data, SIB.

\*Dangriga 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.



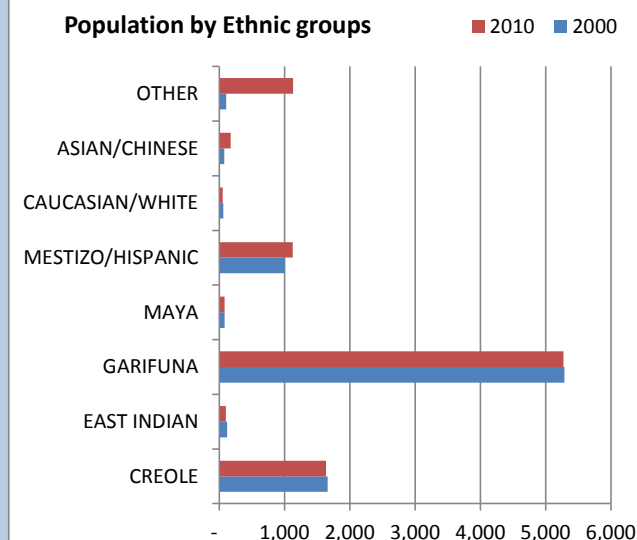
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### B. DEMOGRAPHICS

Population by Ethnic groups	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (All persons)	8,424	9,592		
CREOLE	1,661	1,637	(24)	-1.4%
EAST INDIAN	120	103	(17)	-14.2%
GARIFUNA	5,289	5,274	(15)	-0.3%
MAYA	84	81	(3)	-3.6%
MESTIZO/HISPANIC	1,006	1,124	118	11.7%
CAUCASIAN/WHITE	63	51	(12)	-19.0%
ASIAN/CHINESE	80	175	95	118.8%
OTHER	106	1,130	1,024	966.0%
NOT STATED	15	17		

Source: Census data, SIB.



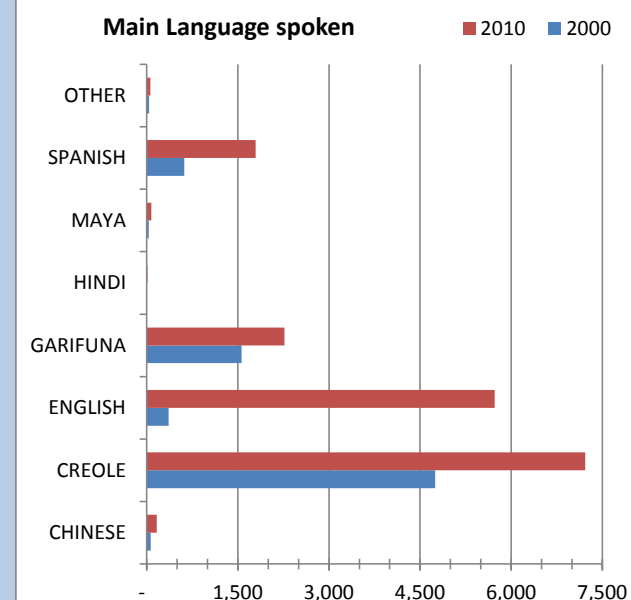
Main Language spoken at home*	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Persons 4 years or older)	7,426	9,592		
CHINESE	67	164	97	144.8%
CREOLE	4,747	7,221	2,474	52.1%
ENGLISH	359	5,730	5,371	1496.1%
GARIFUNA	1,563	2,268	705	45.1%
HINDI		13	13	-
MAYA	31	76	45	145.2%
SPANISH	615	1,790	1,175	191.1%
OTHER	37	58	21	56.8%
NOT STATED	7			

\*-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)

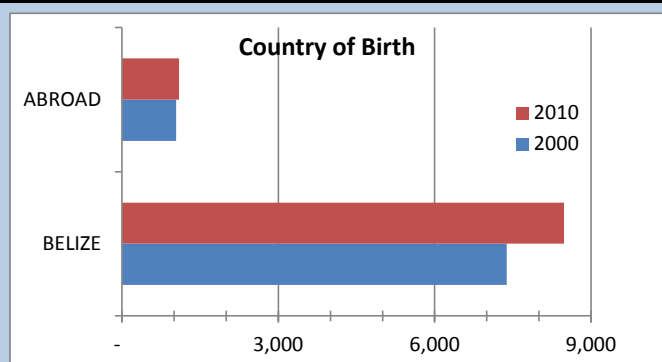


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## I. Tables and Charts

Country of Birth	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (All persons)	8,424	9,592		
BELIZE	7,385	8,479	1,094	14.8%
ABROAD	1,038	1,095	57	5.5%
NOT STATED	1	18		

Source: Census data, SIB.



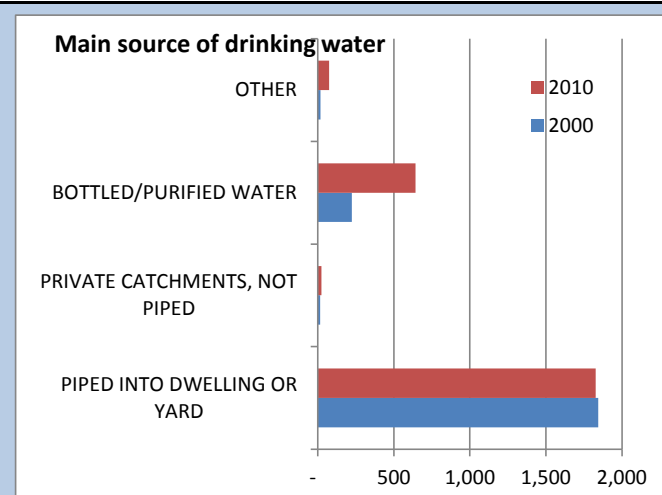
## C. ACCESS TO PUBLIC UTILITIES

Main source of Drinking water	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	2,100	2,571		
PIPED INTO DWELLING OR YARD	1,843	1,828	(15)	-0.8%
PRIVATE CATCHMENTS, NOT PIPED	16	24	8	50.0%
BOTTLED/PURIFIED WATER	224	643	419	187.1%
OTHER	17	75	58	341.2%
NOT STATED		1	1	

Source: Census data, SIB.

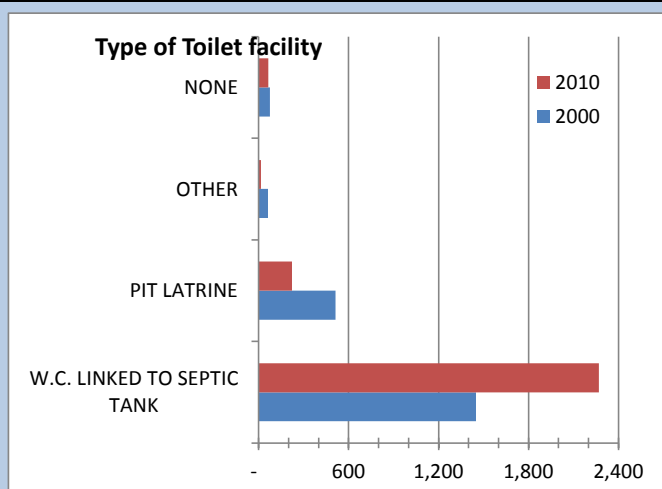
Piped into dwelling or yard includes water piped from public and private sources.

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



Type of Toilet facilities	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	2,100	2,571		
W.C. LINKED TO SEPTIC TANK	1,449	2,268	819	56.5%
PIT LATRINE	512	222	(290)	-56.6%
OTHER	62	15	(47)	-75.8%
NONE	76	65	(11)	-14.5%
NOT STATED	1	1		

Source: Census data, SIB.

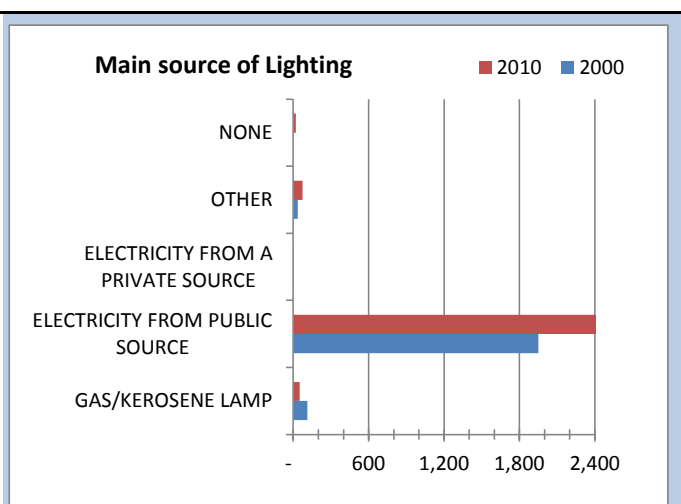


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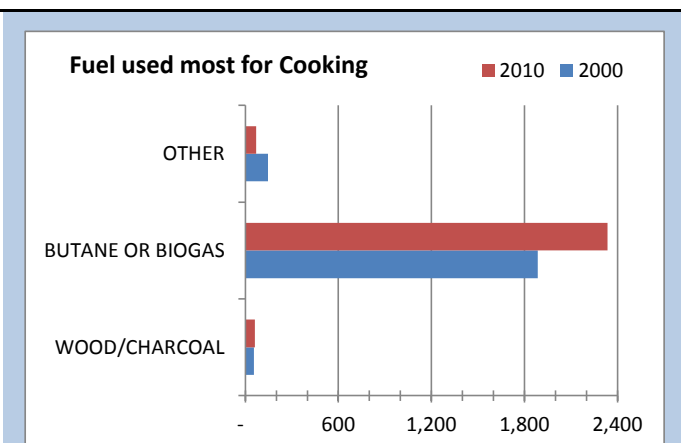
Main Source of Lighting	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	2,100	2,572		
GAS/KEROSENE LAMP	111	50	(61)	-55.0%
ELECTRICITY FROM PUBLIC SOURCE	1,950	2,424	474	24.3%
ELECTRICITY FROM A PRIVATE SOURCE	3	1	(2)	-66.7%
OTHER	36	75	39	108.3%
NONE		20	20	
NOT STATED		2		

Source: Census data, SIB.



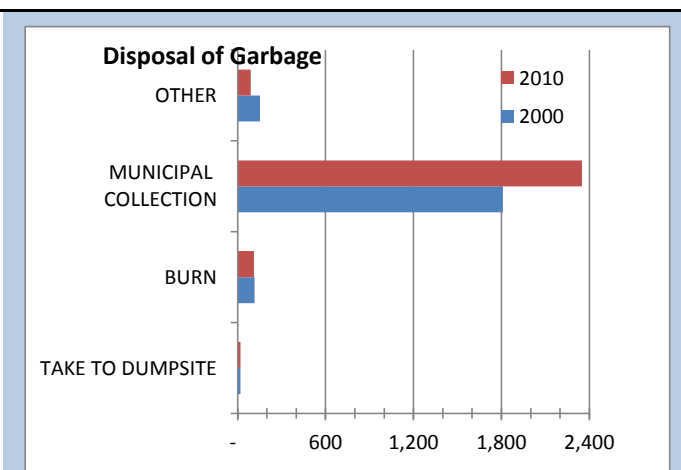
Fuel used most for Cooking	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	2,100	2,471		
WOOD/CHARCOAL	56	62	6	10.7%
BUTANE OR BIOGAS	1,885	2,336	451	23.9%
OTHER	147	70	(77)	-52.4%
NOT STATED	12	3		

Source: Census data, SIB.



Disposal of Garbage	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	2,100	2,572		
TAKE TO DUMPSITE	20	20	-	0.0%
BURN	116	111	(5)	-4.3%
MUNICIPAL COLLECTION	1,810	2,348	538	29.7%
OTHER	153	90	(63)	-41.2%
NOT STATED	1	3		

Source: Census data, SIB.



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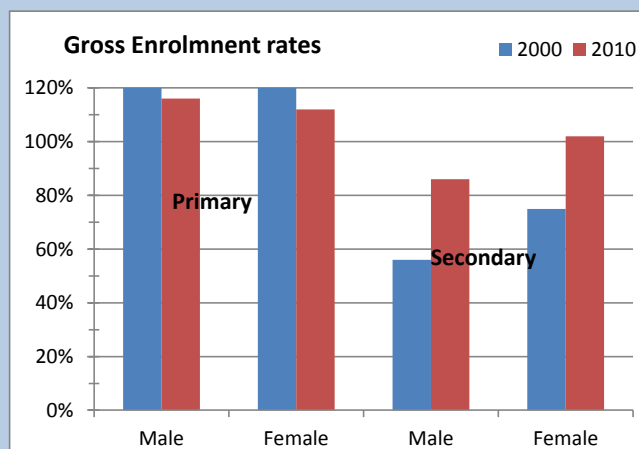
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### D. EDUCATION

Gross Enrolment Rate, Primary	2000	2010	Change
Male	121%	116%	-5%
Female	120%	112%	-8%
Gross Enrolment Rate, Secondary			
Male	56%	86%	30%
Female	75%	102%	27%

Source: Census data, SIB.

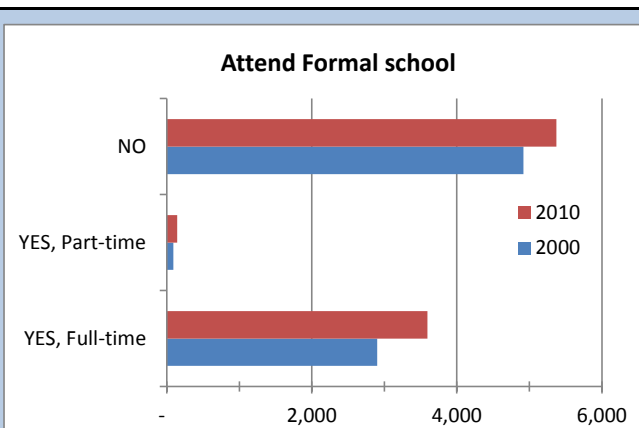
Gross Enrolment Rate (Primary) is the ratio of persons enrolled in primary school to all persons in the official primary school age (5 to 12 years).  
Gross Enrolment Rate (Secondary) is the ratio of persons enrolled in secondary school to all persons in the official secondary school age (13 to 16 years).



Attend Formal School	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Persons 2 years or older)	7,917	9,160		
YES, Full-time	2,901	3,596	695	24%
YES, Part-time	90	142	52	58%
NO	4,918	5,373	455	9%
NOT STATED	8	49		

Source: Census data, SIB.

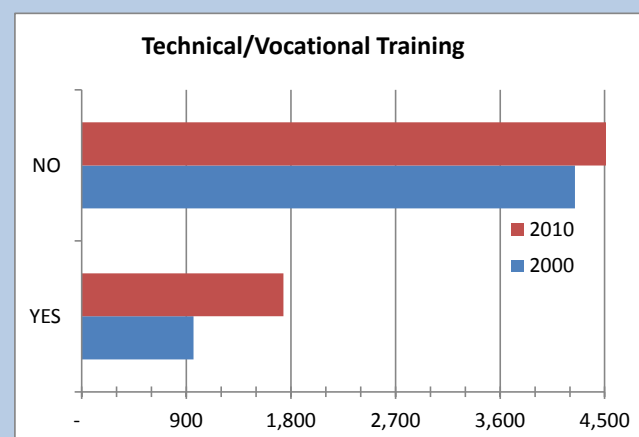
Includes all school levels.



Received any Technical/ Vocational training*	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Persons 14 years or older)	5,240	6,353		
YES	962	1,737	775	81%
NO	4,243	4,562	319	8%
NOT STATED	35	54		

\*- includes any formal job training (Census 2010)

Source: Census data, SIB.



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### E. EMPLOYMENT

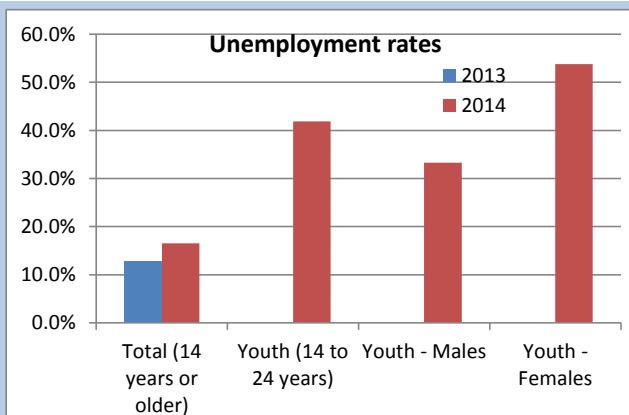
Main Labour Force Indicators (Persons 14 years or older)	April 2013	April 2014	Change	%Change
Working Age Population		6,611	-	-
Labour Force		3,993	-	-
Employed Labour Force		3,335	-	-
Unemployed Labour Force		658	-	-
Not In The Labour Force		2,618	-	-
Underemployed Labour Force		585	-	-

Source: Belize Labour Force survey, SIB [April 2013, April 2014]  
Main Labour Force indicators (April 2013) not available for Dangriga Town.  
Working Age Population includes all persons 14 years or older.

Unemployment Rates	April 2013	April 2014	Change
Total (14 years or older)	12.8%	16.5%	3.7%
Males		11.4%	-
Females		22.5%	-
Youth (14 to 24 years)		41.9%	-
Youth - Males		33.3%	-
Youth - Females		53.8%	-

Source: Belize Labour Force survey, SIB [April 2013, April 2014]

Male and Female unemployment rates, Youth unemployment rates (April 2013) not available for Dangriga Town.



### F. APPENDIX OF CENSUS TABLES (2000, 2010)

#### HOUSING & PROPERTY

Occupancy of Dwelling	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	2,100	2,572		
Own	1,122	1,533	411	36.6%
Rent/Lease	637	689	52	8.2%
Other	340	348	8	2.4%
Not Stated	1	2		

Occupancy of Land	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	1,102	1,533		
Freehold	661	1,201	540	81.7%
Leasehold	374	292	-82	-21.9%
Other	64	38	-26	-40.6%
Not Stated	3	2		

Main material of Dwelling	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	2,100	2,572		
Wood	1,199	1,089	-110	-9.2%
Concrete/Brick	713	1,149	436	61.2%
Wood and Concrete	61	38	-23	-37.7%
Plywood/Palmetto/Stucco	114	163	49	43.0%
Other	12	130	118	983.3%
Not Stated	1	3		



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Main material of roofing	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	2,100	2,572		
Sheet metal	1,935	2,233	298	15.4%
Concrete	141	305	164	116.3%
Thatch	1	1	0	0.0%
Other	22	31	9	40.9%
Not Stated	1	2		

Main material of flooring	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	2,100	2,571		
WOOD	1,357	1,339	-18	-1.3%
CEMENT/CONCRETE	722	1,199	477	66.1%
DIRT	5	2	-3	-60.0%
OTHER	9	26	17	188.9%
Not Stated	7	5		

### DEMOGRAPHICS

Population by Religious affiliation	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (All persons)	8,424	9,591		
ANGLICAN	331	404	73	22.1%
BAPTIST	190	300	110	57.9%
JEHOVAH WITNESS	114	150	36	31.6%
METHODIST	511	520	9	1.8%
NAZARENE	98	98	-	0.0%
PENTECOSTAL	203	415	212	104.4%
ROMAN CATHOLIC	6,040	6,181	141	2.3%
SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST	196	353	157	80.1%
OTHER	353	455	102	28.9%
NONE	368	680	312	84.8%
NOT STATED	20	35		

Current Union Status	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Persons 14 years and older)	5,240	6,120		
MARRIED	1,208	1,137	-71	-5.9%
COMMON-LAW-UNION	1,168	1,556	388	33.2%
VISITING PARTNER	316	920	604	191.1%
SEPARATED (NOT IN A UNION)	113	342	229	202.7%
WIDOWED (NOT IN A UNION)	226	238	12	5.3%
DIVORCED (NOT IN UNION)	20	97	77	385.0%
OTHER (NOT IN UNION)	2,183	1,793	-390	-17.9%
NOT STATED	6	37		

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MISCELLANEOUS				
Have Fixed Telephone Service	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	2,100	2,572		
YES	1,090	902	-188	-17.2%
NO	1,006	1,670	664	66.0%
NOT STATED	4			

Ownership of Private Motor vehicle	2000	2010	Change	%Change
Total (Households)	2,100	2,567		
YES	448	724	276	61.6%
NO	1,641	1,843	202	12.3%
NOT STATED	11			

## Municipality Profile, Dangriga Town

### II. Scorecard of selected MDG Indicators

MDG Indicator	Description	Actual 2000	Actual 2010	Target 2015	CHARTS	NOTES
<b>1.5</b>	Employment to Working Age Population ratio	0.47	0.46		<p><b>MDG 1.5</b></p> <p>0.47 (2000) to 0.46 (2010)</p>	<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>
<b>1.7</b>	Proportion of own-account and contributing Family workers to Total Employment	21%	21%		<p><b>MDG 1.7</b></p> <p>21% (2000) to 21% (2010)</p>	<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>
<b>2.1</b>	Net Enrolment Rate in Primary education	97.9%	103.1%		<p><b>MDG 2.1</b></p> <p>97.9% (2004) to 103.1% (2010)</p>	<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>
<b>2.3</b>	Youth Literacy rate (15-24 years)	Males 92%, Females 95%	98%, 97%	100%, 100%	<p><b>MDG 2.3</b></p> <p>2000: Males 92%, Females 95%; 2010: Males 98%, Females 97%; Target 100%</p>	<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>
<b>3.1</b>	Ratio of boys to girls enrolled in Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary education	2004: 1.07 (Primary), 0.84 (Secondary), 0.39 (Tertiary*)	2010: 1.13 (Primary), 0.74 (Secondary), 0.50 (Tertiary*)	2015: 1.00 (Primary), 1.00 (Secondary), 1.00 (Tertiary*)	<p><b>MDG 3.1</b></p> <p>2004: Primary 1.07, Secondary 0.84, Tertiary* 0.39; 2010: Primary 1.13, Secondary 0.74, Tertiary* 0.50</p>	<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. 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>
<b>3.2</b>	Proportion of women in wage employment in the non-Agricultural sectors	31%	32%		<p><b>MDG 3.2</b></p> <p>31% (2000) to 32% (2010)</p>	<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>

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
<b>7.8</b>	Proportion of population using an improved drinking water source	90%	76%	100%	<p><b>MDG 7.8</b></p> <p>90% 76%</p> <p>2000 2010</p>	<p>Source: Census data, SIB.</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>
<b>7.9</b>	Proportion of population using an improved sanitation facility	82%	90%	100%	<p><b>MDG 7.9</b></p> <p>82% 90%</p> <p>2000 2010</p>	<p>Source: Census data, SIB.</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>
<b>8.14</b>	Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	12.9	9.4		<p><b>MDG 8.14</b></p> <p>12.9 9.4</p> <p>2000 2010</p>	<p>Source: Census data, SIB.</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>
<b>8.16</b>	Internet users per 100 inhabitants	-	29.8			<p>Source: Census data, SIB.</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>