

### **Cayman Islands Population and Housing Census 2021 Update.**

Members of this honourable house, as you are aware, The Census Office began the Population and Housing Census 2021 in October, and I trust that all honourable members of this Parliament have already been enumerated or are making arrangements to do so very soon.

Fellow members, it's incumbent upon me to update this Parliament on where we are.

Firstly, the census is fully complete only when all residents of these Islands are counted. Approximately 650 persons were invited to join the census team, 451 persons answered the call to count the population in the Cayman Islands.

After eight weeks of enumeration and despite the numerous challenges, including the community spread of Covid-19, we can now see the lights at the end of the tunnel. After eight weeks, 95.3 percent of households were visited and counted for a non-institutional population of 63,187 persons to date. We have just about 5 percent remaining, and enumeration will continue until we obtain 100%.

	<b>Population</b>	<b>Total Households</b>	<b>Visited Households</b>	<b>Households Visited / Total Household %</b>
Total	63,187	40,173	38,266	95.3
George Town	30,773	19,843	18,606	93.8
West Bay	13,616	8,622	8,312	96.4
Bodden Town	13,335	6,800	6,550	96.3
North Side	1,663	1,447	1,373	94.9
East End	1,569	1,184	1,148	97.0
Sister Islands	2,231	2,277	2,277	100.0
Cayman Brac	2,084	1,828	1,828	100.0
Little Cayman	147	449	449	100.0

Honourable Members of this Parliament, we join a public appeal for all residents of these Islands to participate in the census exercise. This is an excellent opportunity for us to collect this data and implement policies and programmes geared to enhance the lives of Caymanians and residents of these blessed Islands.

Members, please join me to thank all the Census Workers for their tenacity, professionalism, endurance, and the residents of these Islands for sharing their stories and data with the census workers to make a better Cayman.