



## Population Counts (Provisional)

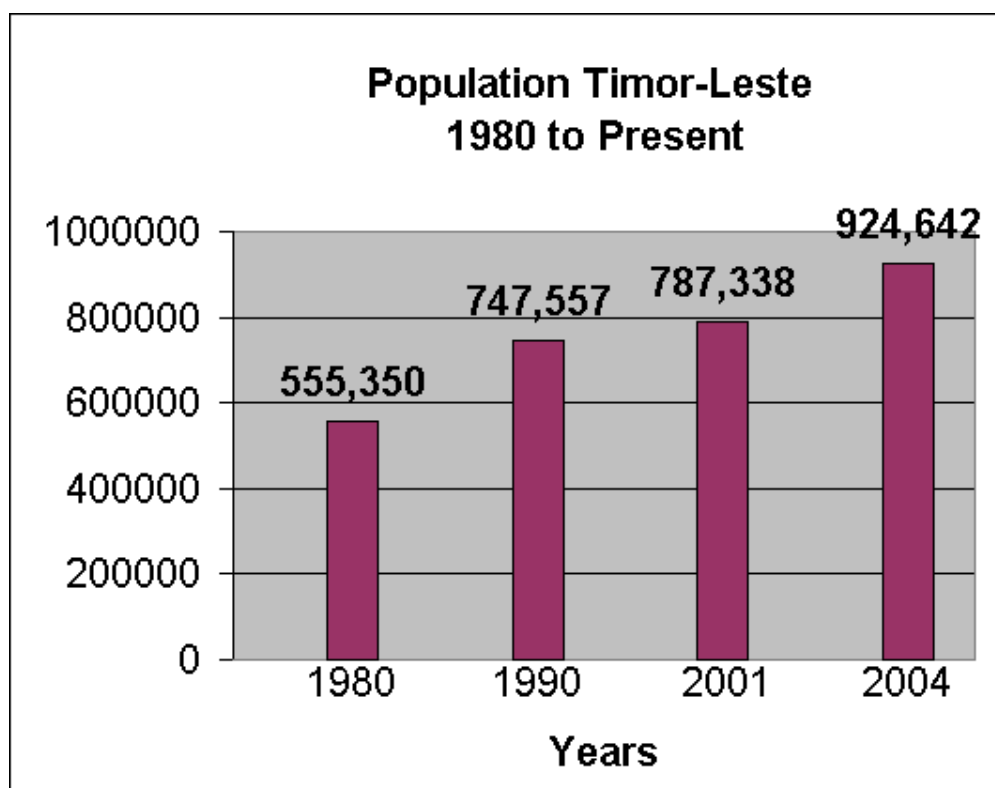
Census Timor-Leste 2004

*The information in this bulletin is based on the census usually resident population count on census day and also includes visitors.*

### Introduction

On July 11th, 2004, the first census of Timor-Leste as a new nation was taken. This bulletin contains a summary of key information available from the provisional counts and makes comparisons with counts from the 2001 Suco Survey totals as appropriate.

The chart below compares the 2004 population count with population estimates from the 2001 Suco Survey together with official population figures from the 1990 and 1980 censuses of Timor Timur taken under Indonesian administration.



This is the first of a series of Bulletins designed to disseminate key findings from the 2004 Census of Population and Housing. More information is available. Please see details on back page.



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### Population Counts by District

District	Number of Households	Population		Totals 2004 Census	2001 Suco Survey	Percent Difference +/-
		Male	Female			
Aileu	8,177	19,049	17,840	36,889	31,826	15.9
Ainaro	12,128	26,964	26,665	53,629	45,092	18.9
Baucau	23,815	52,483	52,088	104,571	101,517	3.0
Bobonaro	18,575	40,955	41,430	82,385	69,932	17.8
Covalima	10,546	28,018	27,923	55,941	49,234	13.6
Dili	30,400	88,373	79,404	167,777	120,474	39.3
Ermera	21,028	51,960	51,209	103,169	88,415	16.7
Lautem	13,382	28,174	29,279	57,453	53,466	7.5
Liquica	11,099	27,786	27,272	55,058	45,575	20.8
Manufahi	8,704	22,564	21,671	44,235	38,616	14.6
Manatuto	8,797	19,363	19,217	38,580	35,445	8.8
Oecussi	13,016	29,119	29,402	58,521	45,042	29.9
Viqueque	15,276	32,949	33,485	66,434	62,704	5.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>194,943</b>	<b>467,757</b>	<b>456,885</b>	<b>924,642</b>	<b>787,338</b>	<b>17.4</b>

\* The overall increase in population for Timor-Leste since the 2001 Suco Survey is 137,304 persons or 17.4 percent.

\* Dili has grown by 47,303 persons since 2001, which is equal to a huge 39.3 percent increase in population.

\* Districts to the West have recorded strong population growth since 2001 while those to the East have recorded the lowest growth.

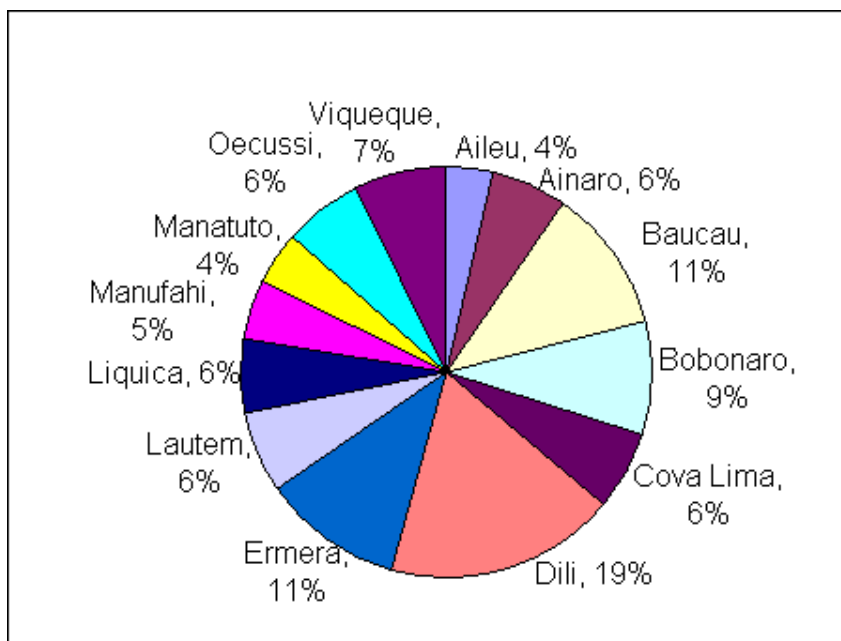
\* Border areas such as Oecussi (29.9 percent), Liquica (20.8 percent) and Bobonaro (17.8 percent) have also shown strong growth since 2001, most probably from refugees returning from West Timor.

\* The Baucau District with an increase in population of only 3,054 or 3.0 percent has recorded the smallest increase over that period.

\* Ermera with 103,169 people is challenging Baucau with 104,571 people as the second most populated district.

All statistics in this Bulletin are from the provisional population count from the 2004 Census. Final figures from the computer processing may vary from those shown within.

### Percentage Population by District



\* Dili has now grown to 19 percent of the population (16 percent in 2001), at the expense of Baucau, Viqueque and Manatuto which have all dropped.

### Male and Female Ratio

In 2001, the Male population was estimated at 398,403 while Females were estimated at 388,935 giving a ratio of Males to Females of 50.6 to 49.4 percent. In 2004 the number of Males was recorded at 467,757 and Females at 456,885 leaving the ratio unchanged. In Dili, the Male population was recorded at 88,373 while the Female population was 79,404, giving a percentage ratio of 52.7 to 47.3. The Districts of Lautem, Bobonaro, Oecussi and Viqueque all recorded more Females than Males.

### Households

The Census covers both population and housing and so records all habitable dwellings which are empty as well as those from which interviews were carried out. Dwellings that are destroyed and not habitable of which there are many, are not counted. The total number of households recorded in the census was 194,943 representing a growth of 16.4 percent over the 167,435 recorded in the 2001 Suco Survey.



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### Mapping and GPS

The Global Positioning System (GPS) was used extensively in the 2004 Census to record the location of each household. This meant it could be used as a checking tool to ensure that all areas of Timor-Leste were covered and as a means of publishing geographical data on the census.



\* Liquica District is made up of a small coastal plain with mountainous areas inland. The map alongside shows a sample of GPS records for houses in the Liquica District. It can be seen that interviewer coverage, especially in the mountain areas is complete.

\* Census maps used by interviewers were based on digitised aerial photographic maps of Timor-Leste taken by the Australian Defence Forces in 2001 and made available to Census by the Department of Justice - Lands and Property Office.

### For more information on the 2004 Census

The National Statistics Directorate has collected a considerable amount of information from the 2004 Census. This will be made available in other publications, on Cd and in other formats towards the end of the year. Census information is a resource available to Government, District Administrations, Suco Administrations, International Agencies, NGO's, businesses, communities and the public of Timor-Leste. Topics include:

age  
sex  
birthplace  
mother tongue  
languages

marital status  
religion  
occupation  
livestock owned  
crops grown

**Census website : <http://dne.mopf.gov.tp>**

Information from the 2004 Census is available on the census website above. You can access this information free. Some mapping information from the census is also available directly via this source