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# Press release

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Coinciding with the international observance of World Population Day, the Department of Statistics (STAT) has announced main results of its 2014 Household Listing Survey (HLS).

The survey aimed to acquire a full enumeration of households and their individual members, in order to collect updated information on the population size and basic demographic structure of Sint Maarten.

After roughly 11 weeks of data-collection which ended mid-April 2014 and spanned across the entire Dutch side of the island; STAT has counted a total of 37,224 usual residents (*residing 12 months or more*) and apr. 14,000 households.

The ensuing tables provide a breakdown of the population numbers and composition as well as a comparison with the age-sex distribution between the Household Listing 2014 and Population Census in 2011.

St. Maarten Population Number		HLS 2014	Census 2011
<b>Total Number of Households (HHs)</b>		<b>14,021</b>	<b>12,854</b>
Average Person per HHs		2.38	2.6
Total Population		38,492	
<b>% of Population &gt;12 months (Usual Residents)</b>		<b>37,224</b>	<b>33,609</b>

### HLS 2014

Age	Male	Female	Total
0-4	1,254	1,196	2,450
5-9	1,365	1,279	2,644
10-14	1,400	1,326	2,726
15-19	1,329	1,246	2,575
20-24	1,034	1,090	2,123
25-29	1,190	1,303	2,493
30-34	1,338	1,555	2,893
35-39	1,439	1,709	3,148
40-44	1,541	1,748	3,289
45-49	1,670	1,681	3,351
50-54	1,475	1,546	3,021
55-59	1,161	1,215	2,376
60-64	931	948	1,879
65-69	565	558	1,123
70-74	273	279	552
75-79	149	149	299
80-84	47	88	135
85-89	21	54	75
90-94	9	35	44
95+	8	19	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,201</b>	<b>19,023</b>	<b>37,224</b>

AGE	HLS 2014			CENSUS 2011			Difference
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	
0-4	3.40%	3.20%	<b>6.60%</b>	3.40%	3.60%	<b>7.00%</b>	-0.40%
5-9	3.70%	3.40%	<b>7.10%</b>	3.50%	4.00%	<b>7.50%</b>	-0.40%
10-14	3.80%	3.60%	<b>7.40%</b>	3.70%	3.90%	<b>7.60%</b>	-0.20%
15-19	3.60%	3.30%	<b>6.90%</b>	3.40%	3.50%	<b>6.90%</b>	0.00%
20-24	2.80%	2.90%	<b>5.70%</b>	2.90%	3.00%	<b>5.90%</b>	-0.20%
25-29	3.20%	3.50%	<b>6.70%</b>	2.90%	3.60%	<b>6.50%</b>	0.20%
30-34	3.60%	4.20%	<b>7.80%</b>	3.40%	4.00%	<b>7.40%</b>	0.40%
35-39	3.90%	4.60%	<b>8.50%</b>	3.90%	4.80%	<b>8.70%</b>	-0.20%
40-44	4.10%	4.70%	<b>8.80%</b>	4.40%	5.00%	<b>9.40%</b>	-0.60%
45-49	4.50%	4.50%	<b>9.00%</b>	4.20%	4.80%	<b>9.00%</b>	0.00%
50-54	4.00%	4.20%	<b>8.20%</b>	3.60%	4.10%	<b>7.70%</b>	0.50%
55-59	3.10%	3.30%	<b>6.40%</b>	3.10%	3.30%	<b>6.40%</b>	0.00%
60-64	2.50%	2.50%	<b>5.00%</b>	2.20%	2.30%	<b>4.50%</b>	0.50%
65-69	1.50%	1.50%	<b>3.00%</b>	1.30%	1.20%	<b>2.50%</b>	0.50%
70-74	0.70%	0.70%	<b>1.40%</b>	0.70%	0.60%	<b>1.30%</b>	0.10%
75-79	0.40%	0.40%	<b>0.80%</b>	0.30%	0.40%	<b>0.70%</b>	0.10%
80-84	0.10%	0.20%	<b>0.30%</b>	0.10%	0.20%	<b>0.30%</b>	0.00%
85-89	0.10%	0.10%	<b>0.20%</b>	0.10%	0.20%	<b>0.30%</b>	-0.10%
90-94	0.00%	0.10%	<b>0.10%</b>	0.00%	0.10%	<b>0.10%</b>	0.00%
95+	0.00%	0.10%	<b>0.10%</b>	0.00%	0.00%	<b>0.00%</b>	0.10%
No Answer				0.20%	0.30%	<b>0.50%</b>	-0.50%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48.90%</b>	<b>51.10%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>47.20%</b>	<b>52.80%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	0.00%

The Household Listing results, served also to validate STAT's population figures coming out of the 2011 Population Census; where at the time, concerns were raised about the large gap (apr. 21,000 persons) between STAT's count of persons found to be resident on the island versus the registered population at Civil Registry Department (CRD).

The 2014 Household Listing figures show an increase of the St. Maarten population by just over 3,600 persons in the last 3 years since the Census; other highlights include a very similar trend in the relative distribution of the various age groups/sex between both exercises, and a continued aging trend of the population. (*see Annex 1*)

Noteworthy also, is the general perception of a much higher population number on St. Maarten. One key contributing factor to this view, is the buoyant tourism industry on the island. According to visitor arrival statistics for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2014, St. Maarten received on average 9,900 tourists per day. If this number is added to the resident population, and taking the relatively small size of our island into account, it is clear

why the perceived population is more in the range of 47,000 persons and above.

Notwithstanding, based on its HLS findings, STAT will continue its work in the upcoming period and make adjustments to previously released 'Population Estimates' for the period between the 2001 and 2011 Censuses. STAT will also cooperate with the CRD, for a comparative analysis between our population levels, as that department furthers its efforts in updating the population registry.

The general public is informed that official 2011 Census information is being released via a digital publication and can be accessed at [www.stat.gov.sx](http://www.stat.gov.sx)

# Annex 1.

## Total Population by age and sex, 2014 & 2011

