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## POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS REPORT

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## Introduction

A census is the largest statistical data collection project carried out by the Statistical Office. The Population and Housing Census is designed to give a comprehensive count of the country's population, its housing stock, demographic profile and the socio-economic characteristics of its people.

Population and Housing Censuses have been conducted in St. Vincent and the Grenadines since 1871; but, the first modern census was undertaken in 1945. Since then, censuses have been undertaken virtually every ten years: 1960, 1970, 1980, 1991 and 2001. This decennial census of Population and Housing, in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, was launched on June 12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ 2012, in accordance with the Census and Statistics Act, No. 24 (1983). This report highlights the main findings of the 2012 Population and Housing Census.

## Technical Note to Data Users

During the undertaking of a census, interviewers are dependent on a household respondent to provide the correct information and data in response to questions asked on the census questionnaire. Also, household members often respond to the census on behalf of other persons who live in the same household, but who are unavailable, or are difficult to reach during the data collection period. While every effort is made to ensure that a questionnaire is filled in for everyone, this is not always possible; since, at the time of the census, persons may be unavailable for a number of reasons, including refusal to participate. In these cases, the cooperation of relatives and neighbours is sought to ensure that these persons are accounted for in the census.

The Statistical Office strives, at all times, to deliver high quality census data that are both accurate and reliable. To achieve this, the census data undergoes considerable checks and edits
during the collection, processing and analysis periods, to ensure that the best quality data is disseminated.

## Concepts and Definitions

Some basic definitions and terminologies used in the census are presented below:

## Population

The term, as used in most of the tables in this report, refers to the household or non-institutional population, residing in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. This includes persons who were temporarily overseas on June $12^{\text {th }} 2012$, for business, vacation, educational, medical or other purposes. However, this excludes persons who were in prisons, hospitals (extended stay), home for the aged, etc.

## Institutional Population

This comprises persons who are non-members of dwellings such as correctional and penal facilities, hospices, hospitals, youth detention centres, children's homes and senior citizens' homes.

## Household Population

This includes usual residents in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, residents temporarily abroad for study or other reasons, non-Vincentian workers and other civilian residents.

## Usual Resident

This is a person who has lived in a household, in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, for a period lasting 6 months or more, prior to the census.

## Resident Population

This includes the non/institutional population. Visitors to St. Vincent and the Grenadines are excluded.

## Total Population

This refers to the country's de jure and de facto population; that is, the total number of usual residents in the country (de jure population), as well as all persons present in the country (de facto population), during the enumeration period. The total population in this report refers to the de jure population, which includes:
(a) Persons living in private dwellings (households),
(b) Persons living in non-private dwellings, group dwellings and institutions,
(c) Persons with no fixed abode (e.g. homeless),
(d) Persons at work (e.g. Vincentian workers on cruise ships), on vacation, at school,
(e) Persons seeking medical treatment outside of St. Vincent and the Grenadines for less than 6 months.

## Homeless Population

The homeless population consists of those who have no fixed abode. While these persons were counted on census night, they are excluded from the analysis.

## Household

This refers to a person or group of persons (whether related or not) living together, most nights of the week and sharing at least one meal. A household could therefore consist of a group of unrelated persons. A servant, who sleeps in the same dwelling unit as his/her employer, i.e. does not have separate quarters equipped with cooking and sleeping facilities, etc., is included as a member of the employer's household. As well, a boarder or
lodger, i.e. a person who sleeps and/or eats in the dwelling and takes meals with the household, is considered a member of the household.

## Single-parent Household

This consists of an adult male or female living with one or more of his/her children.

## Household Head

The household head is a man or woman, who is acknowledged as such by the other members. In the case of a group of unrelated persons sharing a dwelling on an equal basis, the person whom the others acknowledge as the head is accepted as such.

## Dwelling Unit

This is a discrete building, which is used, or intended to be used, for living purposes. It must have its own separate access to the street or common landing or staircase, and, its own cooking, living, sleeping and sanitary facilities.

## Census Night

This refers to June 12, 2012. This being the day on which the survey to determine the physical population, of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, was carried out.

## Economically Active Population

This term refers to the body of persons, typically between the ages of 16 and 64 years, who furnish the supply of labour for the production of economic goods and services. The term labour force is used interchangeably with economically active population; however, labour force refers only to persons, aged 16 years and older, who were either employed or seeking work during the week preceding Census Night, June 4 - 11, 2012. Hence, the labour force
is a combination of two groups: those who were employed (the working population), and those who were seeking work (the unemployed population).

## Employment

Persons were labelled as Employed if they stated that they mostly worked during the short reference period. The question used to determine if a person should have been counted as employed was: 'What did you do most during the past week? For example, did you work, look for a job, keep house or carry on some other activity?' The following categories are included in relation to employment:
(a) Persons doing unpaid work in family firm or business,
(b) Persons who are employed, but temporarily absent from work,
(c) Persons who are seasonal or occasional workers,
(d) Persons who are apprentices and trainees.

## Unemployment

Persons were labelled as Unemployed, if during the reference week, they were without work, wanted to work and were available for work, but failed to secure a job. This includes those who actively looked for work, as well as those who did nothing about finding a job, because they knew none were available.

## Methodology

For the purpose of the 2012 census, the country was divided into 13 geographic units, called Census Divisions (CD). There were 11 CDs on the mainland and 2 in the Grenadines. The CDs were further sub-divided into 333 smaller groupings called Enumeration Districts (ED). The size of each ED was designed to ensure manageable and equitable distribution of the workload to the enumerators and supervisors. In general, the aim was to limit the size of each ED to 150 households, with allowances for some variation due to the varying sizes of the different CDs.

## Questionnaire Design and Data Collection Approach

The census questionnaire was developed through consultations with stakeholders in the public and private sectors, as well as Non-Government Organizations (NGOs). It was designed in accordance with the United Nations' guidelines for the conduct of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses. The questionnaire contained 89 questions, 39 of which focused on the household and its accommodation, with the remaining 50 related to the individuals within the household. The main topics covered in the questionnaire are outlined below.

## Coverage of the Census

St. Vincent and the Grenadines' 2012 Population and Housing Census counted both the country's de jure and de facto population. This means that the census sought to determine the total number and characteristics of all persons who were usual residents in the country during the enumeration period (de jure population); as well as, count all persons who were present in the country on census night (de facto population).

## Reference Periods

The 2012 Population and Housing Census used three specific reference periods. These were the week, month and year preceding the $12^{\text {th }}$ June 2012, census night.

## Main Topics Covered in the Questionnaire

The technical considerations, including the choice of topics were guided by the United Nations' guidelines for the conduct of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses. The main topics addressed on the census questionnaire were as follows:
(a) Total population, by sex and age.
(b) Economically active population by:
i. Sex and age group
ii. Industry
iii. Occupation
iv. Status in employment
v. Highest educational level
vi. Hours of work
vii. Other characteristics
(c) The age is defined in terms of age at last birthday.
(d) Total number of months worked (by employed persons) during the reference year; and, number of hours worked during the reference week.
(e) Income and means of transport used to travel to work.

## Classifications Used

Employed persons and unemployed persons previously employed are classified by industry, occupation and status in employment.
(a) Industry

Based on the question 'What type of business is/was carried on at your workplace?', for coding industry, 17 groups of the national classification were used. Links to the ISIC-rev. 3 have been established to the tabulation category (1-digit) level.

## (b) Occupation

Based on the question 'What sort of work did you/do you do in your main occupation?', for coding occupation, 10 groups of the national classification were used. Links to the ISCO-88 have been established to the major group (1-digit) level.
(c) Status in Employment

Based on the question 'Did you carry on your own business, work for a wage or salary or as an unpaid worker in a family business?' for coding status in employment, the following groups were used:
i. Paid employee - Government;
ii. Paid employee - Private;
iii. Paid employee - Statutory body;
iv. Unpaid family worker;
v. Own business with paid employee;
vi. Own business without paid employee;
vii. Apprentice;
viii. Don't know/Not stated.

## (d) Level of Education

Based on the question 'What is the highest formal level of education that you have attained?' for coding education level, the following groups from ISCED 1997 were used:
i. Day-care/Nursery
ii. Pre-School
iii. Infant
iv. Primary Grade/Standard (1-3 years)
v. Primary Grade/Standard (4-7 years)
vi. Secondary
vii. Pre-University/Post-Secondary/College
viii. University
ix. Other
x. None/Not Stated

## Main Differences Compared with the Previous Census

A few differences exist between previous censuses and the 2012 Census. In the 2012 Census the following were included:
(a) A module on crime was included;
(b) A module on health was included;
(c) Additional questions on the disability module;
(d) Additional questions on the training module.

## Main Findings

The 2012 Housing and Population Census, as highlighted in Table A below, recorded a total population of 109,991 (see also, Table B below). This comprised of 109,188 in private dwellings, 85 homeless and 718 across various institutions. There were 56,419 males and 53,572 females.

Table A. Total Institutional and Non-institutional Population by Sex, 2012

| Sex | Institutional Population |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Household Population | Homeless <br> Population | $\underline{\text { Prisons }}$ | Hospitals, Mental Homes \& Nursing Homes | Other Institutions or Special Living Arrangements |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 55,835 | 84 | 371 | 101 | 28 | 56,419 |
| Female | 53,353 | 1 | 12 | 186 | 20 | 53,572 |
| Total | 109,188 | 85 | 383 | 287 | 48 | 109,991 |

Table B. Total Household Population Distribution by Census Division, 2001 \& 2012

|  | 2001 |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |  | Percentage Change |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Census Division | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{\%}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 0 1}-\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ |
| 01 - Kingstown | 13,526 | 12.5 | 12,712 | 11.6 | -6.0 |
| 02 - Suburbs of Kingstown | 13,027 | 12.1 | 13,782 | 12.6 | 5.8 |
| 03 - Calliaqua | 22,345 | 20.7 | 23,908 | 21.9 | 7.0 |
| 04 - Marriaqua | 8,254 | 7.7 | 7,798 | 7.1 | -5.5 |
| 05 - Bridgetown | 6,779 | 6.3 | 6,564 | 6.0 | -3.2 |
| 06 - Colonarie | 7,490 | 6.9 | 6,849 | 6.3 | -8.6 |
| 07 - Georgetown | 6,964 | 6.5 | 7,049 | 6.5 | 1.2 |
| 08 - Sandy Bay | 2,805 | 2.6 | 2,576 | 2.4 | -8.2 |
| 09 - Layou | 6,338 | 5.9 | 6,335 | 5.8 | 0.0 |
| 10 - Barrouallie | 5,459 | 5.1 | 5,625 | 5.2 | 3.0 |
| 11 - Chateaubelair | 6,081 | 5.6 | 5,756 | 5.3 | -5.3 |
| Total Mainland | $\mathbf{9 9 , 0 6 8}$ | $\mathbf{9 1 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{9 8 , 9 5 4}$ | $\mathbf{9 0 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{- 0 . 1}$ |
| 12 - Northern Grenadines |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 - Southern Grenadines | 3,413 | 5.0 | 6,184 | 5.7 | 14.2 |
| Total Grenadines | $\mathbf{8 , 7 6 7}$ | 3.1 | $\mathbf{8 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 , 0 5 0}$ | 3.7 |
| Total |  |  | $\mathbf{9 . 4}$ | 20.8 |  |

## The 2012 Housing and Population Census at a Glance

As is apparent from the data presented in Table B above, the following observations, as it regards St. Vincent and the Grenadines' population in 2001, as compared to 2012, are evident:

- The total population increased by $0.01 \%$ in 2012 , compared to a decline of $0.2 \%$ in 2001.
- The population density increased to 732 persons per square mile. In 2001, the population density was 707 persons per square mile.
- The proportion of the total population on the mainland for 2012, in St. Vincent, was $90.6 \%$, and $9.4 \%$ in the Grenadines.
- The structure of the population changed since the 2001 census. However, the population in 2012 was still relatively young, with children (under 15) comprising $24.6 \%$ of the population.
- The population of 65 years and over increased to $9,990(9.1 \%)$ in 2012. The comparative figure in 2001 was 7,857 (7.3\%).
- The number of persons who have attained tertiary level training increased to 8.3 per cent in 2012, compared with 3.8 per cent in 2001.
- There were 36,829 households in 2012, compared with 30,518 households in 2001.
- The size of the labour force increased from 43,528, in 2001, to 52,014, in 2012.
- The unemployment rate was $21.5 \%$ in 2012, compared with $20.9 \%$ in 2001.


## Chapter 1: Population Size, Growth and Distribution

### 1.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the main findings specific to size, growth and distribution, of the population of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, for 2012. Data from the 2012 Population and Housing Census, in conjunction with data from previous censuses are included. With these data a critical analysis, regarding the trends in the population's size, growth, and general distribution, was carried out, and it is the results of this analysis that are presented herein. The analysis of trends in the size and growth of a population, over time, coupled with its distribution, is of considerable importance if the country is to plan for sustainable development. The analysis of such data also serves as an important means of identifying the areas of highest or lowest population growth; and, identifying shifts in the distribution of the population.

### 1.2 Population Size and Growth

The historical data (Table 1.1 on next page) suggest that St. Vincent and the Grenadines experienced its highest population growth during the mid 1940's to 1950's, with an average annual increase of 1,307 persons. The 1970 's was the period with the second highest growth, with an average annual increase of 1,090 persons. The population has since shown a fall in the average annual increase of persons from 1,090 between 1970 and 1980, to 88 persons between 2001 and 2012.

In 2012, the total population of St. Vincent and the Grenadines was 109,991 compared with 109,022 in 2001 and 107,598 in 1991. The census data suggest that although the population had been increasing, it had been doing so at a decreasing rate (Table 1.1 on next page).

Table 1.1. Population Size and Growth, 1871-2012

| Date of Census | Male | Female | Population | Sex Ratio | Average Annual Increase |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1871 | 16,865 | 18,823 | 35,688 | 090 | - |
| 1881 | 19,047 | 21,501 | 40,548 | 089 | 486 |
| 1891 | 18,780 | 22,274 | 41,054 | 084 | 51 |
| 02-Apr-1911 | 18,345 | 23,532 | 41,877 | 078 | 82 |
| 24-Apr-1921 | 19,155 | 25,292 | 44,447 | 076 | 257 |
| 24-Apr-1931 | 21,208 | 26,753 | 47,961 | 079 | 351 |
| 09-Apr-1946 | 27,901 | 33,746 | 61,647 | 083 | 912 |
| 07-Apr-1960 | 37,561 | 42,387 | 79,948 | 089 | 1307 |
| 07-Apr-1970 | 41,150 | 45,794 | 86,944 | 090 | 700 |
| 12-May-1980 | 47,409 | 50,436 | 97,845 | 094 | 1090 |
| 12-May-1991 | 53,977 | 53,621 | 107,598* | 101 | 887 |
| 12-Jun-2001 | 55,456 | 53,566 | 109,022* | 104 | 142 |
| 12-Jun-2012 | 56,419 | 53,572 | 109,991* | 105 | 88 |
| Note: For 1991, 2001 and 2012, the total population figures are used. |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure 1.1 below highlights the fact that though there was a steady average increase in population density between 1891 to 1960 , after this period, there have been fluctuations, beginning with a decline in the 1970s, to a marginal increase of 390 in the 1980s. However, from the 1980's to the 2012 census night, the average annual increase in population shows a downward trend.


Figure 1.1. Average Annual Population Increase from 1971 to 2012

The population's composition also shifted from a female majority to a male majority. The sex ratio gradually increased from 76 males per 100 females, in 1921 , to 105 males per 100 females, in 2012. In 1991, the proportion of males to females was virtually equal, i.e. 101 males to 100 females (Figure 1.2 below). Notably, from 1991 the average annual increase in the population started to rapidly diminish.


Figure 1.2. Sex Ratio (Males to 100 Females) in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 1871 - 2012


Figure 1.3. Population Size and Growth, 1871-2012

### 1.3 Population by Census Division

St. Vincent and the Grenadines is comprised of 13 census divisions, 11 of which are on the mainland. Those on the mainland accounted for $90.6 \%$ of the household population in 2012, compared with $91.9 \%$ in 2001. The two Grenadines census divisions accounted for $9.4 \%$ of the population in 2012, compared with $8.1 \%$ in 2001, a 1.3 percentage point increase in proportion.

The census divisions of Kingstown, Suburbs of Kingstown, Calliaqua and Marriaqua, continued to, as seen in previous years, account for the majority of the country's household population, i.e. $53.2 \%$. Sandy Bay remains the least populated census division, accounting for only $2.4 \%$ of the household population. Kingstown, Suburbs of Kingstown, Calliaqua and Marriaqua therefore continue to account for the largest proportion of the country's population, although their individual proportions changed between 2001 and 2012 (Table 1.2 on next page). The proportion of the population living in the Kingstown and Marriaqua census divisions decreased, while those of Suburbs of Kingstown and Calliaqua increased. Specifically, Kingstown and Marriaqua recorded declines of $6.0 \%$ and $5.5 \%$, respectively, while Calliaqua and Suburbs of Kingstown registered increases of $7.0 \%$ and $5.8 \%$, respectively.

Table 1.2. Total Household Population Distribution by Census Division, 2001 \& 2012

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |  | Percentage Change |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Census Division | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{\%}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{T o t a l}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{\%}}$ |
| 01 - Kingstown | 13,526 | 12.5 | 12,712 | 11.6 | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 0 1}-\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ |
| 02 - Suburbs of Kingstown | 13,027 | 12.1 | 13,782 | 12.6 | -6.0 |
| 03 - Calliaqua | 22,345 | 20.7 | 23,908 | 21.9 | 5.8 |
| 04 - Marriaqua | 8,254 | 7.7 | 7,798 | 7.1 | 7.0 |
| 05 - Bridgetown | 6,779 | 6.3 | 6,564 | 6.0 | -5.5 |
| 06 - Colonarie | 7,490 | 6.9 | 6,849 | 6.3 | -3.2 |
| 07 - Georgetown | 6,964 | 6.5 | 7,049 | 6.5 | -8.6 |
| 08 - Sandy Bay | 2,805 | 2.6 | 2,576 | 2.4 | 1.2 |
| 09 - Layou | 6,338 | 5.9 | 6,335 | 5.8 | -8.2 |
| 10 - Barrouallie | 5,459 | 5.1 | 5,625 | 5.2 | 0.0 |
| 11 - Chateaubelair | 6,081 | 5.6 | 5,756 | 5.3 | 3.0 |
| Total Mainland | $\mathbf{9 9 , 0 6 8}$ | $\mathbf{9 1 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{9 8 , 9 5 4}$ | $\mathbf{9 0 . 6}$ | -5.3 |
| 12 - Northern Grenadines | 5,413 | 5.0 |  |  | $\mathbf{- 0 . 1}$ |
| 13 - Southern Grenadines | 3,354 | 3.1 | 4,050 | 3.7 |  |
| Total Grenadines | $\mathbf{8 , 7 6 7}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 , 2 3 4}$ | $\mathbf{9 . 4}$ | 14.2 |
| Total |  |  |  |  | 20.8 |

Six census divisions experienced increases in their populations, and another six experienced decreases. The Layou census division's population remained virtually unchanged $(6,335)$ in 2012, from its 2001 population. During the 2001 and 2012 intercensal period, the Northern Grenadines saw a population increase from 5,413 in 2001, to 6,184 in 2012. Likewise, the Southern Grenadines experienced an increase in population from 3,354 in 2001 to 4,050 in 2012, a $14.7 \%$ and $20.8 \%$ change, respectively. Though, in terms of absolute numbers, the population change of these two census divisions were similar to other census divisions, the change was significant when compared with their populations in 2001. This is evidenced by the significant population percentage changes; the two largest of all 13 census divisions. This increase in population can be attributed to a renewed focus on tourism and the increased construction of luxury hotels and houses, especially in the Southern Grenadines.

### 1.4 Population Density

In 2012, the population density of St. Vincent and the Grenadines was 732 persons per square mile, with the mainland having a population density of 746 persons per square mile, the same as in 2001. The Grenadines had a population density of 620 persons per square mile, an increase of 60 persons per square mile from 2001. The census divisions of Kingstown $(6,794)$, Suburbs of Kingstown (2,158), Calliaqua (2,051), Bridgetown (912) and Marriaqua (830) continued to have the highest densities. These census divisions were the only divisions with population densities over the national average; i.e., 732 persons per square mile. The changes in population densities, among individual census divisions, were consistent with the changes in their population (Table 1.3 on next page).

The high population densities of Kingstown, with a geographic area of 1.9 square miles, and Suburbs of Kingstown ( 6.4 square miles) correlate to the high concentration of primary infrastructure in these two census divisions (Table 1.3 on next page). Such high population densities put a strain on the infrastructure; and, on social and other services. Markedly, Kingstown's population density was 9 times the national average, while the largest census divisions, Chateaubelair ( 30.9 square miles), Georgetown ( 22.2 square miles) and Barrouallie (14.2 square miles), continued to have population densities which were significantly lower than the national average. The mountainous terrain of Georgetown, Barrouallie and more so, Chateaubelair, may be a major contributing factor to their low density.

Table 1.3. Population Density by Census Division, 2001 \& 2012

| Census Division | Area (Sq. Miles) | Total Population |  | Density |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{2001}$ | $\underline{2012}$ | $\underline{2001}$ | $\underline{2012}$ |
| 01 - Kingstown | 1.9 | 13,857 | 12,909 | 7293 | 6794 |
| 02 - Suburbs of Kingstown | 6.4 | 13,782 | 13,812 | 2035 | 2158 |
| 03 - Calliaqua | 11.8 | 22,706 | 24,205 | 1924 | 2051 |
| 04 - Marriaqua | 9.4 | 8,254 | 7,798 | 878 | 830 |
| 05 - Bridgetown | 7.2 | 6,779 | 6,568 | 942 | 912 |
| 06 - Colonarie | 13.4 | 7,491 | 6,849 | 559 | 511 |
| 07 - Georgetown | 22.2 | 6,985 | 7,061 | 315 | 318 |
| 08 - Sandy Bay | 5.3 | 2,805 | 2,576 | 529 | 486 |
| 09 - Layou | 11.1 | 6,338 | 6,339 | 571 | 571 |
| 10 - Barrouallie | 14.2 | 5,463 | 5,884 | 385 | 414 |
| 11 - Chateaubelair | 30.9 | 6,081 | 5,756 | 197 | 186 |
| Total Mainland | 133.8 | 99,786 | 99,757 | 746 | 746 |
| 12 - Northern Grenadines | 9 | 5,647 | 6,184 | 627 | 687 |
| 13 - Southern Grenadines | 7.5 | 3,589 | 4,050 | 479 | 540 |
| Total Grenadines | 16.5 | 9,236 | 10,234 | 560 | 620 |
| Total <br> Note: Total Population is u | $\begin{gathered} 150.3 \\ \text { alculate Popu } \end{gathered}$ | 109,022 <br> Density. | 109,991 | 725 | 732 |

### 1.5 Population by Age Group and Sex

Table 1.4 (next page) shows that the population of children ( $0-14$ years), in 2012, was 26,295 . This sub-population accounted for $24.6 \%$ of the total population (Table 1.5 on page 20), a decrease from 2001 when it accounted for $30.7 \%$ of the population. The sub-population of youths (15-24 years) accounted for $17.1 \%$ of the population in 2012, a decrease from 2001 , when it accounted for $19.7 \%$. Combined, these two categories, i.e., $0-14$ and $15-24$, constituted the largest segment of the population, notwithstanding that their proportion of the population had decreased.

Table 1.4. Household Population by Age Group and Sex, 2012

|  | Total Household Population |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age Group | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\text { Sex Ratio }}$ |
| $0-4$ | 4,314 | 4,331 | 8,645 | 100 |
| $5-9$ | 4,308 | 4,212 | 8,520 | 102 |
| $10-14$ | 5,042 | 4,718 | 9,760 | 107 |
| $15-19$ | 5,053 | 4,859 | 9,912 | 104 |
| $20-24$ | 4,354 | 4,253 | 8,607 | 102 |
| $25-29$ | 4,228 | 4,089 | 8,317 | 103 |
| $30-34$ | 3,887 | 3,976 | 7,863 | 098 |
| $35-39$ | 3,839 | 3,714 | 7,553 | 103 |
| $40-44$ | 3,772 | 3,383 | 7,155 | 111 |
| $45-49$ | 3,861 | 3,605 | 7,466 | 107 |
| $50-54$ | 3,436 | 3,112 | 6,548 | 110 |
| $55-59$ | 2,642 | 2,389 | 5,031 | 111 |
| $60-64$ | 1,970 | 1,851 | 3,821 | 106 |
| $65-69$ | 1,457 | 1,384 | 2,841 | 105 |
| $70-74$ | 1,282 | 1,254 | 2,536 | 102 |
| $75-79$ | 964 | 1,014 | 1,978 | 095 |
| $80+$ | 1,142 | $\mathbf{5 5 , 5 5 1}$ | $\mathbf{5 3 , 6 3 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 9 , 6 3 5}$ |
| Total |  |  | 0768 | $\mathbf{1 0 4}$ |

The $25-44$ years age group was the only other sub-population to have a decrease in its proportion of the total population, from $29.1 \%$ in 2001 , to $28.3 \%$ in 2012. This decrease may have been the result of migration.


Figure 1.4. Sex Ratio (Males to 100 Females) by Age Group, 2012

The $45-64$ years and 65 and over age cohorts were the only two age cohorts to have experienced increases in their population proportions (Table 1.5 below); with the $45-64$ year cohort having experienced the largest increase, from $13.2 \%$ in 2001 to $20.9 \%$ in 2012.

Table 1.5. Percentage Distribution of Household Population by Age Group and Sex, 2001 \& 2002

|  | (2001 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Age Group | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ |
| $0-4$ | 9.6 | 9.2 | $\mathbf{9 . 4}$ | 7.8 | 8.1 | $\underline{\mathbf{T o t a l}}$ |
| $5-9$ | 10.7 | 10.9 | $\mathbf{1 0 . 8}$ | 7.8 | 7.9 | $\mathbf{7 . 9}$ |
| $10-14$ | 10.5 | 10.4 | $\mathbf{1 0 . 5}$ | 9.1 | 8.8 | $\mathbf{7 . 8}$ |
| $15-19$ | 10.6 | 10.7 | $\mathbf{1 0 . 6}$ | 9.1 | 9.1 | $\mathbf{8 . 9}$ |
| $20-24$ | 9.3 | 9.0 | $\mathbf{9 . 1}$ | 7.8 | 7.9 | $\mathbf{9 . 1}$ |
| $25-29$ | 8.1 | 7.9 | $\mathbf{8 . 0}$ | 7.6 | 7.6 | $\mathbf{7 . 9}$ |
| $30-34$ | 7.5 | 6.9 | $\mathbf{7 . 2}$ | 7.0 | 7.4 | $\mathbf{7 . 6}$ |
| $35-39$ | 7.8 | 7.4 | $\mathbf{7 . 6}$ | 6.9 | 6.9 | $\mathbf{7 . 2}$ |
| $40-44$ | 6.4 | 6.2 | $\mathbf{6 . 3}$ | 6.8 | 6.3 | $\mathbf{6 . 9}$ |
| $45-49$ | 4.5 | 4.4 | $\mathbf{4 . 5}$ | 7.0 | 6.7 | $\mathbf{6 . 6}$ |
| $50-54$ | 3.6 | 3.4 | $\mathbf{3 . 5}$ | 6.2 | 5.8 | $\mathbf{6 . 8}$ |
| $55-59$ | 2.6 | 2.6 | $\mathbf{2 . 6}$ | 4.8 | 4.5 | $\mathbf{6 . 0}$ |
| $60-64$ | 2.4 | 2.7 | $\mathbf{2 . 6}$ | 3.5 | 3.5 | $\mathbf{4 . 6}$ |
| $65-69$ | 2.3 | 2.5 | $\mathbf{2 . 4}$ | 2.6 | 2.6 | $\mathbf{3 . 5}$ |
| $70-74$ | 1.7 | 2.0 | $\mathbf{1 . 8}$ | 2.3 | 2.3 | $\mathbf{2 . 6}$ |
| $75-79$ | 1.2 | 1.7 | $\mathbf{1 . 4}$ | 1.7 | 1.9 | $\mathbf{2 . 3}$ |
| $80+$ | 1.2 | 2.1 | $\mathbf{1 . 6}$ | 2.1 | 2.8 | $\mathbf{1 . 8}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 4}$ |

These increases may have been due to reduced death rates and increased life expectancy. The changes in each age cohort's proportion of the population can be seen more clearly by analysing the population pyramids of the country over the last three censuses. Analyses of the population pyramids of the last three censuses reveal some interesting changes between 1991, 2001 and 2012.

In 1991, the pyramid (Figure 1.5 on next page) had a broad base and narrowed sharply, as age increased. This is indicative of lesser economically developed countries with high birth and
death rates and low life expectancy. However, it can be noted that the age group $0-4$ years is not the largest in terms of proportion, indicating high, but declining birth rates.


Figure 1.5. Population Pyramid of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 1991

The 2001 pyramid reveals slight changes in shape (Figure 1.6 on next page). The $20-54$ year age cohort saw an increase in its proportion of the population. The elderly population also saw an increase in its proportion, though not as large as in the $20-54$ years age cohort. This can be seen in the broadening of the middle and top section of the pyramid. In spite of these increases, the larger proportion of the population still remained under 25 years of age.


Figure 1.6. Population Pyramid of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 2001

The 2012 population pyramid (Figure 1.7 on next page) displays the most significant change in shape. The pyramid comprises a diminishing base, especially within the age groups under 10 years, indicating continued declines in the birth rates. Further up, there is an increased broadening of the middle and top of the pyramid, displaying characteristics of a middle income, developing country, with reduced or constant birth rates, reduced death rates, and increased life expectancy.


Figure 1.7. Population Pyramid of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 2012

Further analysis of the pyramids shows that the proportion of the $0-5$ years age cohort reduced from $9.4 \%$ in 2001 to $7.9 \%$ in 2012. In fact, the children sub-population ( $0-14$ years) saw a 6.1 percentage point drop in its proportion of the total population between 2001 and 2012, while the youth sub-population saw a 2.7 percentage point drop. The bulges noticed at the $10-14$ and $15-19$ years age groups, in 2012, are because of that cohort being in the $0-4$ and $5-9$ years age group 10 years earlier, in 2001, when they constituted a larger proportion of the population.

Of note, however, is that all decreases in an age groups' proportion of the total population cease at the 40 years and over age groups. This corresponds to an increase, in both population and proportion, resulting in the widening of the upper half of the 2012 pyramid. The age cohorts
between 40 and 59 years experienced an increase ( $6.4 \%$ ) in their proportion of the total population from $16.9 \%$ in 2001 to $23.3 \%$ in 2012. Each 5-year age cohort, within this age range, experienced an increase in its individual proportion, resulting in the widening of this section of the 2012 pyramid, compared to that of the 2001 pyramid. The elderly population ( 60 years and over) also increased in its proportion of the total population, from $9.8 \%$ in 2001 to $12.6 \%$ in 2012. Similar to all age cohorts, from the $40-44$ years cohort upwards, the proportion of the sexes not only increased within the individual cohorts, but also in their proportion of the total population, resulting in the widening of the upper half of the 2012 population pyramid.

### 1.6 Conclusion

The 2012 population count revealed an increase in the population over the last two censuses; however, the rate of increase between 2001 and 2012 was the lowest since 1911. Among census divisions, there were increases in the number of residents in six divisions and declines in another six, while the population of the Layou census division remained virtually unchanged. The census division of Kingstown, the main urban area, registered a decline in population and population density. However, this census division remained the most densely populated census division in the country. Moreover, the population age structure revealed evidence of increasing life expectancy and declining birth rates, a phenomenon described as population ageing.

## Chapter 2: Social and Demographic Characteristics

### 2.1 Introduction

Ethnicity, religion and place of birth, among other demographic characteristics, are often used to characterize the identity and cultural affiliation of persons in a population. Accordingly, this chapter highlights the national population and demographic trends, during the intercensal period, 2001 to 2012, in relation to the demographic characteristics, place of birth, ethnicity, religious activities and marital and union status, which impact the social fabric of Vincentian society.

### 2.2 Place of Birth

In 2012, as seen from Figure 2.1 below, of the 109,188 citizens living in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, $101,515(93.0 \%)$ were local born, a $0.1 \%$ decline compared with 2001 (Table 2.1 a-b on next page).


Figure 2.1. Total Household Population by Place of Birth and Sex, 2012

Table 2.1a. Total Population by Place of Birth and Sex, $2001 \& 2012$

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Place of Birth | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ |
|  | St. Vincent and the Grenadines | 52,145 | 51,016 | $\mathbf{1 0 3 , 1 6 1}$ | 51,545 | 49,970 |
| Abroad | 2,272 | 2,393 | $\mathbf{4 , 6 6 5}$ | 2,474 | 2,424 | $\mathbf{1 0 1 , 5 1 5}$ |
| Don't Know/Not Stated | 8 | 1 | $\mathbf{9}$ | 1,532 | 1,243 | $\mathbf{2 , 7 7 5}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{5 4 , 4 2 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 3 , 4 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 7 , 8 3 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 5 , 5 5 1}$ | $\mathbf{5 3 , 6 3 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 9 , 1 8 8}$ |

Table 2.1b. Percentage Population by Place of Birth and Sex, 2001 \& 2012

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Place of Birth | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ |
| St. Vincent and the Grenadines | 95.8 | 95.5 |  | $\mathbf{9 5 . 7}$ | 92.8 | 93.2 |
| Abroad | 4.2 | 4.5 | $\mathbf{4 . 3}$ | 4.5 | 4.5 | $\mathbf{9 3 . 0}$ |
| Don't Know/Not Stated | 0.0 | 0.0 | $\mathbf{0 . 0}$ | 2.7 | 2.3 | $\mathbf{4 . 5}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

Tables 2.1a-b further show that there were 4,898 (4.5\%) persons, compared with 4,665 (4.3\%) in 2001, who were born abroad. This increase of $5.0 \%$ demonstrates the impact of immigration in the country (Chapter 3). Further, $2.5 \%$ of the population that did not provide information related to place of birth.

### 2.2.1 Sex Ratio

The sex ratio of the local-born population, observed in 2012, was marginally higher than that of the foreign-born, 103 and 102 males, respectively, to every 100 females. In comparison with the 2001 census, the sex ratio of the local-born to that of the foreign-born population was 102 and 94 males, respectively, to every 100 females. The data revealed a minimal increase in the sex ratio of the local-born population compared to a significant decrease in that of the foreign-born population.

### 2.3 Ethnicity

An ethnic group, is a socially defined category of people who identify with each other based on common ancestral, social, cultural or national experience. ${ }^{1}$ St. Vincent and the Grenadines has a diverse ethnic population. Though the majority of the population is of African Descent, the population is also comprised of Caribs/Amerindians, who are an indigenous group to the country, along with other minority ethnic groups.

As illustrated in Figure 2.2 (below), the majority of the population classified itself as being of African Descent. This group represented $71.2 \%$ of the population, in comparison with $72.8 \%$ in 2001.


Figure 2.2. Percentage Population by Major Ethnic Group, 2012

The second largest ethnic group comprised persons of Mixed heritage, which represented $23.0 \%$ of the population; a $16.2 \%$ increase when compared with 2001 . The number of persons who

[^0]identified themselves as Indigenous People accounted for 3.0\% of the population; a $15.9 \%$ decline since 2001. Indian comprised $1.1 \%$ of the population, while all Other Ethnic Groups (Caucasian, Portuguese etc.) comprised less than $1.0 \%$.

Table 2.2. Total Household Population by Major Ethnic Group and Sex, 2001 \& 2012

| Major Ethnic Group | 2001 |  |  | 2012 |  |  | Percentage Change (2001/2012) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| African Descent | 40,423 | 38,116 | 78,539 | 40,255 | 37,509 | 77,764 | -0.4 | -1.6 | -1.0 |
| Indigenous People | 1,945 | 1,953 | 3,898 | 1,591 | 1,689 | 3,280 | -18.2 | -13.5 | -15.9 |
| White/Caucasian | 438 | 445 | 883 | 453 | 436 | 889 | 3.4 | -2.0 | 0.7 |
| East Indian/Indian | 717 | 736 | 1,453 | 595 | 604 | 1,199 | -17.0 | -17.9 | -17.5 |
| Mixed | 10,226 | 11,379 | 21,605 | 12,133 | 12,978 | 25,111 | 18.6 | 14.1 | 16.2 |
| Portuguese | 300 | 316 | 616 | 406 | 347 | 753 | 35.3 | 9.8 | 22.2 |
| Other Ethnic Group | 108 | 98 | 206 | 118 | 74 | 192 | 9.3 | -24.5 | -6.8 |
| Not Stated | 270 | 365 | 635 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -100.0 | -100.0 | -100.0 |
| All Groups | 54,427 | 53,408 | 107,835 | 55,551 | 53,637 | 109,188 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 1.3 |

A comparison of the ethnic distribution shows that there was a $1.0 \%$ decline, among persons of African Descent, between 2001 and 2012 (Table 2.2 above). Additionally, there were noted declines within the East Indian/Indian and Indigenous People groups. These groups declined by $17.5 \%$ ( 255 persons) and $15.9 \%$ ( 618 persons), respectively.

Table 2.3. Percentage Distribution of Population by Major Ethnic Group and Sex, 2001 \& 2012

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Major Ethnic Group | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ |
| African Descent | 74.3 | 71.4 | $\mathbf{7 2 . 8}$ | 72.5 | 69.9 | $\underline{\mathbf{7 1 . 2}}$ |
| Indigenous People | 3.6 | 3.7 | $\mathbf{3 . 6}$ | 2.9 | 3.1 | $\mathbf{3 . 0}$ |
| White/Caucasian | 0.8 | 0.8 | $\mathbf{0 . 8}$ | 0.8 | 0.8 | $\mathbf{0 . 8}$ |
| East Indian/Indian | 1.3 | 1.4 | $\mathbf{1 . 3}$ | 1.1 | 1.1 | $\mathbf{1 . 1}$ |
| Mixed | 18.8 | 21.3 | $\mathbf{2 0 . 0}$ | 21.8 | 24.2 | $\mathbf{2 3 . 0}$ |
| Portuguese | 0.6 | 0.6 | $\mathbf{0 . 6}$ | 0.7 | 0.6 | $\mathbf{0 . 7}$ |
| Other Ethnic Group | 0.2 | 0.2 | $\mathbf{0 . 2}$ | 0.2 | 0.1 | $\mathbf{0 . 2}$ |
| Not Stated | 0.5 | 0.7 | $\mathbf{0 . 6}$ | 0.0 | 0.0 | $\mathbf{0 . 0}$ |
| All Groups | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

### 2.3.1 Population Distribution by Census Divisions and Major Ethnic Groups

As illustrated in Tables 2.4 a (below) and 2.4 b (next page), the largest proportion of the various ethnic groups resided in the Calliaqua census division. This includes persons of African (21.8\%), White/Caucasian (36.4\%), East Indian/Indian (36.5\%), Mixed (22.0\%), and Portuguese (43.0\%) descent, respectively. Indigenous People (56.5\%), were most. Visible in the Sandy Bay and Georgetown census divisions, whilst the majority of persons who classified themselves as Other (68.0\%), were observed in the Kingstown census division.

Table 2.4a. Total Household Population by Census Division and Major Ethnic Group, 2012

| Census Division | Major Ethnic Group |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | African <br> Descent | Indigenous People | White/ Caucasian | East Indian/ Indian | Mixed | Portuguese | Other |  |
| Kingstown | 8,276 | 191 | 114 | 129 | 3,708 | 163 | 131 | 12,712 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 10,480 | 285 | 57 | 49 | 2,853 | 56 | 2 | 13,782 |
| Calliaqua | 16,920 | 348 | 324 | 438 | 5,522 | 323 | 33 | 23,908 |
| Marriaqua | 6,010 | 54 | 38 | 294 | 1,375 | 19 | 8 | 7,798 |
| Bridgetown | 5,287 | 206 | 4 | 40 | 998 | 28 | 1 | 6,564 |
| Colonaire | 5,320 | 45 | 3 | 63 | 1,369 | 49 | 0 | 6,849 |
| Georgetown | 4,239 | 866 | 9 | 73 | 1,803 | 53 | 6 | 7,049 |
| Sandy Bay | 472 | 988 | 3 | 8 | 1,101 | 4 | 0 | 2,576 |
| Layou | 5,576 | 31 | 49 | 48 | 598 | 32 | 1 | 6,335 |
| Barrouallie | 5,001 | 53 | 10 | 10 | 539 | 12 | 0 | 5,625 |
| Chateaubelair | 4,199 | 35 | 3 | 17 | 1,502 | 0 | 0 | 5,756 |
| Northern Grenadines | 2,778 | 104 | 218 | 16 | 3,047 | 12 | 9 | 6,184 |
| Southern Grenadines | 3,206 | 74 | 57 | 14 | 696 | 2 | 1 | 4,050 |
| Total | 77,764 | 3,280 | 889 | 1,199 | 25,111 | 753 | 192 | 109,188 |

Table 2.4b. Percentage Household Population by Census Division and Major Ethnic Group, 2012

| Census Division | Major Ethnic Group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | African Descent | Indigenous People | White/ Caucasian | East Indian/ Indian | Mixed | Portuguese | Other | Total |
| Kingstown | 10.6 | 5.8 | 12.8 | 10.8 | 14.8 | 21.6 | 68.2 | 11.6 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 13.5 | 8.7 | 6.4 | 4.1 | 11.4 | 7.4 | 1.0 | 12.6 |
| Calliaqua | 21.8 | 10.6 | 36.4 | 36.5 | 22.0 | 43.0 | 17.2 | 21.9 |
| Marriaqua | 7.7 | 1.6 | 4.3 | 24.5 | 5.5 | 2.5 | 4.2 | 7.1 |
| Bridgetown | 6.8 | 6.3 | 0.4 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 0.5 | 6.0 |
| Colonaire | 6.8 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 6.3 |
| Georgetown | 5.5 | 26.4 | 1.0 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 3.1 | 6.5 |
| Sandy Bay | 0.6 | 30.1 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 4.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 2.4 |
| Layou | 7.2 | 0.9 | 5.5 | 4.0 | 2.4 | 4.2 | 0.5 | 5.8 |
| Barrouallie | 6.4 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 5.2 |
| Chateaubelair | 5.4 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.3 |
| Northern Grenadines | 3.6 | 3.2 | 24.5 | 1.3 | 12.1 | 1.6 | 4.7 | 5.7 |
| Southern Grenadines | 4.1 | 2.3 | 6.4 | 1.2 | 2.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 3.7 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

A similar pattern was also observed in 2001 (Table 2.5 below). However, there were declines in the proportion of Indigenous People, who resided within the Sandy Bay census division and White/Caucasian, who resided within the Calliaqua census division, during the intercensal period (cf. Table 2.4b above).

Table 2.5. Percentage Distribution of Population by Census Division and Major Ethnic Group, 2001

| Census Division | Major Ethnic Group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | African Descent | Indigenous People | White/ Caucasian | East Indian/ Indian | Mixed | Portuguese | Other | Not Stated |  |
| Kingstown | 11.8 | 4.7 | 16.3 | 8.4 | 16.1 | 20 | 42.2 | 24.7 | 12.5 |
| Kingstown Suburb | 13.6 | 6.6 | 5 | 2.2 | 9 | 4.7 | 1.9 | 9.4 | 12.1 |
| Calliaqua | 19.6 | 8 | 42.2 | 32.2 | 24.8 | 30.5 | 18.4 | 33.4 | 20.7 |
| Marriaqua | 8.4 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 31 | 5 | 5.8 | 0.5 | 4.1 | 7.7 |
| Bridgetown | 7.6 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 4.1 | 2.8 | 5.4 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 6.3 |
| Colonarie | 7.2 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 5.5 | 7.4 | 13 | 0 | 4.4 | 6.9 |
| Georgetown | 5.6 | 20.7 | 0.5 | 5.4 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 4.4 | 1.3 | 6.5 |
| Sandy Bay | 0.5 | 42.1 | 0 | 0.4 | 3.6 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 2.6 |
| Layou | 6.9 | 0.9 | 4.4 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 5.9 |
| Barrouallie | 6.1 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 0 | 1.6 | 5.1 |
| Chateaubelair | 5.4 | 6.6 | 1.1 | 4 | 7 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 2.4 | 5.6 |
| North Grenadines | 3.8 | 3.3 | 19.7 | 3 | 9 | 2.4 | 24.3 | 10.2 | 5 |
| South Grenadines | 3.6 | 1.2 | 8 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 3.9 | 2.5 | 3.1 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

### 2.3.2 Population Distribution by Major Ethnic Group and Broad Age Group

Tables 2.6a (below) and 2.6b (next page) show that the largest proportion of the Mixed population was between $0-14$ years, i.e. $30.1 \%$, while those of African Descent were most noticeable in the age group $15-29$ years (24.7\%). In addition, the largest share of the Indigenous People and Other population was seen in the age group 30-44 years, whereas persons within the age group $45-64$ constituted the largest share of the East Indian/Indian, White/Caucasian and Portuguese populations.

Though a relatively similar trend was observed in 2001, there were notable increases and decreases (cf. Table 2.6b and Table 2.7 on next page). Of note, there were significant increases across ethnic groups among the $45-64$ years and 65 years and older age cohorts. Conversely, declines were observed within the $0-14$ years and $15-29$ years age groups. This pattern mirrors the overall population described in Chapter 1, suggesting that there were no significant differences in lifestyles among the various ethnic groups.

Table 2.6a. Total Household Population by Major Ethnic Group and Broad Age Group, 2012

|  | Broad Age Group |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Major Ethnic Group | $\underline{\mathbf{0}-\mathbf{1 4}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{1 5}-\mathbf{2 9}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{3 0}-\mathbf{4 4}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{4 5}-\mathbf{6 4}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{6 5}+}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ |
| African Descent | 18,400 | 19,225 | 16,485 | 16,577 | 7,077 | $\mathbf{7 7 , 7 6 4}$ |
| Indigenous People | 676 | 707 | 781 | 749 | 367 | 3,280 |
| White/Caucasian | 86 | 110 | 151 | 311 | 231 | 889 |
| East Indian/Indian | 111 | 175 | 246 | 449 | 218 | 1,199 |
| Mixed | 7,564 | 6,461 | 4,705 | 4,470 | 1,911 | 25,111 |
| Portuguese | 67 | 107 | 144 | 257 | 178 | 753 |
| Other Ethnic Group | 21 | 51 | 59 | 53 | 8 | 192 |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 6 , 9 2 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 , 8 3 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 , 5 7 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 , 8 6 6}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 9 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 9 , 1 8 8}$ |

Table 2.6b. Percentage Distribution of Population by Major Ethnic Group and Broad Age Group, 2012

|  | Broad Age Group |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Major Ethnic Group | $\frac{\mathbf{0}-\mathbf{1 4}}{23.7}$ | $\frac{\mathbf{1 5}-\mathbf{2 9}}{24.7}$ | $\frac{\mathbf{3 0}-\mathbf{4 4}}{21.2}$ | $\frac{\mathbf{4 5}-\mathbf{6 4}}{21.3}$ | $\frac{\mathbf{6 5}+}{9.1}$ | $\frac{\text { Total }}{\mathbf{1 0 0}}$ |
| African Descent | 20.6 | 21.6 | 23.8 | 22.8 | 11.2 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Indigenous People | 9.7 | 12.4 | 17.0 | 35.0 | 26.0 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| White/Caucasian | 9.3 | 14.6 | 20.5 | 37.4 | 18.2 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| East Indian/Indian | 30.1 | 25.7 | 18.7 | 17.8 | 7.6 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Mixed | 8.9 | 14.2 | 19.1 | 34.1 | 23.6 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Portuguese | 10.9 | 26.6 | 30.7 | 27.6 | 4.2 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Other Ethnic Group | $\mathbf{2 4 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{9 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 2.7. Percentage Distribution of Population by Major Ethnic Group and Broad Age Group, 2001

|  | Broad Age Group |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Major Ethnic Group | $\underline{\mathbf{0}-\mathbf{1 4}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{1 5}-\mathbf{2 9}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{3 0}-\mathbf{4 4}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{4 5}-\mathbf{6 4}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{6 5 +}}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ |
| African Descent | 30.2 | 28.2 | 21.6 | 12.9 | 7.1 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Indigenous People | 26.4 | 27.4 | 21.8 | 15.7 | 8.6 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| White/Caucasian | 16.8 | 19.5 | 23.8 | 25.0 | 14.9 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| East Indian/Indian | 11.5 | 16.6 | 21.9 | 25.6 | 24.4 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Mixed | 11.5 | 16.0 | 24.3 | 32.8 | 15.4 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Portuguese | 35.7 | 27.8 | 18.6 | 11.7 | 6.2 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Other Ethnic Group | 14.6 | 18.9 | 38.8 | 17.5 | 10.2 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Not Stated | 20.9 | 29.6 | 27.1 | 14.6 | 7.7 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{3 0 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

### 2.4 Religion and Denomination

Religion is an organized collection of beliefs, cultural systems, and worldviews that relate humanity to an order of existence. Sub-groups within a religion that share a common name, tradition and identity are referred to as religious denominations. ${ }^{2}$ St. Vincent and the Grenadines is affirmed as a nation founded on the belief in the supremacy of God. ${ }^{3}$ Accordingly, Christianity has been the dominant religion; and, Anglicanism the most dominant denomination.

[^1]Notwithstanding, the country is also comprised of other internationally recognised religions and denominations.

While the data on religion and denomination explain demographic trends, they also provide religious leaders with a sense of how efficacious they are at attracting and maintaining their followers. The 2012 Population and Housing Census asked the same voluntary question on religion as was asked in 2001; that is, 'What is your religion/denomination?'

### 2.4.1 Religion

Eighty-two point three per cent of the population identified itself with a Christian religious denomination in 2012. The Rastafarian religion was the second largest organisation, with $1.1 \%$ of the population identifying itself with this group. The Hindu and Muslim/Islam religions, collectively accounted for $0.2 \%$ of the population, which means that no proportional changes, among followers of these two religions, occurred between 2001 and 2012. Further, $7.5 \%$ of the population indicated that they were not affiliated with any religion or religious denomination, whereas $4.7 \%$ did not state the religion, or religious denomination, with which they were affiliated (Table 2.8 below).

Table 2.8. Percentage Distribution of Population by Religion, 2001 \& 2012

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Religion/Religious Denomination | $\frac{\text { Male }}{}$ | $\frac{\text { Female }}{}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\frac{\text { Female }}{}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ |  |  |
| Christian | 77.3 | 85.8 | $\mathbf{8 1 . 5}$ | 78.0 | 86.8 | $\mathbf{8 2 . 3}$ |  |  |
| Hindu | 0.1 | 0.1 | $\mathbf{0 . 1}$ | 0.1 | 0.1 | $\mathbf{0 . 1}$ |  |  |
| Muslim/Islam | 0.1 | 0.1 | $\mathbf{0 . 1}$ | 0.1 | 0.1 | $\mathbf{0 . 1}$ |  |  |
| Rastafarian | 2.5 | 0.4 | $\mathbf{1 . 5}$ | 1.8 | 0.3 | $\mathbf{1 . 1}$ |  |  |
| Other Religion/Religious Denomination | 5.8 | 7.2 | $\mathbf{6 . 5}$ | 4.0 | 4.6 | $\mathbf{4 . 3}$ |  |  |
| None/No Religion | 12.4 | 5.1 | $\mathbf{8 . 8}$ | 10.7 | 4.1 | $\mathbf{7 . 5}$ |  |  |
| Not Stated | 1.7 | 1.3 | $\mathbf{1 . 5}$ | 5.3 | 4.0 | $\mathbf{4 . 7}$ |  |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |  |  |

Between 2001 and 2012 there was a $2.3 \%$ increase in the followers of the Christian religion, and a $25.9 \%$ decrease for the Rastafarian religion (Table 2.9 below). In addition, there were also declines among followers of Other Religion/Denomination (33.3\%) and the None/No Religion population (14.1\%).

Table 2.9. Total Household Population and Percentage Change by Religion, 2001 \& 2012

| Religion/Religious Denomination | 2001 |  |  | 2012 |  |  | Percentage Change (2001/2012) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Christian | 42,086 | 45,821 | 87,907 | 43,327 | 46,564 | 89,891 | 3.0 | 1.6 | 2.3 |
| Hindu | 48 | 36 | 84 | 47 | 42 | 89 | -2.1 | 16.7 | 6.0 |
| Muslim/Islam | 51 | 28 | 79 | 77 | 34 | 111 | 51.0 | 21.4 | 40.5 |
| Rastafarian | 1,366 | 228 | 1,594 | 1,025 | 156 | 1,181 | -25.0 | -31.6 | -25.9 |
| Other Religion/Denomination | 3,173 | 3,834 | 7,007 | 2,200 | 2,473 | 4,673 | -30.7 | -35.5 | -33.3 |
| None/No Religion | 6,758 | 2,746 | 9,504 | 5,925 | 2,222 | 8,147 | -12.3 | -19.1 | -14.1 |
| Not Stated | 942 | 718 | 1,660 | 2,950 | 2,146 | 5,096 | 213.2 | 198.9 | 207.0 |
| Total | 54,424 | 53,411 | 107,835 | 55,551 | 53,637 | 109,188 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 1.3 |

Christianity and Other Religion had slightly more female followers, in 2012, whereas Hindu, Rastafarian and Muslim/Islam had significantly more male followers. In addition, males were also more non-responsive in indicating religious affiliation. This trend remained unchanged from 2001 (Table 2.9 above).

### 2.4.2 Christian Denominations

The Pentecostal denomination was the single largest Christian denomination in 2012, accounting for $27.6 \%$ of the population (Table 2.11 on page 36). Anglicans (13.9\%) accounted for the second largest denomination, followed by Seventh Day Adventists (11.6\%), Baptists (8.9\%), Methodists (8.7\%), Roman Catholics (6.3\%) and Evangelicals (3.8\%).

Traditionally, the predominant denominations in St. Vincent and the Grenadines were 'older' established denominations, inclusive of the Anglican, Methodist and Roman Catholic
denominations. However, the last decade (2001 - 2012) saw continuous shifts between these groups, as followers engaged in denominational switching.

Table 2.10. Total Household Population by Christian Denomination, 2012

| Religious Denomination | 2001 |  |  | 2012 |  |  | Percentage Change (2001/2012) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Anglican | 10,090 | 9,066 | 19,156 | 8,130 | 7,045 | 15,175 | -19.4 | -22.3 | -20.8 |
| Evangelical | 1,369 | 1,670 | 3,039 | 1,855 | 2,263 | 4,118 | 35.5 | 35.5 | 35.5 |
| Methodist | 5,943 | 5,774 | 11,717 | 4,984 | 4,474 | 9,458 | -16.1 | -22.5 | -19.3 |
| Pentecostal | 8,539 | 10,484 | 19,023 | 13,733 | 16,375 | 30,108 | 60.8 | 56.2 | 58.3 |
| Presbyterian/Congregational | 64 | 61 | 125 | 141 | 153 | 294 | 120.3 | 150.8 | 135.2 |
| Roman Catholic | 4,061 | 4,012 | 8,073 | 3,515 | 3,362 | 6,877 | -13.4 | -16.2 | -14.8 |
| Salvation Army | 126 | 164 | 290 | 142 | 144 | 286 | 12.7 | -12.2 | -1.4 |
| Seventh Day Adventist | 5,169 | 5,830 | 10,999 | 6,170 | 6,540 | 12,710 | 19.4 | 12.2 | 15.6 |
| Jehovah's Witness | 286 | 388 | 674 | 370 | 539 | 909 | 29.4 | 38.9 | 34.9 |
| Baptist (Spiritual) | 4,617 | 6,111 | 10,728 | 4,150 | 5,525 | 9,675 | -10.1 | -9.6 | -9.8 |
| Rastafarian | 1,366 | 228 | 1,594 | 1,025 | 156 | 1,181 | -25.0 | -31.6 | -25.9 |
| Other Religion/Religious Denominations | 5,094 | 6,159 | 11,253 | 2,461 | 2,693 | 5,154 | -51.7 | -56.3 | -54.2 |
| None/No Religion | 6,758 | 2,746 | 9,504 | 5,925 | 2,222 | 8,147 | -12.3 | -19.1 | -14.3 |
| Not Stated | 942 | 718 | 1,660 | 2,950 | 2,146 | 5,096 | 213.2 | 198.9 | 207.0 |
| Total | 54,424 | 53,411 | 107,835 | 55,551 | 53,637 | 109,188 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 1.3 |

A comparison of denominations (Table 2.10 above) reveals that the Pentecostal membership experienced the highest growth during the intercensal period (58.3\%). Concomitant with this rise in the number of Pentecostals was the diminution in the size of the Anglican (20.8\%), Methodist (19.3\%), Roman Catholic (14.8\%) and Spiritual Baptist (9.8\%) populations. There were observed increases among the Seventh Day Adventist (15.6\%), Evangelical (35.5\%), Jehovah's Witness (34.9\%) and the Presbyterian/Congregational (135.2\%) membership. These increases may be attributed to the numerous crusades, open-air meetings and initiatives held annually to attract followers.

Table 2.11. Percentage Distribution of Population by Christian Denomination, 2001 \& 2012

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Religious Denomination | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ |
| Anglican | 18.5 | 17.0 | $\mathbf{1 7 . 8}$ | 14.6 | 13.1 | $\mathbf{1 3 . 9}$ |
| Evangelical | 2.5 | 3.1 | $\mathbf{2 . 8}$ | 3.3 | 4.2 | $\mathbf{3 . 8}$ |
| Methodist | 10.9 | 10.8 | $\mathbf{1 0 . 9}$ | 9.0 | 8.3 | $\mathbf{8 . 7}$ |
| Pentecostal | 15.7 | 19.6 | $\mathbf{1 7 . 6}$ | 24.7 | 30.5 | $\mathbf{2 7 . 6}$ |
| Presbyterian/Congregational | 0.1 | 0.1 | $\mathbf{0 . 1}$ | 0.3 | 0.3 | $\mathbf{0 . 3}$ |
| Roman Catholic | 7.4 | 7.5 | $\mathbf{7 . 5}$ | 6.3 | 6.3 | $\mathbf{6 . 3}$ |
| Salvation Army | 0.2 | 0.3 | $\mathbf{0 . 3}$ | 0.3 | 0.3 | $\mathbf{0 . 3}$ |
| Seventh Day Adventist | 9.5 | 10.9 | $\mathbf{1 0 . 2}$ | 11.1 | 12.2 | $\mathbf{1 1 . 6}$ |
| Jehovah's Witness | 0.5 | 0.7 | $\mathbf{0 . 6}$ | 0.7 | 1.0 | $\mathbf{0 . 8}$ |
| Baptist (Spiritual) | 8.5 | 11.5 | $\mathbf{9 . 9}$ | 7.5 | 10.3 | $\mathbf{8 . 9}$ |
| Rastafarian | 2.5 | 0.4 | $\mathbf{1 . 5}$ | 1.8 | 0.3 | $\mathbf{1 . 9}$ |
| Other Religious Denominations | 9.4 | 11.5 | $\mathbf{1 0 . 5}$ | 4.4 | 5.0 | $\mathbf{4 . 7}$ |
| None/No Religion | 12.5 | 5.2 | $\mathbf{8 . 8}$ | 10.7 | 4.1 | $\mathbf{7 . 5}$ |
| Not Stated | 1.7 | 1.3 | $\mathbf{1 . 5}$ | 5.3 | 4.0 | $\mathbf{4 . 7}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

### 2.4.3 Population Distribution by Christian Denomination and Census Division

As shown in Table 2.12 (next page), in 2012, the largest proportion of persons residing in all census divisions, with the exception of the Chateaubelair, Bridgetown, Marriaqua and the Grenadines census divisions, indicated that they were Pentecostal. The majority of persons living in the Chateaubelair census division indicated that they were Spiritual Baptists, whereas the largest number of persons in the Bridgetown and Marriaqua census divisions indicated that they were Seventh Day Adventists. In addition, the majority of Northern and Southern Grenadines declared themselves Anglican.

Table 2.12. Percentage Distribution of Population by Census Division and Christian Denominations, 2012

| Census | Christian Denomination |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered}\text { Seventh } \\ \text { Day }\end{gathered} \begin{gathered}\text { Other } \\ \text { Christian }\end{gathered}$Adventist Denomination |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Baptist |  | Jehovah's |  |  | Presbyterian/ | Roman | Salvation |  |  |
|  | Anglican | (Spiritual | Evangelical | Witness | Methodist | Pentecostal | Congregational | Catholic | Army |  |  |
| Kingstown | 15.4 | 5.5 | 3.4 | 0.9 | 14.7 | 29.8 | 0.1 | 9.2 | 0.3 | 4.5 | 0.7 |
| Kingstown Suburb | 10.2 | 6.3 | 4.3 | 0.7 | 8.3 | 35.9 | 0.4 | 4.3 | 0.2 | 8.3 | 0.5 |
| Calliaqua | 15.7 | 6.7 | 3.0 | 1.3 | 11.4 | 27.0 | 0.2 | 7.2 | 0.4 | 11.2 | 0.3 |
| Mariaqua | 7.0 | 9.1 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 11.1 | 22.3 | 0.1 | 7.2 | 1.2 | 28.9 | 0.0 |
| Bridgetown | 8.4 | 11.6 | 2.5 | 0.7 | 4.6 | 22.6 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 22.7 | 0.1 |
| Colonarie | 8.3 | 13.1 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 4.6 | 35.3 | 0.1 | 5.9 | 0.0 | 10.4 | 0.0 |
| Georgetown | 16.3 | 13.0 | 4.9 | 0.9 | 3.5 | 30.3 | 0.4 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 6.2 | 0.3 |
| Sandy Bay | 23.4 | 10.0 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 33.7 | 0.2 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 5.7 | 0.0 |
| Layou | 11.0 | 6.7 | 2.8 | 0.7 | 10.2 | 27.0 | 0.3 | 3.6 | 0.1 | 16.7 | 0.0 |
| Barroullie | 16.3 | 8.0 | 7.7 | 0.1 | 5.3 | 25.0 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 11.0 | 0.1 |
| Chateaublair | 13.7 | 23.6 | 5.6 | 0.7 | 15.5 | 23.0 | 0.2 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 0.0 |
| North Grenadines | 22.6 | 6.7 | 9.0 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 17.5 | 0.1 | 7.0 | 0.0 | 15.4 | 0.3 |
| South Grenadines | 21.0 | 7.4 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 2.4 | 18.2 | 0.1 | 18.4 | 0.1 | 12.8 | 0.0 |
| Total | 13.9 | 8.9 | 3.8 | 0.8 | 8.7 | 27.6 | 0.3 | 6.3 | 0.3 | 11.6 | 0.3 |

Table 2.13. Percentage Distribution of Population by Census Division and Christian Denominations, 2001

| Census | Christian Denomination |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Seventh } \\ & \text { Day } \end{aligned}$ <br> Adventist | Other <br> Christian <br> Denomination |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Baptist | Jehovah's |  |  |  | Presbyterian/ <br> Congregational | Roman | Salvation |  |  |
|  | Anglican | (Spiritual) | Evangelical | Witness | Methodist | Pentecostal |  | Catholic | Army |  |  |
| Kingstown | 19.7 | 7.2 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 18.3 | 20.2 | 0.1 | 11.6 | 0.4 | 3.8 | 3.1 |
| Kingstown Suburb | 14.5 | 8,9 | 3.8 | 0.5 | 11.0 | 25.6 | 0.1 | 5.0 | 0.2 | 7.7 | 2.1 |
| Calliaqua | 18.9 | 8.6 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 14.5 | 18.4 | 0.1 | 8.2 | 0.5 | 9.4 | 4.4 |
| Marriaqua | 8.7 | 11.4 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 12.5 | 16.2 | 0.1 | 9.8 | 0.9 | 24.1 | 4.8 |
| Bridgetown | 11.8 | 17.7 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 5.1 | 10.2 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 0.1 | 20.6 | 7.4 |
| Colonarie | 11.1 | 11.0 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 7.1 | 23.5 | 0.6 | 6.9 | 0.0 | 8.5 | 3.9 |
| Georgetown | 20.9 | 16.2 | 2.4 | 0.5 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 5.3 | 4.1 |
| Sandy Bay | 32.8 | 17.8 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 13.4 | 0.0 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 2.3 |
| Layou | 11.7 | 5.9 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 11.5 | 19.7 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 15.3 | 4.4 |
| Barrouallie | 21.7 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 0.2 | 7.6 | 20.7 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 10.4 | 2.8 |
| Chateaubelair | 18.4 | 12.2 | 4.6 | 0.6 | 17.6 | 15.5 | 0.1 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 2.8 |
| North Grenadines | 30.2 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 11.4 | 0.1 | 7.8 | 0.0 | 13.6 | 2.6 |
| South Grenadines | 28.9 | 5.7 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 11.8 | 0.1 | 21.4 | 0.1 | 12.8 | 3.7 |
| Total | 17.8 | 9.9 | 2.8 | 0.6 | 10.9 | 17.6 | 0.1 | 7.5 | 0.3 | 10.2 | 3.8 |

Compared to 2001 (Table 2.13 on previous page), the largest proportion of persons residing in the Kingstown, Calliaqua, Georgetown, Sandy Bay, Barrouallie, Chateaubelair and the Grenadines census divisions were Anglicans. Those who resided in the Colonaire and Layou census divisions were mostly Pentecostal, whilst the majority of those in the Marriaqua and Bridgetown census divisions were Seventh Day Adventists.

### 2.4.4 Population Distribution by Christian Denomination and Sex

The 2012 census data show what appeared to be equal gender representation among Christian denominations. However, the Anglican, Methodist, and to a lesser extent, Roman Catholic denominations, had slightly more males in their membership, whereas, the Evangelical, Presbyterian/Congregational, Pentecostal, Salvation Army, Seventh Day Adventist and Jehovah's Witness denominations had slightly more females.

A comparison with the 2001 data reveals that a similar pattern, with respect to gender representation, was also observed in that year. That is, with the exception of the Presbyterian/Congregational and Roman Catholic denominations, which had slightly more males than females in their membership.

### 2.4.5 Population Distribution by Christian Denominations and Broad Age Group

In 2012, the largest proportions of the broad age groups $0-64$ years were members of the Pentecostal denomination, whereas the majority of those 65 years and older considered themselves Anglican (Tables 2.14a-b on next page). In contrast, in 2001, the greatest share of persons between $0-29$ years old were members of the Pentecostal denomination, while those between $30-65$ years and older were members of the Anglican denomination (cf. Table 2.13 on previous page).

Table 2.14a. Total Household Population by Christian Denomination and Broad Age Group, 2012

|  | Broad Age Groups |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Christian Denomination | $\underline{\mathbf{0}-\mathbf{1 4}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{1 5}-\mathbf{2 9}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{3 0}-\mathbf{4 4}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{4 5}-\mathbf{6 4}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{6 5}+}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ |
|  | Anglican | 2,443 | 3,012 | 3,353 | 4,176 | 2,191 | $\mathbf{\mathbf { 1 5 , 1 7 5 }}$| Baptist (Spiritual) |
| :--- |
| Evangelical |

Table 2.14b. Percentage Household Population by Christian Denomination and Broad Age group, 2012

|  | Broad Age Group |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Religious Denomination | $\underline{\mathbf{0}-\mathbf{1 4}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{1 5}-\mathbf{2 9}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{3 0}-\mathbf{4 4}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{4 5}-\mathbf{6 4}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{6 5}+}$ | $\underline{21.9}$ |
| Anglican | 9.1 | 11.2 | 14.9 | 18.3 | $\mathbf{1 3 . 9}$ |  |
| Baptist (Spiritual) | 9.5 | 8.3 | 7.5 | 8.8 | 12.1 | $\mathbf{8 . 9}$ |
| Evangelical | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | $\mathbf{3 . 8}$ |
| Jehovah's Witness | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | $\mathbf{0 . 8}$ |
| Methodist | 6.4 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 10.2 | 13.6 | $\mathbf{8 . 7}$ |
| Pentecostal | 35.4 | 30.5 | 25.6 | 21.9 | 16.1 | $\mathbf{2 7 . 6}$ |
| Presbyterian/Congregational | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | $\mathbf{0 . 3}$ |
| Roman Catholic | 4.9 | 5.5 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 7.7 | $\mathbf{6 . 3}$ |
| Salvation Army | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | $\mathbf{0 . 3}$ |
| Seventh Day Adventist | 13.4 | 12.3 | 11.7 | 9.9 | 9.1 | $\mathbf{1 1 . 6}$ |
| Other Christian Denomination | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | $\mathbf{0 . 3}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

A comparison of the data in Table 2.14b and Table 2.15 (next page), shows that there were declines in the percentage of $30-64$ year olds who were Anglican in 2001; and, increases in the percentage of persons, within this same age group, who were Pentecostal. In addition, in 2012, as was the case in 2001, the largest proportion of Anglicans fell within the 65 years and over age group.

Table 2.15. Percentage Distribution of Population by Census Division and Religious Denomination, 2001

| Religious Denomination | Broad Age Group |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0-14 | 15-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | $\underline{65+}$ |  |
| Anglican | 12.7 | 17.8 | 19.5 | 22.3 | 25.2 | 17.8 |
| Baptist (Spiritual) | 11.0 | 7.7 | 8.0 | 11.9 | 16.2 | 9.9 |
| Evangelical | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 2.8 |
| Jehovah Witness | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Methodist | 9.1 | 10.0 | 10.6 | 13.3 | 17.9 | 10.9 |
| Pentecostal | 22.9 | 18.7 | 15.3 | 12.2 | 8.3 | 17.6 |
| Presbyterian | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Roman Catholic | 6.0 | 7.3 | 9.2 | 8.9 | 6.9 | 7.5 |
| Salvation Army | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Seventh Day Adventist | 11.7 | 10.6 | 9.7 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 10.2 |
| Other Christian Denomination | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.8 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

### 2.5 Marital and Union Status

One demographic trend that reveals development and specific changes in a country's population is marital and union status, which marks the formation of the family unit within the country. This section presents data on marital and union status for adults aged 15 years and over, within St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The 2012 census data (Table 2.16 on next page) revealed that the largest proportion of the 15 years and older population was Single Never Married (54.3\%). Those that were Married (legally) constituted the second largest share of this segment of the population (38.7\%). The Crude Marriage Rate during the intercensal period was calculated at 292 marriages per 1,000 population.

Table 2.16. Population 15 Years and Older by Marital Status and Sex, 2012

| Union Status | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Single Never Married | 23,854 | 56.9 | 20,812 | 51.55 | $\mathbf{4 4 , 6 6 6}$ | $\mathbf{5 4 . 3}$ |
| Married | 15,907 | 37.9 | 15,956 | 39.52 | $\mathbf{3 1 , 8 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 8 . 7}$ |
| Divorced | 813 | 1.9 | 890 | 2.20 | $\mathbf{1 , 7 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 1}$ |
| Widowed | 752 | 1.8 | 2,213 | 5.48 | $\mathbf{2 , 9 6 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 6}$ |
| Legally Separated | 307 | 0.7 | 342 | 0.85 | $\mathbf{6 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 8}$ |
| Not Stated | 233 | 0.6 | 144 | 0.36 | $\mathbf{3 7 7}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 5}$ |
| Don't Know | 21 | 0.1 | 19 | 0.05 | $\mathbf{4 0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 1}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{4 1 , 8 8 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 , 3 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{8 2 , 2 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

The Widowed group (3.6\%), as seen from Table 2.16, represented the third largest proportion of the 15 years and over population in 2012, with females in this group tripling the number of males. This pattern is possibly as a result of the higher life expectancy for females (76.4 years). Further, the Divorced group represented $2.1 \%$ of the population. The Crude Divorce Rate during the intercensal period was 16 divorces per 1,000 population.

The groups Legally Separated and Not Stated represented 1.3\%. Zero point eight per cent of the 15 year and older population were Legally Separated, whereas $0.5 \%$ did not state a category. Additionally, less than $1 \%$ of the population did not reveal their marital status.

### 2.5.1 Union Status

The living arrangements, in 2012, appeared to be varied with respect to the union status of the population. Twenty-nine point nine per cent of the age cohort under consideration indicated that they Never had a Spouse/Partner, whereas those Married and Living with Spouse comprised $22.4 \%$ of the population. Of this latter group of persons, $21.9 \%$ were male and $22.9 \%$ female (Table 2.17 on next page). Those who were Not in a Union comprised $19.9 \%$, whilst those who dwelled together in a Common Law Union accounted for 14.1\%. In addition, those with a Visiting Partner accounted for $11.5 \%$ of the population.

Table 2.17. Population 15 Years and Older by Current Union Status and Sex, 2012

| Union Status | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\frac{\boldsymbol{\%}}{2}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Never had a Spouse/Partner | 13,660 | 32.6 | 10,958 | 27.1 | $\mathbf{2 4 , 6 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 . 9}$ |
| Married and Living with Spouse | 9,190 | 21.9 | 9,242 | 22.9 | $\mathbf{1 8 , 4 3 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 . 4}$ |
| Common Law Union | 5,752 | 13.7 | 5,872 | 14.6 | $\mathbf{1 1 , 6 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 . 1}$ |
| Visiting Partner | 4,811 | 11.5 | 4,666 | 11.6 | $\mathbf{9 , 4 7 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 . 5}$ |
| Not in a Union | 7,411 | 17.7 | 8,965 | 22.2 | $\mathbf{1 6 , 3 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 . 9}$ |
| Not Stated | 1,063 | 2.5 | 673 | 1.7 | $\mathbf{1 , 7 3 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 1}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{4 1 , 8 8 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 , 3 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{8 2 , 2 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

### 2.6 Conclusion

Overall, changes with regards to ethnicity, religion and marital status of the populace were small. The residential population, although there is evidence of decline, remained predominantly black. The number of persons of Mixed heritage, which represented less than one quarter of the population, was still the second largest ethnic group. Similarly, Christianity remained the main religion, with evidence of denominational switching. The Pentecostal denomination emerged as the largest Christian community, with nearly twice as many followers as the Anglican denomination, which was the largest Christian denomination up to the first decade of the $21^{\text {st }}$ Century. Finally, living arrangements remained diverse.

## Chapter 3: Distribution and Patterns of Migration

### 3.1 Introduction

Migration is the relatively permanent movement of people into and out of a defined geographical space. International migration refers to the relocation of residents across national borders, while internal migration is the relocation of residents within a nation, across administrative boundaries. In this report, the census division refers to the administrative boundary across which internal migration occurs.

Population change encompasses three components: net migration, births and deaths. Net migration is the difference between the number of persons coming into a country to take up residence (immigrants) and those who left the country to take up residence abroad (emigrants), within the same period of time. Net migration may bring about change to the total population of the country, causing an increase or a decrease thereto. Internal migration does not cause any change in the total population of the country, but affects the distribution of the population across administrative boundaries. In this chapter, both internal migration and international migration are examined.

### 3.2 Local-born Population Internal Migration

The local-born population in 2012 consisted of those persons born in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, who were still residents on Census Night. This local-born population amounted to 101,515 persons ( $93.0 \%$ ) of the population (Table 3.1 on next page). Of the local-born residents, 73,126 ( $72.0 \%$ ) were living in the census division of their birth; 37,807 were male and 35,319 female, with the sex ratio being 107 males to every 100 females. Thus, males were more likely than females to remain resident in their local birthplace.

Table 3.1. Local-born Population by Place of Birth, Place of Residence and Gender, 2012

| Place of Residence | Place of Birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kingstown | Suburbs of Kingstown | Calliaqua | Marriaqua | Bridgetown | Colonaric | Georgetown | Sandy Bay | Layou | Barrouallic | Chatcaubelair | Northern Grenadines | Southern Grenadines | Not Stated | Total |
| Kingstown |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 3.880 | 239 | 288 | 99 | 60 | 73 | 69 | 61 | 72 | 78 | 138 | 45 | 54 | 506 | 5.662 |
| Female | 3.578 | 283 | 345 | 144 | 82 | 118 | 85 | 69 | 115 | 94 | 177 | 89 | 62 | 496 | 5.737 |
| Total | 7.458 | 522 | 633 | 243 | 142 | 191 | 154 | 130 | 187 | 172 | 315 | 134 | 116 | 1.002 | 11.399 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 765 | 3.912 | 223 | 98 | 63 | 80 | 50 | 65 | 139 | 83 | 218 | 48 | 32 | 581 | 6.357 |
| Female | 807 | 3.741 | 253 | 132 | 73 | 93 | 49 | 75 | 194 | 90 | 245 | 66 | 51 | 639 | 6.508 |
| Total | 1.572 | 7.653 | 476 | 230 | 136 | 173 | 99 | 140 | 333 | 173 | 463 | 114 | 83 | 1.220 | 12.865 |
| Calliaqua |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Female | 984 | 262 | 6.881 | 619 | 335 | 325 | 253 | 214 | 134 | 106 | 187 | 149 | 75 | 404 | 10.928 |
| Total | 1.927 | 510 | 14.142 | 1.126 | 629 | 617 | 450 | 355 | 267 | 215 | 363 | 252 | 158 | 750 | 21.761 |
| Marriaqua |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 49 | 23 | 138 | 3.054 | 86 | 38 | 11 | 16 | 29 | 13 | 16 | 8 | 6 | 231 | 3.718 |
| Female | 46 | 38 | 164 | 2.979 | 87 | 35 | 20 | 28 | 27 | 16 | 22 | 11 | 10 | 210 | 3.693 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 22 | 15 | 75 | 98 | 2.629 | 96 | 32 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 163 | 3.196 |
| Female | 37 | 13 | 75 | 93 | 2.437 | 123 | 34 | 23 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 161 | 3.048 |
| Total | 59 | 28 | 150 | 191 | 5.066 | 219 | 66 | 37 | 36 | 25 | 21 | 11 | 11 | 324 | 6.244 |
| Colonarie |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 25 28 | 9 23 | 36 38 | 24 26 | 97 110 | 2.962 2.753 | 72 103 | 15 26 | 15 11 | 5 | 12 | 7 3 | 7 8 | 69 62 | 3.355 3.209 |
| Female Total | 28 53 | 23 32 | 38 74 | 26 50 | 110 207 | 2.753 5.715 | 103 175 | 26 41 | 11 26 | 7 12 | 11 23 | 3 10 | 8 15 | 62 131 | 3.209 6.564 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 17 | 16 | 37 | 25 | 25 | 103 | 2.241 | 258 | 9 | 2 | 15 | 4 | 6 | 697 | 3.455 |
| Female | 12 | 13 | 28 | 22 | 34 | 73 | 2.131 | 305 | 9 |  | 10 | 3 | 2 | 669 | 3.320 |
| Total | 29 | 29 | 65 | 47 | 59 | 176 | 4.372 | 563 | 18 | 11 | 25 | 7 | 8 | 1.366 | 6.775 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 10 | 18 | 18 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 1.125 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 65 | 1.290 |
| Female | 6 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 12 | 1.065 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 69 | 1.215 |
| Total | 16 | 26 | 24 | 8 | 13 | 16 | 21 | 2.190 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 14 | 8 | 134 | 2.505 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 96 107 | 100 100 | 39 36 | 29 65 | 24 17 | 21 23 | 9 18 | 11 23 | 2.329 2.047 | 59 51 | 103 112 | 14 16 | 7 12 | 182 179 | 3.023 2.806 |
| Total | 203 | 200 | 75 | 94 | 41 | 44 | 27 | 34 | 4.376 | 110 | 215 | 30 | 19 | 361 | 5.829 |
| Barrouallie |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 32 | 39 | 23 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 17 | 13 | 46 | 2.199 | 104 | 8 | 6 | 221 | 2.746 |
| Female | 41 | 25 | 26 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 66 | 1.962 | 93 | 6 | 12 | 257 | 2.550 |
| Total | 73 | 64 | 49 | 23 | 25 | 25 | 30 | 27 | 112 | 4.161 | 197 | 14 | 18 | 478 | 5.296 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 29 | 22 | 20 | 7 | 7 | 16 | 9 | 23 | 21 | 43 | 2.636 | 8 | 11 | 71 | 2.923 |
| Female | 25 | 24 | 15 | 10 | 12 | 6 | 8 | 18 | 23 | 36 | 2.368 | 8 | 7 | 58 | 2.618 |
| Total | 54 | 46 | 35 | 17 | 19 | 22 | 17 | 41 | 44 | 79 | 5.004 | 16 | 18 | 129 | 5.541 |
| Northern Grenadines |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Female | 25 | 6 | 13 | 5 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 31 | 4 | 1 | 22 | 2.339 | 13 | 200 | 2.695 |
| Total | 50 | 19 | 61 | 24 | 34 | 35 | 19 | 91 | 10 | 20 | 39 | 4.843 | 28 | 504 | 5.777 |
| Southern Grenadines |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 77 | 45 | 71 | 62 | 52 | 53 | 64 | 60 | 30 | 46 | 104 | 31 | 1.075 | 132 | 1.902 |
| Female | 39 | 53 | 31 | 45 | 27 | 36 | 23 | 48 | 23 | 33 | 95 | 23 | 1.038 | 132 | 1.646 |
| Total | 116 | 98 | 102 | 107 | 79 | 89 | 87 | 108 | 53 | 79 | 199 | 54 | 2.113 | 264 | 3.548 |
| Total | 11.705 | 9.288 | 16.188 | 8.193 | 6.623 | 7.395 | 5.548 | 3.801 | 5.529 | 5.099 | 6.913 | 5.518 | 2.611 | 7.104 | 101.515 |

In each of the 13 census divisions in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, most of the local-born population remained resident in the census division of their birth. The census divisions with the highest retention rates were the Chateaubelair (90.3\%), Sandy Bay (87.4\%), Colonarie (87.1\%) and the Northern Grenadines ( $83.8 \%$ ). The retention rates of the other census divisions ranged from $81.4 \%$ in the Marriaqua census division to $59.5 \%$ in the Suburbs of Kingstown.

Much of the movement of local-born persons into a census division, which were not their birthplaces, occurred in urban areas. The census divisions of Calliaqua, Suburbs of Kingstown, and Kingstown received the most in-migrants; i.e., $7,619,5,212$ and 3,941 persons, respectively. The fewest in-migrants settled in Sandy Bay (315 persons), Chateaubelair (537 persons), and Colonarie (849 persons).

The people born in the census divisions of the Suburbs of Kingstown and the Southern Grenadines were most likely to relocate, while those born in the Chateaubelair, Sandy Bay and Colonarie Census Divisions, were least likely to do so. The highest levels of out-migration occurred in the Kingstown (4,247 persons), Marriaqua (2,160 persons), and Calliaqua (2,046 persons) census divisions. The census divisions that lost the fewest residents were the Southern Grenadines (498 persons), the Northern Grenadines (675 persons), and Barrouallie (938 persons).

### 3.3 Foreign-born Population

The foreign-born population comprises persons born outside of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, who became citizens by the time of the 2012 census. This group includes:
(a) Persons born abroad, whose parents are Vincentians.
(b) Persons born abroad, who obtained citizenship, other than via Vincentian parentage.
(c) Residents who are not Vincentian citizens, whether or not they are legally resident in the State.

No distinction was made, on census night, between foreign-born persons who were legally residing and those who may have been illegally residing in the State. A total of 4,898 persons were foreign-born. This represents $4.5 \%$ of the 2012 population of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Table 3.2 Foreign-born Population by Age Group, Sex and Sex Ratio, 2012

| Age Group | Count |  |  | Percentage |  |  | Sex Ratio |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |  |
| 0-4 | 239 | 194 | 433 | 9.7 | 8.0 | 8.8 | 123 |
| 5-9 | 257 | 215 | 472 | 10.4 | 8.9 | 9.6 | 120 |
| 10-14 | 189 | 181 | 370 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 104 |
| 15-19 | 134 | 129 | 263 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 104 |
| 20-24 | 161 | 144 | 305 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 6.2 | 112 |
| 25-29 | 239 | 214 | 453 | 9.7 | 8.8 | 9.3 | 112 |
| 30-34 | 158 | 175 | 333 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 90 |
| 35-39 | 151 | 163 | 314 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 6.4 | 93 |
| 40-44 | 163 | 158 | 321 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.5 | 103 |
| 45-49 | 168 | 180 | 348 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 93 |
| 50-54 | 158 | 171 | 329 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 6.7 | 92 |
| 55-59 | 138 | 149 | 287 | 5.6 | 6.2 | 5.9 | 93 |
| 60-64 | 132 | 131 | 263 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 101 |
| 65+ | 187 | 220 | 407 | 7.6 | 9.1 | 8.3 | 85 |
| Total | 2,474 | 2,424 | 4,898 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 102 |

### 3.3.1 Age Group and Sex of Foreign-born Population

Table 3.2 above shows that the foreign-born population was represented across all age groups in 2012. Children in the combined $0-14$ years age group accounted for $26.0 \%$ of this population and youths, $15-24$ years old, accounted for $11.6 \%$. The working age population of $15-64$ years was $65.7 \%$. Eight point three per cent of the foreign born persons were 65 years and over.

Table 3.2 further shows that, overall, males outnumbered females, with the sex ratio being 102 males to 100 females. The males were more than the females in 8 of the 14 age groups, more so in the $0-4$ and $5-9$ age groups, with the sex ratios being 123 males to 100 females, and 120
males to 100 females, respectively. Males were predominant in all age groups from $0-29$, and also in the $40-44$ and $60-64$ age groups. Notwithstanding, females outnumbered males in the $30-39$ years, $45-59$ years and $65+$ years age groups, respectively.

### 3.3.2 Place of Residence of Foreign-born Population

In 2012, the $(4,898)$ foreign-born population was distributed unevenly across all 13 census divisions (Table 3.3 below). The census division most populated with foreign-born residents was Calliaqua, with 1,587 persons ( 32.4 \%) , and the least populated was Sandy Bay, with 32 persons (0.7\%).

The majority of the foreign-born population, as seen in Table 3.3 below, was resident in the 3 urban census divisions of Kingstown, with 808 (16.5\%) residents, Suburbs of Kingstown, with 452 ( $9.2 \%$ ) residents, and Calliaqua, with 1,587 (32.4\%) residents. This was similar to the case in 2001, when the same 3 census divisions also comprised the majority of the foreign-born residents.

Table 3.3. Foreign-born Population by Census Division and Sex, 2012

|  | Count |  |  |  | Percentage |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Census Division | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ |  |
| Kingstown | 418 | 390 | $\mathbf{8 0 8}$ | 16.9 | 16.1 | $\mathbf{1 6 . 5}$ |  |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 225 | 227 | $\mathbf{4 5 2}$ | 9.1 | 9.4 | $\mathbf{9 . 2}$ |  |
| Calliaqua | 749 | 838 | $\mathbf{1 , 5 8 7}$ | 30.3 | 34.6 | $\mathbf{3 2 . 4}$ |  |
| Marriaqua | 150 | 109 | $\mathbf{2 5 9}$ | 6.1 | 4.5 | $\mathbf{5 . 3}$ |  |
| Bridgetown | 98 | 105 | $\mathbf{2 0 3}$ | 4.0 | 4.3 | $\mathbf{4 . 1}$ |  |
| Colonaire | 90 | 82 | $\mathbf{1 7 2}$ | 3.6 | 3.4 | $\mathbf{3 . 5}$ |  |
| Georgetown | 91 | 72 | $\mathbf{1 6 3}$ | 3.7 | 3.0 | $\mathbf{3 . 3}$ |  |
| Sandy Bay | 21 | 11 | $\mathbf{3 2}$ | 0.8 | 0.5 | $\mathbf{0 . 7}$ |  |
| Layou | 156 | 156 | $\mathbf{3 1 2}$ | 6.3 | 6.4 | $\mathbf{6 . 4}$ |  |
| Barrouallie | 73 | 70 | $\mathbf{1 4 3}$ | 3.0 | 2.9 | $\mathbf{2 . 9}$ |  |
| Chateaubelair | 79 | 63 | $\mathbf{1 4 2}$ | 3.2 | 2.6 | $\mathbf{2 . 9}$ |  |
| Northern Grenadines | 166 | 171 | $\mathbf{3 3 7}$ | 6.7 | 7.1 | $\mathbf{6 . 9}$ |  |
| Southern Grenadines | 158 | 130 | $\mathbf{2 8 8}$ | 6.4 | 5.4 | $\mathbf{5 . 9}$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 , 4 7 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 4 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 8 9 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |  |

The 3 census divisions least populated with foreign-born residents in 2012 were Barrouallie, with 143 (2.9\%) residents, Chateaubelair, with 142 (2.9\%) residents and Sandy Bay, with 32 ( $0.7 \%$ ) residents. The Grenadines accounted for 625 ( $12.8 \%$ ) of the foreign-born population, that is, 337 (6.9\%) residents in the Northern Grenadines and 288 (5.9\%) residents in the Southern Grenadines.

Map 3.1 (next page) highlights the fact that the foreign-born population mostly occupied the 3 urban census districts and the Grenadine Islands, as their place of residence. On the mainland, the further away the non-urban census divisions are from the urban areas, the fewer the foreignborn population became. The share of the foreign-born population, in the census divisions outside of the urban and Grenadines census divisions, varied in proportion to how rural they were.


Map 3.1 Foreign-born, Local-born and Total Population by Census Division, 2012

### 3.3.3 Labour Force Participation of Foreign-born Population.

Table 3.4 below shows that $65.4 \%$ of the foreign-born population participated in the labour force, in 2012, while $34.6 \%$ did not.

Table 3.4. Labour Force Participation Rate of Foreign-born Population 15 Years and Over, 2012

| Population 15 Years and Over | $\underline{\text { Frequency }}$ | $\underline{\%}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Non-Participant | 1,255 | 34.6 |
| Labour Force Participant | 2,369 | 65.4 |
| Total | $\mathbf{3 , 6 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

The unemployment rate of the foreign-born population (Table 3.5 below), in 2012, was $12.5 \%$, which was significantly below the national average of $21.5 \%$.

Table 3.5. Unemployment Rate of Foreign-born Population 15 Years and Over, 2012

| Population 15 Years and Over | Frequency | $\underline{\%}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Employed | 2,073 | 87.5 |
| Unemployed | 296 | 12.5 |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 3 6 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

### 3.4 Former Residents

During the intercensal period, a total of 4,851 residents emigrated. Of this number, 2,170 were male and 2,509 were female (Table 3.6 on next page); i.e., a sex ratio of 86 males to every 100 females. Females, therefore, were more likely than males to emigrate.

Table 3.6. Total Residents Emigrating by Country of Destination and Sex, 2012

| Country of Destination | Number |  |  |  | Percentage |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Not Stated | Total | Male | Female | Not Stated | Total |
| Caribbean | 485 | 499 | 39 | 1,023 | 22.3 | 19.9 | 22.7 | 21.0 |
| Canada | 768 | 979 | 63 | 1,810 | 35.5 | 39.0 | 36.6 | 37.7 |
| United Kingdom | 378 | 244 | 23 | 645 | 17.5 | 9.7 | 13.4 | 13.3 |
| USA | 470 | 708 | 41 | 1,219 | 21.7 | 28.2 | 23.8 | 25.2 |
| Other | 37 | 43 | 3 | 83 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Not Stated | 32 | 36 | 3 | 71 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 1.5 |
| Total | 2,170 | 2,509 | 172 | 4,851 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

The most popular destinations for emigrants (Table 3.6 above) were Canada (37.7\%) and USA (25.2\%). Caribbean countries were recipients of $21.0 \%$ of emigrants, and the United Kingdom, $13.3 \%$. One point seven per cent of residents were reported to have migrated to other territories. Note the predominance of females (Table 3.6) going to the above-mentioned destinations. Notwithstanding, significantly more males (17.5\%) than females (9.7\%) migrated to the United Kingdom, coinciding with the recent increase in the number of Vincentians recruited to the armed forces.

### 3.4.1 Age Group when Emigrated

An examination of the age groups of emigrants (Table 3.7 on next page) reveals that the majority left when they were in the $15-24$ year ( $36.6 \%$ ) and $25-44$ year ( $24.7 \%$ ) age groups. Children aged $0-14$ years accounted for $5.0 \%$ of emigrants, while persons in the $45-59$ age group accounted for $3.7 \%$. Less than $1.5 \%$ of persons in the over 60 age category emigrated.

Table 3.7. Residents by Sex and Age Group Post-emigration, 2012

| Age Group | Number |  |  |  | Percentage |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Not Stated | Total | Male | Female | Not Stated | Total |
| 0-14 | 122 | 111 | 8 | 241 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 4.7 | 5.0 |
| 15-24 | 829 | 938 | 10 | 1,777 | 38.2 | 37.4 | 5.9 | 36.6 |
| 25-44 | 544 | 650 | 3 | 1,197 | 25.1 | 25.9 | 0.6 | 24.7 |
| 45-59 | 64 | 114 | 1 | 179 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 3.7 |
| 60+ | 21 | 47 | 0 | 68 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| Not Stated | 590 | 649 | 150 | 1,389 | 27.2 | 25.9 | 88.2 | 28.6 |
| Total | 2,170 | 2,509 | 172 | 4,851 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

It was only in the $0-14$ years and $15-24$ years age groups that male emigrants outnumbered female emigrants. In all other age groups, as seen in Table 3.7 above, there were more female emigrants. This pattern was highest in the 60 year and over age group, where $1.9 \%$ of the emigrants were female and only $1.0 \%$ were males. Twenty eight point six per cent of the residents, mostly males (27.2\%), did not provide information regarding age.

### 3.4.2 Reason for Emigrating

The predominant reason for emigration was Employment, accounting for 2,182 (45.0\%) of the emigrants (Table 3.8 on next page). This was followed by Family reunification, for which a total of 1,380 persons ( $28.5 \%$ ) relocated. There were 613 persons (12.6\%) who migrated for Study purposes. Fewer persons, 72 (1.5\%), migrated for Medical purposes and for 413 (8.5\%) no reason was given for their having emigrated. The contingent of males, i.e. $1,149(52.9 \%)$, who emigrated for employment reasons outnumbered the females, i.e., $1,020(40.6 \%)$, in that group. However, significantly more females migrated for all the other purposes.

Table 3.8. Residents by Sex and Reason for Emigrating, 2012

| Reason for Migration | Count |  |  |  | Percentage |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Not Stated | Total | Male | Female | Not Stated | Total |
| Family Reunification | 588 | 780 | 12 | 1,380 | 27.1 | 31.1 | 7.0 | 28.5 |
| Employment | 1,149 | 1,020 | 13 | 2,182 | 52.9 | 40.6 | 7.6 | 45.0 |
| Study | 240 | 369 | 4 | 613 | 11.1 | 14.7 | 2.3 | 12.6 |
| Crime Rate | 2 | 11 | 0 | 13 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Medical | 20 | 52 | 0 | 72 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 1.5 |
| Other | 58 | 117 | 3 | 178 | 2.7 | 4.7 | 1.7 | 3.7 |
| Not Stated | 113 | 160 | 140 | 413 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 81.4 | 8.5 |
| Total | 2,170 | 2,509 | 172 | 4,851 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

### 3.4.3 Highest Education Attained

A total of 3,162 (65.1\%) emigrants had attained Secondary or higher education when they migrated (Table 3.9 below). Of these, 392 (8.1\%) had attained University/Tertiary level education, 603 (12.4\%) had attained Pre-university education and 2,167 (44.7\%) had attained Secondary education. Additionally, 1,207 (25.0\%) were schooled at the Primary and Pre-primary levels, and $26(0.5 \%)$ had no schooling. For a combined $456(9.4 \%)$ of the emigrants, the highest education attained was reported to be Other, i.e., 48 (1\%) and Not Stated, i.e., 408 (8.4\%).

Table 3.9. Total Migrating Residents by Sex and Highest Education Attained, 2012

| Highest Education Attained | Number |  |  |  | Percentage |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Not Stated | Total | Male | Female | Not Stated | Total |
| None/No Schooling | 11 | 15 | 0 | 26 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Pre-Primary Education | 27 | 25 | 3 | 55 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 1.2 |
| Primary | 606 | 538 | 8 | 1,152 | 27.9 | 21.5 | 4.7 | 23.8 |
| Secondary | 988 | 1,163 | 16 | 2,167 | 45.5 | 46.3 | 9.3 | 44.7 |
| Per-University | 241 | 360 | 2 | 603 | 11.1 | 14.3 | 1.2 | 12.4 |
| University/Tertiary | 156 | 234 | 2 | 392 | 7.2 | 9.3 | 1.2 | 8.1 |
| Other | 13 | 34 | 1 | 48 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| Not Stated | 128 | 140 | 140 | 408 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 81.4 | 8.4 |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 , 1 7 0}$ | 2,509 | 172 | 4,851 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

There were more male emigrants whose highest level of education attained was that of Primary school education. Where the highest level of education attained was Secondary,

Pre-university, University/Tertiary or Other, there were more females than males. As is discussed in subsequent chapters, females generally attained higher levels of education; yet, remuneration of females tended to be lower than that of males. Consequently, many trained females, particularly nurses moved abroad to work. These, alongside a contingent of other women who emigrated for study and more gainful employment, may be the reason why females were more likely to migrate.

### 3.4.4 Broad Occupational Group of Emigrants

Table 3.10 (below) reveals that the largest proportion or emigrants, 1,899 (39.2\%), were Students. Following this contingent of emigrants are 495 (10.2\%) Services and Sales Workers, 351 (7.2\%) Professionals, 339 (7.0\%) Craft and Related Trades Workers, 287 (5.9\%) Clerical Support Workers, and 276 (5.7\%) Elementary Occupations workers, respectively.

Table 3.10. Total Emigrating Residents by Sex and Broad Occupational Group when Moved, 2012

| Broad Occupational Group | Count |  |  |  | Percentage |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Not Stated | Total | Male | Female | Not Stated | Total |
| Armed forces occupations | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Managers | 24 | 20 | 0 | 44 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| Professionals | 103 | 239 | 9 | 351 | 4.8 | 9.5 | 5.3 | 7.2 |
| Technicians and Associate Professionals | 68 | 62 | 7 | 137 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 4.1 | 2.8 |
| Clerical Support Workers | 83 | 199 | 5 | 287 | 3.8 | 7.9 | 2.9 | 5.9 |
| Services and Sales Workers | 206 | 268 | 21 | 495 | 9.5 | 10.7 | 12.4 | 10.2 |
| Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fisheries | 67 | 27 | 6 | 100 | 3.1 | 1.1 | 3.5 | 2.1 |
| Craft and Related Trades Workers | 293 | 33 | 13 | 339 | 13.5 | 1.3 | 7.1 | 7.0 |
| Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers | 108 | 9 | 3 | 120 | 5.0 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 2.5 |
| Elementary Occupations | 141 | 119 | 16 | 276 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 8.8 | 5.7 |
| Students | 747 | 1,090 | 62 | 1,899 | 34.4 | 43.5 | 36.5 | 39.2 |
| Not Stated | 325 | 443 | 30 | 798 | 15.0 | 17.7 | 17.6 | 16.5 |
| Total | 2,170 | 2,509 | 172 | 4,851 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Of the emigrants who were students, females (43.5\%) outnumbered males (34.4\%). In the occupational group Professionals, there were more than twice as many females (9.5\%) as males (4.8\%). Female emigrants also outnumbered the males in the Clerical Support Workers and Services and Sales Workers groups, respectively. However, in all other broad occupational groups
males outnumbered females. This was to a significant degree in the Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers, Craft and Related Trades Workers, Skilled Agricultural Forestry and Fisheries and Armed Forces Occupations groups, respectively.

### 3.5 Returning Residents

Returning residents are those Vincentians who once resided in the State, went to live abroad, and returned to live in the State. These residents accounted for $11.6 \%$ of the population in 2012.

Table 3.11. Returning (Local-born) Residents, by Country of Origins and Sex, 2012

|  | Count |  |  |  | Percentage |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Country | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ |  |  |
| Caribbean | 703 | 621 | $\mathbf{1 , 3 2 4}$ | 10.7 | 10.2 | $\mathbf{1 0 . 5}$ |  |  |
| UK | 221 | 215 | $\mathbf{4 3 6}$ | 3.4 | 3.5 | $\mathbf{3 . 5}$ |  |  |
| USA | 273 | 234 | $\mathbf{5 0 7}$ | 4.2 | 3.9 | $\mathbf{4 . 0}$ |  |  |
| Other | 23 | 37 | $\mathbf{6 0}$ | 0.4 | 0.6 | $\mathbf{0 . 5}$ |  |  |
| Canada | 282 | 275 | $\mathbf{5 5 7}$ | 4.3 | 4.5 | $\mathbf{4 . 4}$ |  |  |
| Not Stated | 5,061 | 4,677 | $\mathbf{9 , 7 3 8}$ | 77.1 | 77.2 | $\mathbf{7 7 . 2}$ |  |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{6 , 5 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 0 5 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 , 6 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |  |  |

As seen from Table 3.11 above only $22.9 \%$ of these returning residents identified the country in which they had been living. The majority had been living in the Caribbean, followed by Canada, the USA and the UK. Generally, more males than females were returning residents in 2012.

### 3.6 Conclusion

The local-born population, of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, tends to comprise lifetime residents in the census division of their birth. Only $28.0 \%$ of local-born persons were found to be lifetime migrants, having relocated to a census division outside of their birthplace. These lifetime
migrants were predominantly male, and their movement was mainly to census divisions in close proximity to their places of birth, or to more urban census divisions.

The population of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, in 2012, comprised 4,898 foreign-born citizens and 12,622 returning (local-born) residents. There were 4,851 former residents who were no longer part of the population.

Foreign-born citizens were mostly males, $4.0 \%$ of them between the ages of $15-44$. They settled mainly in the 3 most urban census districts, and had an unemployment rate lower than that of the general population.

Former residents were mostly females, $61.0 \%$ of them between the ages of $15-44$. The majority were educated at the secondary or university level at the time of emigration. They mostly migrated to the Caribbean, the USA, the UK, and Canada.

Most returning residents were males, and they mainly returned from the Caribbean, the USA, the UK and Canada.

## Chapter 4: Education and Training

### 4.1 Introduction

Education is paramount in achieving social and economic development. As such, the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has always taken essential steps towards the education of its populace. Over the last decade, St. Vincent and the Grenadines has seen revolutionary changes towards educational advancement through the achievement of universal access to primary and secondary education. Universal access ensures that all persons of primary and secondary school age have equal educational opportunities, regardless of social class, gender, ethnicity or physical or mental disability. Efforts are underway to extend this universal access to early childhood education.

This chapter presents the 2012 census statistics on school attendance, educational attainment and certification. It also highlights differences by sex and census division. Where necessary, administrative data are used to supplement census statistics as there was a notable increase in the proportion of non-responses to some of the education questions in the 2012 census.

### 4.2 Education and Demography

As noted in Chapter 1, there was an increase in the population in 2012 to 109,188 residents from the 107,835 in 2001. Despite this increase, there was a decrease in the number of children and youth, and by extension, the school aged population (persons under 20 years), as shown in the 2012 population pyramid with its narrowing base (page 23). In fact, 2012 saw reductions in the proportions of persons in all age cohorts under age 20: $0-4(7.9 \%), 5-9(7.8 \%), 10-14(8.9 \%)$, and $15-19(9.1 \%)$, compared with $0-4(9.4 \%), 5-9(10.8 \%), 10-14(10.5 \%)$ and $15-19$
(10.6\%) in 2001. Consistent with this decline, in the school age population, was a $13.9 \%$ decrease in school attendance.

In 2012, there were 2,714 persons ages 3 and 4 attending school, of which, 1,381 were females and 1,333 were males. Overall, the number of persons attending school in this age cohort fell by $4.3 \%$. This decline may be a direct impact of the reduction in the population of persons under age 5 (see Table 1.5 on page 20). Further, the population of persons, ages 3 and 4, attending school changed from a relatively balanced sex ratio of 101 in 2001, to a female majority in 2012, with a sex ratio of 097. A total of 687 children, ages 3 and 4, were not attending school in 2012, a reduction of $47.0 \%$ relative to 1,296 in 2001 (Tables 4.2a-b on page 61).

Table 4.2b highlights that Calliaqua (20.9\%) had the highest share of children ages 3 and 4, attending an educational institution in 2012, followed by the Suburbs of Kingstown (13.3\%) and Kingstown (10.9\%). All other census divisions had proportions lower than $10.0 \%$, with the lowest being in the census divisions of Sandy Bay (2.3\%) and the Southern Grenadines (2.2\%).

This situation was similar in 2001, when enrolment was highest in the Calliaqua (19.6\%), Suburbs of Kingstown (12.0\%) and Kingstown (12.2\%) census divisions; and, lowest in the Sandy Bay, (3.0\%) and Southern Grenadines (3.2\%), census divisions.

There were 28,426 persons, 3 years and over, attending school in 2012 (Table 4.1 on next page 60). This was comprised of 14,453 (50.8\%) females and $13,973(49.2 \%)$ males. The highest proportion of persons attending all educational institutions resided in Calliaqua, the largest census division, followed by the Suburbs of Kingstown and the Kingstown census divisions (Table 4.3b on page 63).

Generally, in 2012 and in 2001, the data show that, at younger ages ( 3 to 14 years) slightly more males than females attended an educational institution ${ }^{4}$. The opposite is true for persons 15 years and older. In 2012 the sex ratio of those attending an educational institution in this age group was 045 , an even wider sex gap compared with 2001 when the sex ratio was 075 . This pattern and general changes seen in school attendance is consistent with population distribution and growth described in Chapter 1.

Table 4.1. School Attendance by Age, 2001 \& 2012

| Age | 2001 |  |  | 2012 |  |  | 2001-2012 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | School Attendance |  |  | School Attendance |  |  | Population Percentage Change |  |  |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| 3 | 588 | 603 | 1,191 | 601 | 610 | 1,211 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 1.7 |
| 4 | 837 | 808 | 1,645 | 732 | 771 | 1,503 | -12.5 | -4.6 | -8.6 |
| 5 | 1,047 | 1,042 | 2,089 | 812 | 834 | 1,646 | -22.4 | -20.0 | -21.2 |
| 6 | 1,255 | 1,183 | 2,438 | 805 | 753 | 1,558 | -35.9 | -36.3 | -36.1 |
| 7 | 1,105 | 1,105 | 2,210 | 887 | 813 | 1,700 | -19.7 | -26.4 | -23.1 |
| 8 | 1,081 | 1,140 | 2,221 | 810 | 815 | 1,625 | -25.1 | -28.5 | -26.8 |
| 9 | 1,110 | 1,124 | 2,234 | 790 | 826 | 1,616 | -28.8 | -26.5 | -27.7 |
| 10 | 1,129 | 1,040 | 2,169 | 948 | 929 | 1,877 | -16.0 | -10.7 | -13.5 |
| 11 | 1,180 | 1,140 | 2,320 | 1,072 | 968 | 2,040 | -9.2 | -15.1 | -12.1 |
| 12 | 1,037 | 978 | 2,015 | 906 | 870 | 1,776 | -12.6 | -11.0 | -11.9 |
| 13 | 1,023 | 1,098 | 2,121 | 883 | 847 | 1,730 | -13.7 | -22.9 | -18.4 |
| 14 | 971 | 1,017 | 1,988 | 954 | 873 | 1,827 | -1.8 | -14.2 | -8.1 |
| 15 | 760 | 927 | 1,687 | 838 | 854 | 1,692 | 10.3 | -7.9 | 0.3 |
| 16 | 661 | 767 | 1,428 | 747 | 755 | 1,502 | 13.0 | -1.6 | 5.2 |
| 17 | 510 | 673 | 1,183 | 721 | 665 | 1,386 | 41.4 | -1.2 | 17.2 |
| 18 | 323 | 496 | 819 | 443 | 402 | 845 | 37.2 | -19.0 | 3.2 |
| 19 | 169 | 242 | 411 | 207 | 236 | 443 | 22.5 | -2.5 | 7.8 |
| $20+$ | 448 | 828 | 1,276 | 817 | 1,632 | 2,449 | 82.4 | 97.1 | 91.9 |

[^2]Table 4.2a. Population 3 to 4 Years by Census Division and School Attendance, 2001 \& 2012

| Census Division | 2001 |  |  |  | 2012 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Attending | Not Attending | Not Stated | Total | Attending | Not Attending | Not Stated | Total |
| Kingstown | 346 | 128 | 1 | 475 | 297 | 60 | 20 | 377 |
| Kingstown Suburbs | 341 | 180 | 1 | 522 | 362 | 89 | 38 | 489 |
| Calliaqua | 556 | 255 | 0 | 811 | 566 | 137 | 57 | 760 |
| Marriaqua | 284 | 93 | 0 | 377 | 197 | 24 | 25 | 246 |
| Bridgetown | 181 | 99 | 0 | 280 | 145 | 56 | 17 | 218 |
| Colonarie | 194 | 67 | 1 | 262 | 167 | 53 | 8 | 228 |
| Georgetown | 192 | 71 | 0 | 263 | 215 | 61 | 4 | 280 |
| Sandy Bay | 86 | 39 | 1 | 126 | 62 | 31 | 9 | 102 |
| Layou | 143 | 98 | 0 | 241 | 149 | 22 | 30 | 201 |
| Barrouallie | 134 | 85 | 0 | 219 | 138 | 53 | 10 | 201 |
| Chateaubelair | 183 | 86 | 0 | 269 | 171 | 46 | 2 | 219 |
| North Grenadines | 105 | 49 | 0 | 154 | 150 | 40 | 8 | 198 |
| South Grenadines | 91 | 46 | 1 | 138 | 95 | 15 | 17 | 127 |
| Total | 2,836 | 1,296 | 5 | 4,137 | 2714 | 687 | 245 | 3,646 |

Table 4.2b. Proportion of Population 3 to 4 Years by Census Division and School Attendance, 2001 \& 2012

| Census Division | 2001 |  |  |  | 2012 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Attending | Not Attending | Not Stated | Total | Attending | Not Attending | Not Stated | Total |
| Kingstown | 12.2 | 9.9 | 20.0 | 11.5 | 10.9 | 8.7 | 8.2 | 10.3 |
| Kingstown Suburbs | 12.0 | 13.9 | 20.0 | 12.6 | 13.3 | 13.0 | 15.5 | 13.4 |
| Calliaqua | 19.6 | 19.7 | 0.0 | 19.6 | 20.9 | 19.9 | 23.3 | 20.8 |
| Marriaqua | 10.0 | 7.2 | 0.0 | 9.1 | 7.3 | 3.5 | 10.2 | 6.7 |
| Bridgetown | 6.4 | 7.6 | 0.0 | 6.8 | 5.3 | 8.2 | 6.9 | 6.0 |
| Colonarie | 6.8 | 5.2 | 20.0 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 7.7 | 3.3 | 6.3 |
| Georgetown | 6.8 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 6.4 | 7.9 | 8.9 | 1.6 | 7.7 |
| Sandy Bay | 3.0 | 3.0 | 20.0 | 3.0 | 2.3 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 2.8 |
| Layou | 5.0 | 7.6 | 0.0 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 3.2 | 12.2 | 5.5 |
| Barrouallie | 4.7 | 6.6 | 0.0 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 7.7 | 4.1 | 5.5 |
| Chateaubelair | 6.5 | 6.6 | 0.0 | 6.5 | 6.3 | 6.7 | 0.8 | 6.0 |
| North Grenadines | 3.7 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 3.3 | 5.4 |
| South Grenadines | 3.2 | 3.5 | 20.0 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 2.2 | 6.9 | 3.5 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Table 4.3a. Total Population Attending School by Census Division and Type of Institution, 2012

| Census Division | Pre- <br> Primary | Special Education | Primary <br> School | Secondary | Technical/ <br> Vocational | Professional | Community College | University | Adult Education | Other | Not Stated | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kingstown | 233 | 13 | 1,161 | 822 | 46 | 21 | 139 | 174 | 24 | 57 | 518 | 3,208 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 268 | 10 | 1,456 | 1,068 | 66 | 18 | 146 | 147 | 28 | 31 | 550 | 3,788 |
| Calliaqua | 513 | 20 | 2,317 | 1,818 | 105 | 48 | 267 | 402 | 51 | 128 | 611 | 6,280 |
| Marriaqua | 161 | 11 | 858 | 704 | 43 | 12 | 79 | 86 | 14 | 12 | 92 | 2,072 |
| Bridgetown | 117 | 7 | 656 | 545 | 14 | 2 | 77 | 57 | 14 | 21 | 203 | 1,713 |
| Colonaire | 164 | 5 | 773 | 593 | 28 | 8 | 58 | 31 | 9 | 6 | 122 | 1,797 |
| Georgetown | 186 | 12 | 749 | 578 | 13 | 1 | 67 | 53 | 12 | 5 | 147 | 1,823 |
| Sandy Bay | 59 | 2 | 331 | 205 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 20 | 9 | 31 | 679 |
| Layou | 133 | 8 | 680 | 474 | 38 | 11 | 60 | 57 | 5 | 19 | 155 | 1,640 |
| Barrouallie | 126 | 1 | 687 | 486 | 29 | 7 | 34 | 39 | 7 | 5 | 173 | 1,594 |
| Chateaubelair | 148 | 1 | 661 | 550 | 18 | 6 | 45 | 24 | 5 | 4 | 128 | 1,590 |
| Northern Grenadines | 147 | 21 | 549 | 405 | 20 | 4 | 28 | 24 | 5 | 13 | 151 | 1,367 |
| Southern Grenadines | 80 | 2 | 365 | 233 | 14 | 1 | 14 | 13 | 2 | 12 | 139 | 875 |
| Total | 2,335 | 113 | 11,243 | 8,481 | 443 | 139 | 1,020 | 1,114 | 196 | 322 | 3,020 | 28,426 |

Table 4.3b. Percentage Population Attending School by Census Division and Type of Institution, 2012

| Census Division | Pre- <br> Primary | Special Education | Primary <br> School | Secondary | Technical/ Vocational | Professional | Community College | University | Adult Education | Other | Not Stated | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kingstown | 10.0 | 11.5 | 10.3 | 9.7 | 10.4 | 15.1 | 13.6 | 15.6 | 12.2 | 17.7 | 17.2 | 11.3 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 11.5 | 8.8 | 13.0 | 12.6 | 14.9 | 12.9 | 14.3 | 13.2 | 14.3 | 9.6 | 18.2 | 13.3 |
| Calliaqua | 22.0 | 17.7 | 20.6 | 21.4 | 23.7 | 34.5 | 26.2 | 36.1 | 26.0 | 39.8 | 20.2 | 22.1 |
| Marriaqua | 6.9 | 9.7 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 9.7 | 8.6 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 7.3 |
| Bridgetown | 5.0 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 3.2 | 1.4 | 7.5 | 5.1 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 6.0 |
| Colonaire | 7.0 | 4.4 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 2.8 | 4.6 | 1.9 | 4.0 | 6.3 |
| Georgetown | 8.0 | 10.6 | 6.7 | 6.8 | 2.9 | 0.7 | 6.6 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 1.6 | 4.9 | 6.4 |
| Sandy Bay | 2.5 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 10.2 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 2.4 |
| Layou | 5.7 | 7.1 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 8.6 | 7.9 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 2.6 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 5.8 |
| Barrouallie | 5.4 | 0.9 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 5.0 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 1.6 | 5.7 | 5.6 |
| Chateaubelair | 6.3 | 0.9 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 4.2 | 5.6 |
| Northern Grenadines | 6.3 | 18.6 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| Southern Grenadines | 3.4 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 3.7 | 4.6 | 3.1 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

### 4.3 School Attending Population by Type of Educational Institution

### 4.3.1 Pre-primary Education

Early Childhood Education (ECE), or pre-primary education is recognised as an important foundation of the formal educational process (EDSP, 2002, p. 23); and, as such, the Government has been continuing its efforts to improve access to early childhood education. One of its policies has been to ensure that all new primary schools are provided with facilities to accommodate early childhood education programmes.

In 2012, the total number of persons attending a pre-primary educational institution was 2,335 (Table 4.4 on next page). This represents a $14.7 \%$ decline from the 2001 figure. However, Figure 4.1 (below), shows that the proportion of the population attending a pre-primary educational institution remained virtually unchanged between 2001 and 2012; a direct consequence of the decline in the number of children under age 5 .


Figure 4.1. Percentage Pre-Primary, Primary and Secondary School Attendance, 2001 \& 2012

Table 4.4. Population 3 Years or Older by Type of Educational Institution and Sex, 2012

| Educational Institution | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ |  | $\underline{\%}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ |  | $\underline{\%}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pre-Primary | 1,150 |  | 8.2 | 1,185 | 8.2 | $\mathbf{2 , 3 3 5}$ |
| Special Education | 80 | 0.6 |  | 33 | 0.2 | $\mathbf{1 1 3}$ |
| Primary School | 5,776 | 41.3 | 5,467 | 37.8 | $\mathbf{1 1 , 2 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 2}$ |
| Secondary | 4,315 | 30.9 | 4,166 | 28.8 | $\mathbf{8 , 4 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 . 6}$ |
| Technical/Vocational | 219 | 1.6 | 224 | 1.5 | $\mathbf{4 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 6}$ |
| Professional | 29 | 0.2 | 110 | 0.8 | $\mathbf{1 3 9}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 5}$ |
| Community College | 362 | 2.6 | 658 | 4.6 | $\mathbf{1 , 0 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 6}$ |
| University | 368 | 2.6 | 746 | 5.2 | $\mathbf{1 , 1 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 9}$ |
| Adult Education | 43 | 0.3 | 153 | 1.1 | $\mathbf{1 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 7}$ |
| Other | 111 | 0.8 | 211 | 1.5 | $\mathbf{3 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 1}$ |
| Not Stated | 1,520 | 10.9 | 1,500 | 10.4 | $\mathbf{3 , 0 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 . 6}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 3 , 9 7 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 , 4 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 , 4 2 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

### 4.3.2 Primary Education

Primary education starts from kindergarten and goes up to grade six, catering for children ages 5 - 12. In St. Vincent and the Grenadines there are 68 primary schools.

The goal of the government, according to its education policy, is to "improve the standards of achievement obtained by providing effective primary education for all" (EDSP, 2002, p. 28).

In 2012 , there were $11,243(39.6 \%)$ children attending primary school, a $41.1 \%$ decline from 19,084 in 2001, when the primary school population accounted for $60.7 \%$ of those attending school. This decrease is on account of the $21.2 \%$ drop in the number of children ages $5-12$, over the intercensal period.

In 2012, there were more males $(5,776)$ than females $(5,467)$ attending primary schools, a decline of $40.7 \%$ and $39.7 \%$, respectively, when compared with 2001 . This decline is consistent with the decrease in the male (20.5 \%) and female (21.9 \%) population age 5-12.

Table 4.3b (page 63) shows that, throughout all census divisions, the highest proportion of persons attending school was enrolled in a primary educational institution. The majority of these
students were in the census divisions of Calliaqua (22.1\%), Suburbs of Kingstown (13.3\%), and Kingstown (11.3\%).

### 4.3.3 Secondary Education

Universal access to secondary education was attained in 2005, in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Students enter secondary schools after sitting the Common Entrance Examination (CEE), now the Caribbean Primary Exit Assessment (CPEA). Secondary school students normally range between ages $11-16$. The programme runs for five years, after which the students sit the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) examination, which enables their transition into post-secondary institutions.

In 2012, there were 8,481 secondary school students, representing an increase of $14.6 \%$ over 7,398 secondary school students in 2001. With the exception of the Kingstown census division, there was an increase in enrolment, at this level, in all census divisions over the intercensal period (Figure 4.2 on next page).

The census divisions with the largest number of students attending secondary school (Figure 4.2 on next page) were Calliaqua $(1,818)$, Suburbs of Kingstown $(1,068)$ and Kingstown (822). Males accounted for 4,315, and females 4,166 of the secondary school population in 2012. The corresponding figures, from 2001, were 3,131 males and 4,267 females.


Figure 4.2. Secondary School Attendance by Census Division, 2001 \& 2012

### 4.3.4 Post-secondary Education

In 2012, A total of 2,577 persons were enrolled in Technical/Vocational Institutions, Community College and University. Over the intercensal period, enrolment at the Community College and University increased by $112.5 \%$ and $111.0 \%$, respectively, indicating that there was a thrust for education at higher levels, especially in the female population. It can be noted that increased enrolment at University was attributable to the increased enrolment at the Community College and the increased opportunities available for persons to access funding to pursue studies at University.

At the post-secondary level there was a female dominance in enrolment at educational institutions, a similar situation existed in 2001. However, in 2012 the sex gap between male and female enrolment widened. Table 4.4 (page 65) shows that in 2012, there were 1,738 (64.0\%) females enrolled in post-secondary institutions and only 978 (36.0\%) males. Noticeably, at the

University level, female (746 students) enrolment more than doubled that of the male's (368 students).

The largest proportion of the population enrolled in post-secondary education were residents of the Calliaqua census division. This result is expected, since $21.9 \%$ of the country's population reside in the Calliaqua census division.

### 4.3.5 Special Education

Special Education institutions are geared towards providing services for persons with disabilities, and persons who have difficulty learning at the usual rate. In St. Vincent and the Grenadines, there are 3 schools for children with special educational needs. These schools are located in Kingstown, Georgetown and Northern Grenadines. In 2012, of the total population that attended school, 113 students were enrolled in special education institutions, an increase of $6.5 \%$ relative to 2001. Of these students, 80 were male and 33 were female. The largest numbers of special education students (Table 4.3a on page 62) were from the Northern Grenadines (21) and Calliaqua (20).

### 4.3.6 Adult and Continuing Education

The concept of adult education includes all initiatives geared towards the non-formal and continuing education of adults. It encompasses a wider range of activities than just training in literacy and numeracy. It includes initiatives to equip adults with life-skills, via programmes offered by the Multipurpose Centres (MPCs), Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Centres and National Information and Communications Technology (ICT) centres. These adults can then apply the acquired skills in agriculture, the emerging ICT industries and commerce, as well as for personal development, self-employment and general entrepreneurship (EDSP, 2002, p. 37).

In 2012, there were 196 persons enrolled in adult and continuing education programmes, representing $0.7 \%$ of persons attending school. The comparable figure in 2001 was 232 , a decrease of $15.5 \%$ over the intercensal period. There were more females (154), than males (43), in 2012, engaged in adult and continuing education, highlighting the fact that females are possibly more inclined to advance their knowledge and skills. Most of these persons were from the census divisions of Calliaqua, Suburbs of Kingstown and Kingstown (Table 4.3b on page 63).

### 4.4 Highest Level of Education and Highest Certificate Attained

Educational attainment refers to the highest level of education an individual has completed or reached. Data on educational attainment give an idea of the competence of the human capital of a country and highlights individuals' progress towards improving their quality of life. Figure 4.3 (next page) shows that the proportion of the population that attained University level education increased by 2.0 percentage points between $2001(2.8 \%)$ and $2012(4.8 \%)$. There was a marginal increase in the proportion of persons who reached Pre-university and attained Secondary education. Notwithstanding, the proportion of persons who culminated their education at the Primary level declined from $58.7 \%$ to $43.7 \%$ during the intercensal period. This suggests an overall increase in higher levels of education, reflecting the Government's thrust to improve education in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.


Figure 4.3. Highest Level of Education Attained, 2001 \& 2012

### 4.5 Conclusion

Generally, employers seek official recognition of educational attainment. In this regard, individuals with certificates (degree or diploma) of achievement are more likely to secure employment than those without. Further, individuals with higher certificates are more likely to be recruited for higher paying jobs. In 2012, there was an improvement in the number of persons with higher degrees (Masters or $P h D$ s). The number of persons with higher degrees was 885 , more than 2 times that recorded in 2001 (335). Similarly, those with Post-graduate Diplomas, Bachelors (undergraduate) Degrees, Associate Degrees, $A$-level and $O$-level passes, significantly exceeded the 2001 numbers. The proportions of graduates also increased in every category of educational attainment. Of note, is the improvement in educational attainment and certification in 2012, as
compared with 2001. The proportion of persons indicating that they had earned no education certification was lower in 2012 (Table 4.5 below).

Table 4.5. Highest Certificate, Diploma or Degree Earned, 2001 \& 2012

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Highest Certificate, Diploma or Degree Earned |  | Count | $\mathbf{\%}$ | $\underline{\text { Count }}$ |
| School Leaving Certificate | 2,099 | 2.8 | 2,361 | 2.9 |
| GCE or CXC O-Level Passes | 8,531 | 11.4 | 12,397 | 15.1 |
| GCE A-Levels/CAPE | 1,072 | 1.4 | 2,361 | 2.9 |
| Associate Degree | 253 | 0.3 | 960 | 1.2 |
| Bachelor's Degree | 1,145 | 1.5 | 2,071 | 2.5 |
| Post Graduate Diploma/Certificate | 142 | 0.2 | 487 | 0.6 |
| Higher Degree (Masters or PhD) | 335 | 0.4 | 885 | 1.1 |
| Other | 4,197 | 5.6 | 8,242 | 10.0 |
| None | 55,473 | 74.1 | 48,092 | 58.5 |
| Not Stated | 1,581 | 2.1 | 4,405 | 5.4 |
| Total | $\mathbf{7 4 , 8 2 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{8 2 , 2 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

## Chapter 5: Economic Activity

### 5.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the specific characteristics of economic activity of the population 15 years and over. The chapter focuses on the employed and their status in employment, occupation and industry; and, on the unemployed, 1n 2012.

### 5.2 Methodological Issues

The 2012 Population and Housing Census, using two specific reference periods, compiled data on the main activities engaged in by the 15 years and over population. These are the 12 -month period prior to enumeration and the week preceding enumeration. Irrespective of the number of activities engaged in, the activity in which an individual was most involved, was recorded as the main one. The discussion presented hereafter is predominantly based on data from the week preceding enumeration. This reference period provided more current information and thus more accurate data concerning the economic activity status of the targeted population.

### 5.3 Working Age Population

The working age population is defined as comprising persons 15 years and over. It is comprised of persons in the labour force ( $63.2 \%$ in 2012) and those that are not in the labour force (36.8\%). In 2012, the working age population comprised of 82,263 persons, representing an increase of 7,435 ( $9.9 \%$ ) persons from 2001 . The population was virtually, equally, split along gender lines (Table 5.1 on next page): males (50.9\%) and females (49.1\%).

Table 5.1. Working Age Population by Economic Activity, Age Group and Sex, 2012

|  | Working Age <br> Population | Economically Active (Labour Force) | Persons Not in the <br> Labloyed | $\underline{\text { Unemployed }}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Table 5.2. Working Age Population by Economic Activity, Age Group and Sex, 2001

| Age Group | Working Age Population | Economically Active (Labour Force) |  |  | Persons Not In the Labour Force |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Employed | Unemployed | Total |  |
| Both Sexes |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 11,454 | 1,907 | 2,020 | 3,927 | 7,527 |
| 20-24 | 9,859 | 4,827 | 2,230 | 7,057 | 2,802 |
| 25-29 | 8,644 | 5,103 | 1,397 | 6,500 | 2,144 |
| 30-34 | 7,802 | 4,910 | 1,055 | 5,965 | 1,837 |
| 35-39 | 8,199 | 5,425 | 915 | 6,340 | 1,859 |
| 40-44 | 6,803 | 4,524 | 687 | 5,211 | 1,592 |
| 45-49 | 4,802 | 3,169 | 415 | 3,584 | 1,218 |
| 50-54 | 3,794 | 2,332 | 298 | 2,630 | 1,164 |
| 55-59 | 2,830 | 1,363 | 198 | 1,561 | 1,269 |
| 60-64 | 2,784 | 935 | 110 | 1,045 | 1,739 |
| 65+ | 7,857 | 1,093 | 71 | 1,164 | 6,693 |
| Total | 74,828 | 35,588 | 9,396 | 44,984 | 29,844 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 5,760 | 1,332 | 1,340 | 2,672 | 3,088 |
| 20-24 | 5,051 | 2,933 | 1,408 | 4,341 | 710 |
| 25-29 | 4,420 | 3,043 | 909 | 3,952 | 468 |
| 30-34 | 4,080 | 3,006 | 693 | 3,699 | 381 |
| 35-39 | 4,259 | 3,239 | 634 | 3,873 | 386 |
| 40-44 | 3,502 | 2,693 | 482 | 3,175 | 327 |
| 45-49 | 2,454 | 1,869 | 307 | 2,176 | 278 |
| 50-54 | 1,967 | 1,448 | 239 | 1,687 | 280 |
| 55-59 | 1,421 | 897 | 160 | 1,057 | 364 |
| 60-64 | 1,332 | 628 | 94 | 722 | 610 |
| 65+ | 3,448 | 755 | 52 | 807 | 2,641 |
| Total | 37,694 | 21,843 | 6,318 | 28,161 | 9,533 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 5,694 | 575 | 680 | 1,255 | 4,439 |
| 20-24 | 4,808 | 1,894 | 822 | 2,716 | 2,092 |
| 25-29 | 4,224 | 2,060 | 488 | 2,548 | 1,676 |
| 30-34 | 3,722 | 1,904 | 362 | 2,266 | 1,456 |
| 35-39 | 3,940 | 2,186 | 281 | 2,467 | 1,473 |
| 40-44 | 3,301 | 1,831 | 205 | 2,036 | 1,265 |
| 45-49 | 2,348 | 1,300 | 108 | 1,408 | 940 |
| 50-54 | 1,827 | 884 | 59 | 943 | 884 |
| 55-59 | 1,409 | 466 | 38 | 504 | 905 |
| 60-64 | 1,452 | 307 | 16 | 323 | 1,129 |
| 65+ | 4,409 | 338 | 19 | 357 | 4,052 |
| Total | 37,134 | 13,745 | 3,078 | 16,823 | 20,311 |

Consistent with the changing shape of the population pyramid (Chapter 1), illustrative of an ageing population, there were also changes in the age composition of the working age population. In 2012, the youth population (15-24 years) accounted for $22.5 \%$ of the working age population, while persons in the $25-54$ age range and those 55 years and over accounted for $54.6 \%$ and $22.9 \%$, respectively. In contrast, the youth population represented $28.5 \%$ of the working age population in 2001, while persons in the age range $25-54$ years and those 55 years and over accounted for $53.5 \%$ and $18.0 \%$, respectively. As noted in Chapter 1, these changes reflect characteristics of an economy that is approaching middle income developing status; a process marked by reduced or constant birth rates, reduced death rates and increased life expectancy.

Table 5.3. Employment and Unemployment Rate by Census Division and Sex, 2001 \& 2012

| Census Division | 2001 |  | 2012 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Employed | Unemployed | Employed | Unemployed |
| Both Sexes |  |  |  |  |
| 01 - Kingstown | 82.3 | 17.7 | 82.0 | 18.0 |
| 02 - Suburbs of Kingstown | 77.2 | 22.8 | 75.6 | 24.5 |
| 03-Calliaqua | 81.6 | 18.4 | 81.3 | 18.7 |
| 04 - Marriaqua | 83.1 | 16.9 | 80.1 | 19.9 |
| 05 - Bridgetown | 76.8 | 23.2 | 78.2 | 21.9 |
| 06 - Colonarie | 74.6 | 25.4 | 72.5 | 27.5 |
| 07 - Georgetown | 75.8 | 24.2 | 73.4 | 26.6 |
| 08 - Sandy Bay | 71.6 | 28.4 | 81.5 | 18.5 |
| 09 - Layou | 71.2 | 28.8 | 74.3 | 25.7 |
| 10 - Barrouallie | 76.2 | 23.8 | 74.5 | 25.5 |
| 11-Chateaubelair | 73.7 | 26.2 | 73.6 | 26.4 |
| 12 - Northern Grenadines | 82.9 | 17.1 | 79.3 | 20.7 |
| 13 - Southern Grenadines | 86.9 | 13.1 | 87.3 | 12.8 |
| Total | 79.1 | 20.9 | 78.5 | 21.5 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |
| 01-Kingstown | 79.5 | 20.5 | 83.1 | 16.9 |
| 02 - Suburbs of Kingstown | 77.1 | 22.9 | 77.5 | 22.5 |
| 03 - Calliaqua | 78.9 | 21.1 | 82.0 | 18.0 |
| 04 - Marriaqua | 82.8 | 17.2 | 81.0 | 19.0 |
| 05-Bridgetown | 75.8 | 24.2 | 82.1 | 17.9 |
| 06 - Colonarie | 74.2 | 25.8 | 74.9 | 25.1 |
| 07 - Georgetown | 73.2 | 26.8 | 77.6 | 22.4 |
| 08 - Sandy Bay | 68.1 | 32.0 | 87.4 | 12.6 |
| 09 - Layou | 72.9 | 27.1 | 78.2 | 21.8 |
| 10 - Barrouallie | 78.3 | 21.7 | 78.7 | 21.3 |
| 11-Chateaubelair | 73.6 | 26.4 | 77.8 | 22.2 |
| 12 - Northern Grenadines | 80.4 | 19.6 | 81.4 | 18.7 |
| 13 - Southern Grenadines | 85.2 | 14.9 | 89.3 | 10.7 |
| Total | 77.6 | 22.5 | 80.6 | 19.4 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |
| 01 - Kingstown | 85.8 | 14.2 | 80.7 | 19.3 |
| 02 - Suburbs of Kingstown | 77.5 | 22.5 | 73.4 | 26.6 |
| 03-Calliaqua | 85.3 | 14.7 | 80.6 | 19.4 |
| 04 - Marriaqua | 83.7 | 16.4 | 79.0 | 21.0 |
| 05-Bridgetown | 79.3 | 20.8 | 72.3 | 27.7 |
| 06 - Colonarie | 75.4 | 24.6 | 68.8 | 31.2 |
| 07 - Georgetown | 81.7 | 18.3 | 67.5 | 32.5 |
| 08 - Sandy Bay | 82.7 | 17.3 | 70.3 | 29.7 |
| 09 - Layou | 68.1 | 31.9 | 69.0 | 31.0 |
| 10 - Barrouallie | 72.0 | 28.1 | 68.4 | 31.6 |
| 11 - Chateaubelair | 74.1 | 25.9 | 66.2 | 33.8 |
| 12 - Northern Grenadines | 88.2 | 11.8 | 76.1 | 23.9 |
| 13 - Southern Grenadines | 89.9 | 10.1 | 83.9 | 16.1 |
| Total | 81.7 | 18.3 | 75.7 | 24.3 |

### 5.4 Labour Force

The labour force is also referred to as the economically active population. Theoretically, this is comprised of persons who are available, able and willing to work. On a more practical level, and in line with this Population and Housing census, the employed are those in paid employment and in self-employment; the unemployed are persons currently available for work, seeking work, but without work.

In 2012, there were 52,014 persons in the labour force (Table 5.4 below), representing an increase of $15.6 \%$ over 44,984 persons in 2001. This overall increase was the net result of the 5,808 females and the 1,222 males who joined the labour force during the intercensal period. The 52,014 person labour force, in 2012, was male dominated. There were 29,383 ( $56.5 \%$ ) males, compared with $22,631(43.5 \%)$ females. The Calliaqua census division had the largest proportion with 12,003 ( $23.1 \%$ ) of the economically active population. This was followed by Suburbs of Kingstown with 6,823 (13.1\%) and Kingstown with 6,367 (12.2\%). Sandy Bay, with 1,057 (2.0\%) economically active persons, had the lowest supply of labour by census division.

Table 5.4. Working Age Population by Economic Activity and Census Division, 2012

| Census Division | Work Age Population | Economically Active (Labour Force) |  |  | Persons Not in the Labour Force |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Employed | Unemployed | Total |  |
| Both Sexes |  |  |  |  |  |
| 01 - Kingstown | 9,721 | 5,219 | 1,148 | 6,367 | 3,354 |
| 02 - Suburbs of Kingstown | 10,207 | 5,155 | 1,668 | 6,823 | 3,384 |
| 03 - Calliaqua | 18,407 | 9,762 | 2,241 | 12,003 | 6,404 |
| 04 - Marriaqua | 5,821 | 2,954 | 733 | 3,687 | 2,134 |
| 05 - Bridgetown | 4,935 | 2,307 | 645 | 2,952 | 1,983 |
| 06 - Colonarie | 5,124 | 2,146 | 813 | 2,959 | 2,165 |
| 07 - Georgetown | 5,172 | 2,291 | 830 | 3,121 | 2,051 |
| 08 - Sandy Bay | 1,874 | 861 | 196 | 1,057 | 817 |
| 09 - Layou | 4,791 | 2,172 | 751 | 2,923 | 1,868 |
| 10 - Barrouallie | 4,076 | 1,808 | 617 | 2,425 | 1,651 |
| 11 - Chateaubelair | 4,168 | 1,740 | 623 | 2,363 | 1,805 |
| 12 - Northern Grenadines | 4,851 | 2,470 | 645 | 3,115 | 1,736 |
| 13 - Southern Grenadines | 3,116 | 1,936 | 283 | 2,219 | 897 |
| Total | 82,263 | 40,821 | 11,193 | 52,014 | 30,249 |

The labour force participation rate improved in the 2001-2012 intercensal period. The rate increased from $60.1 \%$, in 2001 , to $63.2 \%$ in 2012 (Table 5.5 below). This out-turn was driven mainly by increased participation by females. The female participation rate rose by 10.9 percentage points to $56.1 \%$ in 2012. Males, who continued to have a higher participation rate ( $70.2 \%$ ), recorded a 4.5 percentage points decline.

Table 5.5. Labour Force Participation Rate by Age Group and Sex, 2001 \& 2012

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age Group | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\frac{\text { Total }}{3012}$ | $\frac{\text { Male }}{27.6}$ | $\frac{\text { Female }}{23.8}$ | $\frac{\text { Total }}{\mathbf{2 5 . 8}}$ |
|  | $15-19$ | 85.9 | 56.4 | 71.5 | 80.1 | 68.8 |
| $20-24$ | 89.4 | 60.3 | 75.2 | 83.4 | 73.4 | $\mathbf{7 4 . 5}$ |
| $25-29$ | 90.7 | 60.8 | 76.4 | 85.7 | 74.8 | $\mathbf{7 8 . 5}$ |
| $30-34$ | 91.0 | 62.5 | 77.3 | 85.9 | 74.5 | $\mathbf{8 0 . 2}$ |
| $35-39$ | 90.7 | 61.6 | 76.6 | 85.9 | 74.1 | $\mathbf{8 0 . 3}$ |
| $40-44$ | 88.7 | 59.9 | 74.6 | 85.2 | 71.5 | $\mathbf{8 0 . 3}$ |
| $45-49$ | 85.8 | 51.6 | 69.3 | 83.2 | 65.1 | $\mathbf{7 8 . 6}$ |
| $50-54$ | 74.4 | 35.7 | 55.2 | 77.6 | 54.7 | $\mathbf{7 4 . 6}$ |
| $55-59$ | 54.3 | 22.3 | 37.6 | 60.1 | 31.7 | $\mathbf{6 6 . 7}$ |
| $60-64$ | 23.4 | 8.1 | 14.8 | 35.6 | 15.7 | $\mathbf{4 6 . 4}$ |
| $65+$ | $\mathbf{7 4 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 5 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{6 0 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{7 0 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{5 6 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 . 3}$ |
| Total |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{6 3 . 2}$ |  |

Generally speaking, most of the working age population in the lowest age group (15-19) are in school, while most in the highest age group (65+) are either retired or engaged in home duties. As a result, these two extremes tend to have low labour force participation rates.

In 2012, the labour force participation rate for age groups $15-19$ years, and 65 and over was $25.8 \%$ and $25.3 \%$, respectively. With the exception of the $60-64$ age group, all the corresponding age groups had a labour force participation rate above $66.0 \%$. Of note, combined age groups between $30-44$ years had participation rates slightly over $80.0 \%$.

The sex gap in labour force participation was widest in the population 50 years and over. In this age range, the participation among males was, on average, $22.4 \%$ higher than that of
females. This was the result of more females in this age range partaking in home duties. In addition, while most females typically leave the labour force after formal retirement, some males seek other forms of employment. Of the 2,343 persons, 50 years and over, involved in home duties, $88.1 \%$ were female and $11.9 \%$ were male. Further, the majority of those over 50 years, who indicated that they were retired, were female ( $56.7 \%$ ).

### 5.5 Employed Labour Force

The employed population comprised persons in the labour force who indicated that during the week before enumeration they either worked ${ }^{5}$ or had a job but were not at work. ${ }^{6}$ In 2012, there were 40,821 employed persons (Table 5.6 on next page), an increase of $14.7 \%$ over the 35,588 in 2001. This out-turn was on account of the 3,886 females and the 1,847 males who gained employment during the intercensal period. These 40,821 employed persons comprised 23,690 $(58.0 \%)$ males, who accounted for the larger share of the employed population, and 17,131 (42.0\%) females.

The overall employment rate stood at $78.5 \%$, slightly lower than the $79.1 \%$ in 2001 (Table 5.3 on page 76). The rate of employment was higher for males ( $80.6 \%$ ) compared with females $(75.7 \%)$. This is in contrast to 2001, when the employment rate for females (81.7\%) was higher than that for males (77.6\%).

### 5.5.1 Status in Employment

The main source of employment, in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, in 2012, was the private sector and the government was the largest single employer. The main participants in the

[^3]private sector were those who were Paid Employees of Private Businesses (42.6\%) and those who Owned Businesses without Paid Employees (19.2\%). Other important participants were those who were Paid Employees of Private Homes (4.8\%) and those who Owned Businesses with Paid Employees ( $3.1 \%$ ). Collectively, these four groups accounted for $69.7 \%$ of the employed labour force (Table 5.6 below). Government employees and those at State-owned Companies/Statutory Boards accounted for 21.4 per cent and 4.1 per cent of the employed population, respectively.

Table 5.6. Employed Population by Status in Employment and Sex, 2012

|  | Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Status in Employment | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ |  |  |  |
| Paid Employee, Government <br> (Local and Central Government) | 3,839 | 44.0 | 4,891 | 56.0 | $\mathbf{8 , 7 3 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 . 4}$ |  |  |  |
| Paid Employee, State Owned |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Company/Statutory Board | 1,069 | 63.6 | 612 | 36.4 | $\mathbf{1 , 6 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 . 1}$ |  |  |  |
| Paid Employee, Private Business | 10,684 | 61.4 | 6,712 | 38.6 | $\mathbf{1 7 , 3 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 2 . 6}$ |  |  |  |
| Paid Employee, Private Home | 736 | 37.3 | 1,238 | 62.7 | $\mathbf{1 , 9 7 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 . 8}$ |  |  |  |
| Own Business with Paid employees | 873 | 69.1 | 390 | 30.9 | $\mathbf{1 , 2 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 1}$ |  |  |  |
| Own Business without Paid employees |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Self-Employed) | 5,327 | 67.9 | 2,523 | 32.1 | $\mathbf{7 , 8 5 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 . 2}$ |  |  |  |
| Apprentice/Learners | 45 | 70.3 | 19 | 29.7 | $\mathbf{6 4}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 2}$ |  |  |  |
| Unpaid Family Worker/Employee | 198 | 44.4 | 248 | 55.6 | $\mathbf{4 4 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 1}$ |  |  |  |
| Volunteer Worker | 64 | 57.1 | 48 | 42.9 | $\mathbf{1 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 3}$ |  |  |  |
| Other | 271 | 70.4 | 114 | 29.6 | $\mathbf{3 8 4}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9}$ |  |  |  |
| Don't Know | 58 | 81.7 | 13 | 18.3 | $\mathbf{7 0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 2}$ |  |  |  |
| Not Stated | 527 | 61.9 | 324 | 38.1 | $\mathbf{8 5 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 1}$ |  |  |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 3 , 6 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 8 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 , 1 3 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 2 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 , 8 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |  |  |  |

Males outnumbered females in most private sector engagements, while the opposite was the case within government organisations. With the exception of the category Paid Employees, Private Homes, with females representing the larger share of employees (62.7\%), males accounted for more than $60.0 \%$ of most private sector engagements: Paid Employees, Private Business (61.4\%), Own Business with Paid Employees (69.2\%) and Own Business without Paid Employees $(67.9 \%)$. In contrast, the majority of those employed in the Government were females; i.e., 4,891 (56.0\%), compared to 3,839 (44.0\%) males.

### 5.5.2 Occupation

In 2012, Employed Economically Active persons (Table 5.7 below), were mainly Services and Sales Workers (26.0\%), Craft and Related Trades Workers (13.4\%) and Elementary Workers (13.4\%). Services and Sales was the main occupation for each age group, with the exception of those 65 years and over, who were mainly engaged in the occupational group Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery. This was the fourth largest occupational group, representing 12.5\% of employed persons. The other occupational groups: Professionals (11.1\%), Technicians and Associate Professionals (7.1\%), Clerical Support Workers (6.2\%), Plant and Machine Operators, and Assemblers (5.0\%), and Managers (4.0\%), collectively accounted for $33.4 \%$ of the employed labour force.

Table 5.7. Currently Employed Population by Occupational Group, 2012

| Occupational Group | Count |  |  | Per cent (\%) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Managers | 968 | 661 | 1,629 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| Professionals | 1,553 | 2,991 | 4,544 | 6.6 | 17.5 | 11.1 |
| Technicians and associate professionals | 1,436 | 1,470 | 2,906 | 6.1 | 8.6 | 7.1 |
| Clerical support workers | 606 | 1,905 | 2,511 | 2.6 | 11.1 | 6.2 |
| Service and sales workers | 4,442 | 6,188 | 10,630 | 18.8 | 36.1 | 26.0 |
| Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers | 4,230 | 880 | 5,110 | 17.9 | 5.1 | 12.5 |
| Craft and related trades workers | 4,995 | 472 | 5,467 | 21.1 | 2.8 | 13.4 |
| Plant and machine operators, and assemblers | 1,928 | 110 | 2,038 | 8.1 | 0.6 | 5.0 |
| Elementary occupations | 3,246 | 2,220 | 5,466 | 13.7 | 13.0 | 13.4 |
| Not Stated | 286 | 234 | 520 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Total | 23,690 | 17,131 | 40,821 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Employed males were mainly occupied as Craft and Related Trades Workers (21.1\%), Services and Sales Workers (18.8\%) and Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery Workers (17.9\%). Employed females were mainly Services and Sales Workers (36.1\%), Professionals
(17.5\%) and Elementary Workers (13.0\%). The majority of Managers were male (59.4\%), while most Professionals were female (65.8\%).

### 5.5.3 Industry

The Wholesale and Retail Trade Industry (16.9\%) continued to attract the largest share of the employed population in 2012. This was followed by the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing and Construction industries, with $11.8 \%$ and $11.6 \%$, respectively (Table 5.8 on next page). Other important sources of employment were Public Administration (9.7\%), Education (7.8\%), Transportation and Storage (7.6\%) and Accommodation and Food Service Activities (7.4\%).

These key industries, which had the largest share of the employed population have been among the top contributors to the national economy. In 2012, Wholesale and Retail Trade contributed $15.5 \%$ of the GDP, the largest for any single industry, bar Government services (18.1\%). Concomitantly, the Agriculture industry's contribution to the GDP was $5.9 \%$. As a result of numerous challenges faced, including loss of preferential access to European Union (EU) markets, natural disasters, negative exogenous shocks and crop diseases, this industry declined over the period. The Construction industry, another major source of employment, contributed 8.3\% of the GDP in 2012. The Transportation and Storage industry was a very important economic contributor. It accounted for $11.1 \%$ of the GDP. However, because this industry is not as labour intensive as the Agriculture and Construction industries, it attracted only $7.6 \%$ of the employed population.

Wholesale and Retail Trade (22.6\%), Construction (14.2\%) and Public Administration (9.4\%) attracted the largest share of employed youth (15-24 years). The elderly employed population (60 years and over) were mainly engaged in Agriculture (26.2\%) and Wholesale and Retail Trade (18.8\%). As it regards gender, males were mainly engaged in Construction (18.7\%)
and Agriculture (16.5\%), while females were engaged in Wholesale and Retail Trade (20.5\%) and Education (13.6\%).

Table 5.8. Currently Employed Population by Industry, 2012

| Industry | Count |  |  | Per cent (\%) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing | 3,903 | 905 | 4,808 | 16.5 | 5.3 | 11.8 |
| Mining and quarrying | 34 | 7 | 41 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Manufacturing | 1,446 | 615 | 2,061 | 6.1 | 3.6 | 5.1 |
| Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply | 276 | 60 | 336 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities | 270 | 54 | 324 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| Construction | 4,433 | 317 | 4,750 | 18.7 | 1.9 | 11.6 |
| Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles | 3,370 | 3,512 | 6,882 | 14.2 | 20.5 | 16.9 |
| Transportation and storage | 2,571 | 525 | 3,096 | 10.9 | 3.1 | 7.6 |
| Accommodation and food service activities | 1,234 | 1,788 | 3,022 | 5.2 | 10.4 | 7.4 |
| Information and communication | 304 | 228 | 532 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| Financial and insurance activities | 240 | 552 | 792 | 1.0 | 3.2 | 1.9 |
| Real estate activities | 29 | 19 | 48 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Professional, scientific and technical activities | 221 | 375 | 596 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 1.5 |
| Administrative and support service activities | 765 | 416 | 1,181 | 3.2 | 2.4 | 2.9 |
| Public administration and defence; compulsory social security | 2,125 | 1,851 | 3,976 | 9.0 | 10.8 | 9.7 |
| Education | 840 | 2,328 | 3,168 | 3.6 | 13.6 | 7.8 |
| Human health and social work activities | 262 | 1,136 | 1,398 | 1.1 | 6.6 | 3.4 |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 150 | 208 | 358 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.9 |
| Other service activities | 433 | 449 | 882 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 2.2 |
| Activities of households as employers | 470 | 1,494 | 1,964 | 2.0 | 8.7 | 4.8 |
| Activities of extraterritorial organizations \& bodies | 14 | 17 | 31 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Not Stated | 300 | 275 | 575 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.4 |
| Total | 23,690 | 17,131 | 40,821 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

### 5.6 Unemployed Labour Force

The unemployed labour force comprised persons who indicated that during the week before enumeration they were either without work ${ }^{7}$, looked for work ${ }^{8}$, and were available. ${ }^{9}$ In 2012, there were 11,193 unemployed persons (Table 5.1 on page 73 ), an unemployment rate of $21.5 \%$. Males accounted for $50.9 \%(5,693)$ of the unemployed and females, $49.1 \%(5,500)$. The majority of the unemployed were young: $15-19$ years ( $14.1 \%$ ), $20-24$ years ( $22.8 \%$ ) and $25-29$ years ( $14.6 \%$ ). Collectively, these three groups accounted for $51.5 \%$ of the unemployed population. The Calliaqua census division had the highest number of unemployed persons; i.e. 2,441 (20.0\%). This was followed by Suburbs of Kingstown with 1,668 persons (14.9\%) and Kingstown with 1,148 persons (10.3\%). The Sandy Bay and Southern Grenadines census divisions had the lowest numbers of unemployed persons, with 196 (1.8\%) and 283 (2.5\%) individuals, respectively.

[^4]Table 5.9. Employment and Unemployment Rates by Age Group and Sex, 2001 \& 2012

| Age Group | 2001 |  | 2012 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Employed | Unemployed | Employed | Unemployed |
| Both sexes |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 48.5 | 51.5 | 38.3 | 61.7 |
| 20-24 | 68.4 | 31.7 | 60.3 | 39.7 |
| 25-29 | 78.5 | 21.5 | 75.0 | 25.0 |
| 30-34 | 82.3 | 17.7 | 79.6 | 20.4 |
| 35-39 | 85.6 | 14.4 | 83.2 | 16.8 |
| 40-44 | 86.8 | 13.2 | 86.0 | 14.0 |
| $45-49$ | 88.4 | 11.6 | 86.6 | 13.4 |
| 50-54 | 88.7 | 11.3 | 88.8 | 11.2 |
| 55-59 | 87.3 | 12.7 | 87.3 | 12.7 |
| 60-64 | 89.4 | 10.6 | 89.9 | 10.1 |
| 65+ | 93.9 | 6.1 | 84.5 | 15.5 |
| Total | 79.1 | 20.9 | 78.5 | 21.5 |
| Male |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 49.8 | 50.2 | 43.1 | 56.9 |
| 20-24 | 67.5 | 32.5 | 65.4 | 34.6 |
| 25-29 | 77.0 | 23.0 | 77.3 | 22.7 |
| 30-34 | 81.3 | 18.8 | 81.9 | 18.1 |
| 35-39 | 83.6 | 16.4 | 85.2 | 14.8 |
| 40-44 | 84.8 | 15.2 | 86.9 | 13.1 |
| 45-49 | 85.9 | 14.1 | 87.2 | 12.9 |
| 50-54 | 85.9 | 14.2 | 89.2 | 10.8 |
| 55-59 | 84.8 | 15.2 | 86.4 | 13.7 |
| 60-64 | 87.0 | 13.0 | 89.8 | 10.2 |
| 65+ | 93.6 | 6.4 | 86.1 | 13.9 |
| Total | 77.6 | 22.5 | 80.6 | 19.4 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 45.8 | 54.2 | 32.6 | 67.4 |
| 20-24 | 69.7 | 30.3 | 54.2 | 45.8 |
| $25-29$ | 80.8 | 19.2 | 72.3 | 27.7 |
| 30-34 | 84.0 | 16.0 | 77.0 | 23.0 |
| 35-39 | 88.6 | 11.4 | 80.9 | 19.2 |
| 40-44 | 89.9 | 10.1 | 85.0 | 15.0 |
| 45-49 | 92.4 | 7.7 | 85.8 | 14.2 |
| 50-54 | 93.8 | 6.3 | 88.4 | 11.6 |
| 55-59 | 92.5 | 7.5 | 88.7 | 11.3 |
| 60-64 | 95.0 | 5.0 | 90.1 | 9.9 |
| 65+ | 94.6 | 5.4 | 81.2 | 18.8 |
| Total | 81.7 | 18.3 | 75.7 | 24.3 |

In 2012, the overall rate of unemployment was $21.5 \%$, marginally higher than the $20.9 \%$ in 2001 (Table 5.9 on previous page). The rate of unemployment was higher for females (24.3\%) than males (19.4\%). This is in contrast to 2001, when the unemployment rate for males (22.5\%) was higher than that for females (18.3\%). In 2012, unemployment rates for females, per age group, were higher when compared with males, except in age groups $55-59$ and $60-64$. Further, across all census divisions, females had higher rates of unemployment (Table 5.9 on previous page).

The younger the individual the higher the likelihood that he or she was unemployed. This trend of high unemployment among the youth, relative to the older age cohorts is common across many developing countries; and, to a lesser extent, developed nations, as employers generally tend to favour older applicants with job experience. Further, the youth are expected to have more education to compete for jobs, a phenomenon referred to as credential inflation or academic inflation.

Several census divisions had an unemployment rate that was higher than the national average of $21.5 \%$. These are the census divisions of Colonaire ( $27.5 \%$ ), Georgetown ( $26.6 \%$ ), Chateaubelair (26.4\%), Barrouallie (25.5\%), Layou (25.7\%), Suburbs of Kingstown (24.5\%), and Bridgetown (21.9\%). The Southern Grenadines (12.8\%) had the lowest rate of unemployment, followed by Kingstown (18.0\%).

Table 5.10. Total Number of Persons Unemployed by Source of Livelihood, 2012

| Sources of Livelihood | Number | Per cent (\%) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | 21 | 0.2 |
| Employment | 335 | 3.0 |
| Investments | 48 | 0.4 |
| Public Assistance | 118 | 1.1 |
| Pension (Local) | 108 | 1.0 |
| Pension (Overseas) | 37 | 0.3 |
| Savings or Interest on Savings | 751 | 6.7 |
| Subsistence Farming | 487 | 4.4 |
| Support From Friends or Relatives (Local - Cash or Kind) | 7,863 | 70.2 |
| Support From Friends or Relatives (Overseas - Cash or Kind) | 1,338 | 12.0 |
| Other | 1,273 | 11.4 |

Most of the unemployed population indicated that their source of livelihood was Support from Friends or Relatives (Table 5.10 on previous page). For 7,863 (70.2\%) persons these friends or relatives were local and for $1,338(12.0 \%)$ they were overseas. Other important sources of livelihood were Savings or Interest on Savings, for 751 (6.7\%) persons and Subsistence Farming for a further 487 (4.4\%).

### 5.7 Population Not in the Labour Force

The population not in the labour force, also referred to as the Economically Inactive, are those in the working age population who are neither employed nor unemployed. They are either attending school, engaged in home duties, retired, disabled/unable, or unwilling to work. In 2012, this group stood at 30,249 . This represents a $1.4 \%$ increase over 29,844 in 2001. Females, 17,745 ( $58.7 \%$ ) in total, compared with $12,504(41.3 \%)$ males, accounted for the larger share of this population (Table 5.1 on page 73).

The Economically Inactive population, as highlighted in Table 5.11 (next page), comprised mainly of persons who were retired (25.5\%), attended school (22.3\%), or who engaged in home duties ( $20.0 \%$ ). A total $8.3 \%$ of this population reported that they were disabled or unable to work, while $2.2 \%$ reported that they had not yet started to seek work. A further $1.9 \%$ indicated that they believed no work was available; and, $1.0 \%$ stated that they do not know how or where to seek employment.

Table 5.11. Main Activity of the Economically Inactive Population, 2012

| Main Activity in the Past Month | $\frac{\text { Count }}{}$ | Per cent (\%) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Own illness, disability, injury, pregnancy | 2,510 | 8.3 |
| Home duties, personal/family responsibilities | 6,052 | 20.0 |
| In school/training | 6,732 | 22.3 |
| Retirement/old age | 7,698 | 25.5 |
| Believe no work is available | 575 | 1.9 |
| Do not know how or where to seek work | 311 | 1.0 |
| Not yet started to seek work | 672 | 2.2 |
| Other | 726 | 2.4 |
| Not Stated | 4,973 | 16.4 |
| Total | $\mathbf{3 0 , 2 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

Table 5.12. Economically Inactive population by Source of Livelihood, 2012

| Sources of Livelihood | Number | Per cent (\%) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Disability Benefits | 134 | 0.4 |
| Employment | 1,815 | 6.0 |
| Investments | 265 | 0.9 |
| Public Assistance | 2,173 | 7.2 |
| Pension (Local) | 3,104 | 10.3 |
| Pension (Overseas) | 1,496 | 4.9 |
| Savings or Interest on Savings | 877 | 2.9 |
| Subsistence Farming | 855 | 2.8 |
| Support From Friends or Relatives (Local - Cash or Kind) | 15,173 | 50.2 |
| Support From Friends or Relatives (Overseas - Cash or Kind) | 3,306 | 10.9 |
| Other | 3,059 | 10.1 |

### 5.8 Conclusion

In 2012, about half of the economically inactive population, i.e., $15,173(50.2 \%)$, stated that their source of livelihood was Support from (Local) Friends or Relatives (Table 5.12 above). The second largest source of livelihood was, for 3,306 (10.9\%), Support from Overseas Friends or Relatives. Also important, for 3,104 (10.3\%), was Pension (Local), and for 2,173 (7.2\%), Public Assistance.

## Chapter 6: Household and Housing Characteristics

### 6.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the housing and household characteristics of St. Vincent and the Grenadines for 2012 and makes comparisons with the 2001 data. Moreover, it presents an analysis of standards of living by census divisions.

### 6.2 Households

There were 36,829 households in St. Vincent and the Grenadines at the time of the 2012 Population and Housing census (Table 6.1 below). This represented a $20.5 \%$ increase on the 2001 census figure of 30,558 households. Census divisions of Kingstown, Suburbs of Kingstown and Calliaqua accounted for $54.1 \%$ of the increase in households, compared with the $45.9 \%$ contribution of all census divisions (Table 6.3 on page 91 ).

Table 6.1. Number of Households and Average Size

| Census Year | Number of Households | Average Size |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1970 | 16,940 | 5.1 |
| 1980 | 20,290 | 4.8 |
| 1991 | 27,002 | 3.9 |
| 2001 | 30,558 | 3.5 |
| 2012 | 36,829 | 3.0 |

Overall, the average household size decreased from 3.5 to 3.0 persons, consistent with increased access to education, as well as declining birth rates. Additionally, growth in the number of households superseded population growth. All divisions recorded a decrease in average household size. Sandy Bay continued to have the largest average household size, 3.9 persons per household in 2012, although this was smaller than the 4.2 size in 2001 (Table 6.2 on next page).

Table 6.2. Average Household Size by Census Division, 2001 \& 2012

|  | Average Household Size |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Census Division | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ |
| Kingstown | 3.4 | 3.0 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 3.9 | 3.1 |
| Calliaqua | 3.4 | 2.8 |
| Marriaqua | 3.7 | 3.2 |
| Bridgetown | 3.7 | 3.1 |
| Colonarie | 3.8 | 3.2 |
| Georgetown | 3.6 | 3.2 |
| Sandy Bay | 4.2 | 3.9 |
| Layou | 3.4 | 2.9 |
| Barrouallie | 3.5 | 3.1 |
| Chateaubelair | 3.8 | 3.4 |
| Northern Grenadines | 3.1 | 2.3 |
| Southern Grenadines | 2.7 | 2.5 |
| Total | $\mathbf{3 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 0}$ |

Northern Grenadines had the smallest average household size, 2.3 persons per household, down from 3.1 persons per household in 2001. Southern Grenadines, which had the smallest average household size in 2001 ( 2.7 persons), had 2.5 persons per household in 2012.

As shown in Figure 6.1 (next page), the Calliaqua census division continued to have the highest number of households in 2012. It had 8,655 households, compared with 6,562 in 2001. The Kingstown division had 3,983 households in 2001, the second largest number of households at that time. The number of households in that division increased by $7.4 \%$ to 4,278 households during the intercensal period. However, this census division, had the third largest number of households in 2012, as it was overtaken by the Suburbs of Kingstown, in which the number of households grew by $29.8 \%$, from 3,378 households, in 2001, to 4,385 households in 2012. All other divisions also recorded increases in households, with the exception of Sandy Bay, which remained constant at 662 households.


Figure 6.1. Distribution of Households in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, 2001\& 2012

Table 6.3. Total and Percentage Household by Census Divisions

|  | Total Number of Households |  |  | Percentage Change |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Census Division | $\underline{\mathbf{1 9 8 0}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{1 9 9 1}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 0 1}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 1 2}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{1 9 8 0 - 1 9 9 1}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{1 9 9 1 - 2 0 0 1}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 0 1 - 2 0 1 2}}$ |
| 01 - Kingstown | 3,761 | 4,175 | 3,983 | 4,278 | 11.0 | -4.6 | 7.4 |
| 02 - Suburbs of Kingstown | 1,711 | 2,551 | 3,378 | 4,385 | 49.1 | 32.4 | 29.8 |
| 03 - Calliaqua | 3,710 | 5,430 | 6,562 | 8,655 | 46.4 | 20.9 | 31.9 |
| 04 - Marriaqua | 1,633 | 2,167 | 2,206 | 2,436 | 32.7 | 1.8 | 10.4 |
| 05 - Bridgetown | 1,221 | 1,679 | 1,849 | 2,085 | 37.5 | 10.1 | 12.8 |
| 06 - Colonarie | 1,361 | 1,895 | 1,993 | 2,174 | 39.2 | 5.2 | 9.1 |
| 07 - Georgetown | 1,420 | 1,946 | 1,921 | 2,188 | 37.0 | -1.3 | 7.8 |
| 08 - Sandy Bay | 486 | 575 | 662 | 662 | 18.3 | 15.1 | 0.0 |
| 09 - Layou | 1,119 | 1,516 | 1,861 | 2,178 | 35.5 | 22.8 | 17.0 |
| 10 - Barrouallie | 1,021 | 1,393 | 1,577 | 1,806 | 36.4 | 13.2 | 14.5 |
| 11 - Chateaubelair | 1,232 | 1,449 | 1,603 | 1,669 | 17.6 | 10.6 | 4.1 |
| 12 - Northern Grenadines | 1,045 | 1,450 | 1,721 | 2,673 | 38.8 | 18.7 | 55.3 |
| 13 - Southern Grenadines | 570 | 776 | 1,242 | 1,640 | 36.1 | 60.1 | 32.1 |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 0 , 2 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 , 0 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 , 5 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 6 , 8 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 3 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 . 1}$ |

### 6.3 Type of Dwelling

The majority of the population (85.0\%) lived in Undivided Private Houses during 2012
(Table 6.4 on next page), statistically unchanged from the $85.3 \%$ during the 2001 census
(Table 6.5 on page 93 ).

Table 6.4. Number of Households by Type of Dwelling, 2012

| Census Division | Type of Dwelling |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Undivided Private House | Part of a Private House | Flat/ Apartment | Townhouse | Double House/ Duplex | Combined Business \& Dwelling | Barrack | Group Dwelling | Improvised Housing Unit | Other | Not Stated | Total |
| Kingstown | 3,209 | 468 | 442 | 4 | 69 | 66 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 4,278 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 3,756 | 256 | 258 | 2 | 41 | 44 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 11 | 8 | 4,385 |
| Calliaqua | 7,252 | 597 | 517 | 113 | 74 | 83 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 8,655 |
| Marriaqua | 2,200 | 164 | 33 | 0 | 8 | 21 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2,436 |
| Bridgetown | 1,818 | 53 | 91 | 0 | 72 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2,085 |
| Colonaire | 2,014 | 107 | 10 | 0 | 11 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2,174 |
| Georgetown | 2,039 | 99 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 26 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 2,188 |
| Sandy Bay | 543 | 18 | 62 | 14 | 4 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 662 |
| Layou | 1,873 | 140 | 96 | 0 | 35 | 31 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2,178 |
| Barrouallie | 1,701 | 87 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1,806 |
| Chateaubelair | 1,425 | 63 | 94 | 0 | 68 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1,669 |
| Northern Grenadines | 2,386 | 116 | 31 | 2 | 72 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 2,673 |
| Southern Grenadines | 1,070 | 171 | 300 | 1 | 35 | 48 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 1,640 |
| Total | 31,286 | 2,339 | 1,938 | 136 | 494 | 493 | 10 | 31 | 9 | 60 | 33 | 36,829 |

The Calliaqua division had the largest concentration of the Undivided Private Homes in 2012, and the Southern Grenadines had the lowest. This may have been because a number of migrant residents, from mainland St. Vincent, lived in flats to facilitate work in the Southern Grenadines.

Meanwhile, $6.4 \%$ of households lived in sections of Private Houses, down from $9.7 \%$ in 2001. Also, $5.3 \%$ lived in Flats/Apartments during 2012, up from $2.2 \%$ in 2001. This type of dwelling (Flats/Apartment) was more prevalent in the census divisions of Kingstown, Suburbs of Kingstown and Calliaqua. Together, they accounted for $47.0 \%$ of the households living in this type of dwelling. The remaining households lived in Town Houses ( $0.4 \%$ ), Double Houses/Duplexes (1.3\%), Combined Business and Dwelling (1.3\%), Barracks (0.03\%), Group Dwellings (0.1\%), Improvised Housing Units (0.02\%), Other ( $0.2 \%$ ), while $0.1 \%$ of households did not disclose their type of dwelling (Table 6.5 below).

Table 6.5. Total and Percentage Household by Type of Dwelling, 2001 \& 2012

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Type of Dwelling Unit | $\frac{\text { Number }}{}$ | $\frac{\text { Per cent }(\boldsymbol{\%})}{}$ |
| Separate House/Detached/Undivided Private House | 31,286 | 85.0 |
| Part of a Private house/Attached | 2,339 | 6.4 |
| Flat, Apartment/Condominium | 1,938 | 5.3 |
| Townhouse | 136 | 0.4 |
| Double house/Duplex | 494 | 1.3 |
| Combined business and Dwelling | 493 | 1.3 |
| Barrack | 10 | 0.0 |
| Group dwelling | 31 | 0.1 |
| Improvised Housing Unit (Earth/leave/branch etc.) | 9 | 0.0 |
| Other | 60 | 0.2 |
| Not Stated | 33 | 0.1 |
| Total | $\mathbf{3 6 , 8 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

### 6.4 Type of Tenure

During the intercensal period, several low-income housing projects were implemented, allowing for persons to own their own homes. Further, commercial banking institutions introduced credit financing programmes, which allowed public servants to access loans for housing constructions, with concessional levels of security/collateral. Consequently, the proportion of Owner occupied dwelling units increased from $75.7 \%(23,130)$, in 2001 , to $78.7 \%(28,987)$ in 2012 (Table 6.6 on next page).

The Sandy Bay census division had the highest concentration of Owner occupied dwellings ( $95.9 \%$ ). This may have been associated with its distance from the urban centre. The further away housing units are from urban centres, the greater the likelihood that they are occupied by their owners, as opposed to renters who tend to occupy areas closer to urban areas, where work is more common. The Southern Grenadines had the lowest percentage (63.4\%) of Owner occupied dwellings, due to a large concentration of migrant workers from other divisions. As workers move to an area to find work, they tend to occupy rental dwellings.

Also, $11.4 \%$ of households were rented from Private entities; a $7.1 \%$ increase from the 2001 figure. The Southern Grenadines had the largest concentration of rented dwelling units ( $28.1 \%$ ), based on its concentration of migrant workers from other divisions, while the Sandy Bay census division had the lowest concentration (1.1\%), as it is the furthest away from urban centres. An additional $0.2 \%$ of households rented from the Government during 2012, up from $0.1 \%$ in 2001. Additionally, $8.4 \%$ of households lived in Rent-free dwellings, $0.1 \%$ in Leased dwellings and $0.6 \%$ in informal human settlements (Squatted).

Table 6.6. Total and Percentage Households by Type of Tenure, 2001 \& 2012

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ |  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Type of Tenure of Dwelling Unit | $\frac{\text { Count }}{}$ | $\underline{\%}$ | $\frac{\text { Count }}{}$ |
| Owner | 23,130 | 75.7 | 28,987 | $\frac{\mathbf{\%}}{78.7}$ |
| Rented Private (paying) | 3,903 | 12.8 | 4,181 | 11.4 |
| Rented Govt. (paying) | 37 | 0.1 | 63 | 0.2 |
| Rent free | 2,756 | 9.0 | 3,083 | 8.4 |
| Leased | 27 | 0.1 | 40 | 0.1 |
| Squatted | 133 | 0.4 | 203 | 0.5 |
| Other | 487 | 1.6 | 187 | 0.5 |
| Don't Know | 85 | 0.3 | 85 | 0.2 |
| Total | $\mathbf{3 0 , 5 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 6 , 8 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

### 6.5 Year Dwelling was Built

The 2012 Population and Housing Census revealed that $22.8 \%$ of dwelling units were constructed before 1980, and a further $13.0 \%$ during the 1980s. Meanwhile respondents indicated that $16.7 \%$ of dwelling units were constructed in the 1990s. Further, $11.6 \%$ of homes were built between 2000 and 2005, and a further $8.3 \%$ were built between 2006 and 2010. One point six per cent were built in 2011, while $0.7 \%$ were built in 2012, prior to the census. In addition, $23.6 \%$ of respondents were unsure of the periods in which their dwelling units were built, while $1.8 \%$ did not indicate when their homes were constructed (Table 6.7 below).

Table 6.7. Number of Households by Year Dwelling was Built

| Year Dwelling Built | $\frac{\text { Count }}{}$ | $\underline{\text { Per cent (\%) }}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Before 1980 | 8,384 | 22.8 |
| $1980-1989$ | 4,773 | 13.0 |
| $1990-1999$ | 6,147 | 16.7 |
| $2000-2005$ | 4,270 | 11.6 |
| 2006 | 590 | 1.6 |
| 2007 | 591 | 1.6 |
| 2008 | 551 | 1.5 |
| 2009 | 656 | 1.8 |
| 2010 | 665 | 1.8 |
| 2011 | 593 | 1.6 |
| 2012 | 252 | 0.7 |
| Don't Know | 8,705 | 23.6 |
| Not Stated | 653 | 1.8 |
| Total | $\mathbf{3 6 , 8 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

### 6.6 Material of Outer Walls

Table 6.8 (next page), highlights the number of households by the construction materials of the outer walls. Concrete and blocks was the most common type of material used (69.8\%). The Chateaubelair and Barrouallie census divisions had the largest concentration of Concrete and block houses, with $84.2 \%$ and $82.0 \%$ of dwellings, respectively. In other census divisions, the proportion of the housing stock constructed from this material ranged from $65.1 \%$ to $74.0 \%$, with the exception of Sandy Bay, with a concentration of $50.4 \%$. Wood was the next most common type of construction material, accounting for $9.8 \%$ of dwellings. The Southern Grenadines had the largest concentration of wooden houses ( $13.5 \%$ ), while the Chateaubelair division had the lowest concentration (4.5\%).

Table 6.8. Number of Households by Type of Construction Material and Census Division, 2012

| CENSUS DIVISION | Type of Construction Material |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Stone | Stone and Brick | Concrete | Concrete and Blocks | Wood and Brick | Wood and Concrete | Wood and Galvanize | $\underline{\text { Wood }}$ | Wattle Adobe | Other | Not Stated |  |
| Kingstown | 45 | 56 | 586 | 2,666 | 55 | 331 | 44 | 470 | 0 | 18 | 7 | 4,278 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 38 | 52 | 428 | 3,044 | 41 | 261 | 91 | 423 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 4,385 |
| Calliaqua | 115 | 180 | 819 | 6,167 | 81 | 413 | 102 | 726 | 2 | 43 | 5 | 8,655 |
| Marriaqua | 14 | 29 | 140 | 1,738 | 27 | 188 | 27 | 267 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2,436 |
| Bridgetown | 24 | 36 | 340 | 1,336 | 14 | 119 | 39 | 166 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 2,085 |
| Colonaire | 14 | 44 | 117 | 1,609 | 24 | 88 | 47 | 216 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 2,174 |
| Georgetown | 4 | 25 | 55 | 1,620 | 12 | 124 | 47 | 294 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2,188 |
| Sandy Bay | 10 | 16 | 224 | 333 | 9 | 25 | 9 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 662 |
| Layou | 22 | 23 | 100 | 1,508 | 27 | 182 | 28 | 286 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2,178 |
| Barrouallie | 11 | 4 | 23 | 1,480 | 15 | 106 | 17 | 144 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1,806 |
| Chateaubelair | 15 | 17 | 3 | 1,406 | 11 | 87 | 33 | 75 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 1,669 |
| Northern Grenadines | 9 | 21 | 135 | 1,740 | 55 | 371 | 28 | 293 | 2 | 16 | 3 | 2,673 |
| Southern Grenadines | 18 | 31 | 80 | 1,078 | 11 | 178 | 12 | 222 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1,640 |
| Total | 337 | 533 | 3,049 | 25,723 | 384 | 2,473 | 523 | 3,619 | 36 | 119 | 31 | 36,829 |

### 6.7 Number of Rooms

As was the case in 2001, the Three-bedroom Dwelling was the most common in 2012. Thirty four point two per cent of houses had 3 bedrooms in 2012, compared with $32.4 \%$ in 2001. This increase is attributable to the Government implemented series of low-income housing projects. The next, most common, form of dwelling was the Two-bedroom Dwelling. In 2012, $28.1 \%$ of housing units had two bedrooms, down from $31.2 \%$ in 2001, as more persons opted for the Three-bedroom Dwelling. Meanwhile, the concentration of Four-bedroom houses declined from $8.5 \%$ to $8.2 \%$ (see Table 6.9 , on page 99 , for a breakdown by census division).


Figure 6.2. Percentage of Households by Number of Rooms, 2012

Table 6.9. Number of Households by Number of Bedrooms and Census Division, 2012

| CENSUS DIVISION | Total Number of Bedrooms |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Zero | One | Two | Three | Four | Five | $\underline{\text { Six }}$ | Seven | Eight | $\underline{\text { Nine }+}$ |  |
| Kingstown | 345 | 711 | 1,176 | 1,415 | 427 | 147 | 41 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 4,278 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 398 | 747 | 1,365 | 1,337 | 354 | 121 | 37 | 11 | 13 | 1 | 4,385 |
| Calliaqua | 745 | 1,248 | 2,242 | 3,203 | 814 | 275 | 74 | 33 | 15 | 5 | 8,655 |
| Marriaqua | 225 | 406 | 720 | 794 | 196 | 64 | 18 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 2,436 |
| Bridgetown | 149 | 343 | 637 | 753 | 136 | 47 | 15 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2,085 |
| Colonaire | 165 | 433 | 655 | 677 | 185 | 35 | 12 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 2,174 |
| Georgetown | 161 | 495 | 595 | 745 | 146 | 29 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2,188 |
| Sandy Bay | 52 | 99 | 209 | 226 | 59 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 662 |
| Layou | 242 | 386 | 554 | 763 | 160 | 52 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 2,178 |
| Barrouallie | 194 | 357 | 488 | 572 | 135 | 42 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1,806 |
| Chateaubelair | 128 | 297 | 487 | 577 | 144 | 25 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1,669 |
| Northern Grenadines | 171 | 400 | 728 | 1,116 | 197 | 51 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2,673 |
| Southern Grenadines | 158 | 447 | 509 | 424 | 78 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1,640 |
| TOTAL | 3,134 | 6,368 | 10,364 | 12,603 | 3,032 | 918 | 246 | 79 | 72 | 11 | 36,829 |

### 6.8 Main Source of Lighting

Electricity from public supply was the main source of lighting used in St. Vincent and the Grenadines (Table 6.10 on next page). This accounted for $88.9 \%$ of households in 2012, up from $79.8 \%$ of households in 2001. This is consistent with a reduction in abject poverty. Between 2001 and 2012 the number of households that used Electricity as a main source of lighting, increased by $34.2 \%$, mainly as a result of an electrification campaign in the Grenadines. The Northern Grenadines experienced the greatest change of public electrification (106.2\%) from 1,185 households, in 2001, to 2,444 households in 2012. Consequently, the public electricity penetration increased from $68.4 \%$ in 2001, to $91.4 \%$ in 2012. Meanwhile, public electrification in the Southern Grenadines increased by $51.1 \%$, from 1,000 households, in 2001, to 1,511 households in 2012. The Southern Grenadines along with Kingstown, had the highest rate of public electricity penetration (92.1\%).

Table 6.10. Number of Households by Type of Lighting Used, 2012

| Census Division | Main Source of Lighting |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ElectricityPublic | Electricity PrivateGenerator | Gas Lantern | Kerosene | Solar | None | Other | Not Stated | Total |
| Kingstown | 3,942 | 8 | 6 | 87 | 0 | 39 | 133 | 63 | 4,278 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 3,910 | 8 | 32 | 126 | 5 | 24 | 197 | 84 | 4,385 |
| Calliaqua | 7,948 | 30 | 39 | 189 | 6 | 68 | 315 | 60 | 8,655 |
| Marriaqua | 2,144 | 5 | 11 | 71 | 1 | 25 | 167 | 11 | 2,436 |
| Bridgetown | 1,786 | 0 | 8 | 49 | 2 | 21 | 193 | 26 | 2,085 |
| Colonaire | 1,864 | 4 | 8 | 68 | 0 | 40 | 170 | 20 | 2,174 |
| Georgetown | 1,811 | 10 | 10 | 88 | 2 | 32 | 228 | 6 | 2,188 |
| Sandy Bay | 542 | 4 | 9 | 42 | 0 | 17 | 42 | 6 | 662 |
| Layou | 1,903 | 3 | 30 | 51 | 5 | 22 | 134 | 29 | 2,178 |
| Barrouallie | 1,510 | 9 | 17 | 69 | 1 | 27 | 119 | 53 | 1,806 |
| Chateaubelair | 1,406 | 3 | 20 | 38 | 2 | 14 | 158 | 28 | 1,669 |
| Northern Grenadines | 2,444 | 10 | 30 | 40 | 7 | 26 | 108 | 9 | 2,673 |
| Southern Grenadines | 1,511 | 8 | 21 | 22 | 3 | 18 | 38 | 20 | 1,640 |
| Total | 32,721 | 103 | 241 | 939 | 33 | 373 | 2,003 | 416 | 36,829 |

On mainland St. Vincent, an inverse relationship appeared between the distance from the main urban centre and the rate of public electricity penetration (Figure 6.3 below). On average, the concentration of households without electricity increased by $0.3 \%$ for every mile travelled away from Kingstown. Distance accounted for $81.6 \%$ of the variations in public electricity penetration. Table 6.11 (next page) provides the reference points for these calculations.


Figure 6.3. Relationship between Distance from Main Urban Centre and Public Electricity Penetration, 2012

See also, Map 6.1 (page 104), which shows the penetration of public electricity, as a main source of lighting, by census divisions. Map 6.1 illustrates that the census divisions of Kingstown and Calliaqua had the highest concentration of public electricity as a main source of lighting. They fell between the range of $90 \%-92.5 \%$. The census division of Sandy Bay had the least concentration of public electricity as a source of lighting (82.5\%). In addition, the number of households using Private generators and Kerosene as a main source of lighting declined by $87.2 \%$
and $76.0 \%$, respectively. Notwithstanding, the number of households using Gas lanterns increased
by $217 . \%$ between 2001 and 2012.

Table 6.11. Distance from Urban Centre ${ }^{10}$

| Census Division | Abbreviation | Reference Point | Distance (Miles) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kingstown | KTN | Radius from Court House | 1 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | SKN | Questelles Police Station | 3.5 |
| Calliaqua | CAL | Calliaqua Police Station | 4.7 |
| Marriaqua | MAR | Mesopotamia Primary School | 8.1 |
| Bridgetown | BTN | Biabou Police Station | 13.6 |
| Colonaire | CLN | Colonaire Police Station | 18.8 |
| Georgetown | GTN | Caratal Bridge | 23.0 |
| Sandy Bay | SBY | Sandy Bay Police Station | 29.6 |
| Layou | LAY | Velox Corner | 7.6 |
| Barrouallie | BAR | Kearton's Playing Field ${ }^{11}$ | 12.9 |
| Chateaubelair | CTB | Chateaubelair Police Station | 22.9 |

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Map 6.1. Penetration of Public Electricity as a Main Source of Lighting by Census Divisions, 2012

### 6.9 Main Source of Water

In 2012, $80.5 \%$ of the population received public piped water on their compounds, of which 68.9\% of total households received Public Piped Water into their Dwelling units, and a further $11.5 \%$ received Public Piped Water into their Yards. Overall, the penetration of Public Piped Water into Dwelling units increased from 52.2\% of households in 2001, to $68.9 \%$ in 2012 (Figure 6.4 below). Table 6.12 (next page) displays the number of households that used varying water supply sources, by census divisions.


Figure 6.4. Percentage Household by Type of Water Supply, 2012

Table 6.12. Number of Households by Main Source of Water and Census Divisions, 2012

| Census Division | Water Supply Source |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Public piped into dwelling | Public standpipe | Public <br> piped into yard | Private piped into dwelling | Public well/tank | Private catchments, not piped | Spring/River | Other | Not Stated | Total |
| Kingstown | 3,691 | 119 | 292 | 15 | 2 | 18 | 2 | 83 | 56 | 4,278 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 3,117 | 43 | 629 | 326 | 4 | 46 | 29 | 133 | 57 | 4,385 |
| Calliaqua | 7,537 | 140 | 668 | 48 | 5 | 52 | 33 | 138 | 33 | 8,655 |
| Marriaqua | 1,894 | 16 | 347 | 11 | 2 | 43 | 43 | 73 | 7 | 2,436 |
| Bridgetown | 1,509 | 116 | 370 | 20 | 0 | 14 | 16 | 35 | 4 | 2,085 |
| Colonaire | 1,579 | 141 | 360 | 6 | 0 | 16 | 20 | 42 | 10 | 2,174 |
| Georgetown | 1,457 | 110 | 528 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 23 | 54 | 4 | 2,188 |
| Sandy Bay | 431 | 30 | 156 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 14 | 1 | 662 |
| Layou | 1,547 | 70 | 417 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 55 | 49 | 24 | 2,178 |
| Barrouallie | 1,380 | 48 | 241 | 6 | 11 | 21 | 18 | 37 | 43 | 1,806 |
| Chateaubelair | 1,220 | 110 | 254 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 31 | 19 | 27 | 1,669 |
| Northern Grenadines | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1,655 | 5 | 890 | 0 | 112 | 5 | 2,673 |
| Southern Grenadines | 0 | 1 | 7 | 776 | 11 | 808 | 1 | 22 | 13 | 1,640 |
| Total | 25,365 | 944 | 4,270 | 2,881 | 48 | 1,932 | 289 | 815 | 286 | 36,829 |

On mainland St. Vincent, the penetration of Public Water Piped into Dwelling ranged from $65.1 \%$ of households in Sandy Bay, to $87.1 \%$ of households in Calliaqua. Distance accounts for $51.8 \%$ of the variations in the concentration of Public Piped Water into Dwelling units (Figure 6.5 below). On average, for every mile travelled away from Kingstown, the penetration levels fell by $0.5 \%$. Meanwhile, the penetration levels of Public Piped Water into Dwellings stood at $0.1 \%$ in the Northern Grenadines. This form of water supply does not exist in the Southern Grenadines. See Map 6.2 ( next page), which illustrates the penetration of Public Piped Water into Dwellings as a main source of drinking water by census divisions.


Figure 6.5. Relationship between Distance and the Penetration of Public Piped Water into Dwelling, 2012

Further, $7.8 \%$ of households received Private Piped Water into their Dwelling Units, while $2.6 \%$ of households transported water from Public Standpipes onto their premises. Meanwhile, $0.1 \%$ of households transported water from Public Wells/Tanks, $5.2 \%$ of households received water from Private Catchments (mostly in the Grenadines and urban and suburban divisions), $0.8 \%$ acquired water from Springs/Rivers, while $2.2 \%$ of households received water from Other sources.


Map 6.2. Penetration of Public Piped Water into Dwellings by Census Division, 2012

Compared with 2001, the use of Public Water Supply Piped into Dwellings and Yards increased by $39.9 \%$, as a result of efforts to increase access to potable water. The use of Public Piped Water into Yards declined by $18.2 \%$, and the use of Stand Pipes declined by $78.9 \%$. Nonetheless, the use of water from Private Catchments not Piped, increased by 119.4\%.

### 6.10 Main Source of Fuel for Cooking

Some $93.8 \%$ of households used Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) as the main source of fuel for cooking. The comparative figure from 2001 is $90.3 \%$. In 2012, the penetration levels of Cooking gas/LPG ranged from $88.2 \%$, in the Sandy Bay census division, to $95.3 \%$ of households in the Northern Grenadines. Additionally, $1.6 \%$ of households used Charcoal, while $2.0 \%$ used Wood. The comparative proportions for 2001 were $3.9 \%$ and $3.0 \%$, respectively. Naturally, the concentration of households that used Wood and Charcoal, across census divisions, shared an inverse relationship with the percentage of households that used Cooking gas/LPG as the main fuel for cooking. That is, the higher the use of Cooking gas/LPG, the lower the use of Charcoal or Wood.

Table 6.13. Number of Households by Type of Fuel most Used for Cooking and Census Division, 2012

| CENSUS DIVISION | Fuel used for Cooking |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \mathbf{4 , 2 7 8} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Wood | Charcoal | Kerosene | Electricity | Cooking Gas/LPG | None | Other | Not Stated |  |
| Kingstown | 45 | 51 | 12 | 73 | 3,996 | 52 | 8 | 41 |  |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 56 | 77 | 9 | 39 | 4,124 | 33 | 3 | 42 | 4,385 |
| Calliaqua | 132 | 105 | 10 | 68 | 8,244 | 55 | 12 | 30 | 8,655 |
| Marriaqua | 51 | 48 | 1 | 7 | 2,292 | 30 | 1 | 6 | 2,436 |
| Bridgetown | 66 | 23 | 0 | 2 | 1,962 | 21 | 3 | 8 | 2,085 |
| Colonaire | 90 | 19 | 2 | 8 | 2,021 | 28 | 1 | 5 | 2,174 |
| Georgetown | 105 | 34 | 0 | 8 | 2,007 | 32 | 0 | 2 | 2,188 |
| Sandy Bay | 32 | 32 | 0 | 2 | 584 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 662 |
| Layou | 39 | 45 | 1 | 19 | 2,025 | 21 | 8 | 21 | 2,178 |
| Barrouallie | 32 | 46 | 0 | 7 | 1,642 | 27 | 0 | 52 | 1,806 |
| Chateaubelair | 43 | 38 | 2 | 7 | 1,533 | 19 | 1 | 25 | 1,669 |
| Northern Grenadines | 33 | 59 | 2 | 13 | 2,548 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 2,673 |
| Southern Grenadines | 21 | 14 | 3 | 7 | 1,554 | 21 | 0 | 19 | 1,640 |
| Total | 742 | 593 | 42 | 261 | 34,531 | 364 | 40 | 256 | 36,829 |

### 6.11 Main Source of Toilet Facilities

In 2012, Flush Toilets Linked to Septic Tanks was the main type of toilet facility used in St. Vincent and the Grenadines (Table 6.14 on next page). Some $65.7 \%$ of households used this type of facility, compared with $51.4 \%$ during 2001. An additional $2.7 \%$ of households used Flush Toilets Linked to Sewers, up from $0.6 \%$ in 2001. Four point nine per cent of households used Pit Latrines Ventilated and Elevated, 6.7\% used Pit Latrines Ventilated and not Elevated, and 14.3\% used Pit Latrines not Ventilated. In total, $25.9 \%$ of households used Pit Latrines during 2012, down from $44.3 \%$ in 2001.

Flush toilets, along with pit latrines, are the internationally recommended forms of sewage disposals. In 2012, $94.34 \%$ of households used these forms of sewage disposal. This comprised 68.5\% who used Flush Toilets, up from 52.1\% in 2001, and $25.9 \%$ who used Pit Latrines, down from $44.2 \%$ in 2001. While Pit latrines are also recommended, Flush toilets represent the ideal form of sewage disposal. Throughout the State, the urban census divisions had the highest percentages of households with Flush Toilets. Figure 6.6 (page 114) displays the penetration of Flush Toilets in 2012, compared to 2001. In 2012, the Calliaqua census division had the highest concentration of Flush Toilets (81.2\%), followed by the Kingstown division, with $80.6 \%$. Meanwhile, the Southern Grenadines reported the lowest percentage of households with Flush toilets (45.3\%).

Table 6.14. Number of Households by Type of Toilet Facilities and Census Division, 2012

| Census Division | Type of Toilet Facility |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Flush <br> toilet <br> linked <br> to sewer | Flush <br> toilet <br> linked <br> to septic <br> tank | Pit latrine ventilated and elevated | Pit latrine ventilated and not elevated | Pit latrine not ventilated | Other | None | Not Stated | Total |
| Kingstown | 131 | 3,317 | 85 | 99 | 413 | 23 | 146 | 63 | 4,278 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 135 | 3,013 | 198 | 255 | 591 | 24 | 125 | 44 | 4,385 |
| Calliaqua | 325 | 6,704 | 417 | 365 | 630 | 22 | 164 | 27 | 8,655 |
| Marriaqua | 7 | 1,553 | 171 | 189 | 433 | 1 | 75 | 7 | 2,436 |
| Bridgetown | 66 | 1,205 | 71 | 207 | 476 | 5 | 51 | 3 | 2,085 |
| Colonaire | 20 | 1,250 | 127 | 94 | 559 | 3 | 112 | 9 | 2,174 |
| Georgetown | 27 | 1,257 | 55 | 215 | 556 | 3 | 71 | 4 | 2,188 |
| Sandy Bay | 49 | 338 | 7 | 36 | 203 | 2 | 26 | 1 | 662 |
| Layou | 78 | 1,364 | 248 | 264 | 88 | 5 | 105 | 25 | 2,178 |
| Barrouallie | 8 | 1,095 | 175 | 224 | 180 | 10 | 67 | 45 | 1,806 |
| Chateaubelair | 23 | 912 | 42 | 61 | 539 | 3 | 62 | 26 | 1,669 |
| Northern Grenadines | 136 | 1,456 | 186 | 290 | 218 | 0 | 381 | 7 | 2,673 |
| Southern Grenadines | 1 | 742 | 35 | 162 | 362 | 0 | 321 | 16 | 1,640 |
| Total | 1,006 | 24,208 | 1,817 | 2,463 | 5,249 | 102 | 1,707 | 277 | 36,829 |



Map 6.3. Penetration of Flush Toilets by Census Division, 2012

### 6.12 Conclusion

The analysis of households and housing characteristics reveals that the overall standard of living had increased between 2001 and 2012 (Figure 6.6 below). There was an increase in the percentage of households that owned the dwellings that they occupied. This indicator rose from $75.6 \%$ in 2001 , to $78.7 \%$ in 2012. Similarly, the percentage of households that lived in concrete houses or concrete and block houses increased from $71.5 \%$ in 2001 , to $78.1 \%$ in 2012.


Figure 6.6. Housing Progress between 2001 \& 2012

The use of Public electricity as a main source of lighting increased from $79.7 \%$ in 2001, to $88.8 \%$ in 2012. Likewise, use of Public piped water, the recommended source of drinking water given quality, piped into dwellings or yards, increased from $71.2 \%$ in 2001 to $80.5 \%$ in 2012.

Notwithstanding, this source of drinking water is not common in the Grenadines. On mainland St. Vincent however, the percentage of households using Piped water into their dwellings or yards increased from $76.5 \%$, in 2001 , to $91.1 \%$ in 2012.

Regarding the types of fuel used for cooking, Cooking Gas/LPG, was the most commonly used source of fuel. Together with Electricity, these represented the most modern form of cooking. During 2012, the percentage of households using these forms of cooking stood at $94.5 \%$, up from $91.2 \%$ in 2001.

There was also a notable increase in the percentage of households using Flush Toilets. This was considered to be the most sanitary form of sewage waste disposal. In 2012, $68.5 \%$ of households used Flush Toilets, compared with $52.1 \%$ in 2001. The next best sanitary form of sewage disposal was Pit Latrines. In 2012, the percentage of households using either of these two forms of sewage disposals was $94.3 \%$, down from $96.2 \%$, as the reduction in the use of Pit Latrines outpaced growth in the use of Flush Toilets.

## Chapter 7: Household Heads

### 7.1 Introduction

It is important to know the various characteristics of household heads, in order to understand the structures of households and socio-economic characterizations of the population. In this regard, this chapter presents a profile of household heads in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, in 2012. In particular, the chapter examines the ratio of male to female household heads, their union status, educational attainment, as well as their sources of livelihood.

### 7.2 Sex of Household Heads

Of the 38,829 households in St. Vincent and the Grenadines in 2012, $61 \%$ were headed by males, while $39 \%$ were headed by females (Figure 7.1 below). Overall, there were 1.5 male headed households for every female headed household (Table 7.1 on next page). This is similar to the case of 2001 , when $60.1 \%$ of households were headed by males and $39.9 \%$ were headed by females.

Figure 7.1. Sex of Household Heads, 2012


Table 7.1. Percentage Distribution of Household Heads by Sex and Census division, 2012

|  | Sex |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Census Division | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | Sex Ratio |
| Kingstown | 58.5 | 41.5 | 1.4 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 60.3 | 39.7 | 1.5 |
| Calliaqua | 60.9 | 39.1 | 1.6 |
| Marriaqua | 59.5 | 40.6 | 1.5 |
| Bridgetown | 60.1 | 39.9 | 1.5 |
| Colonaire | 58.2 | 41.8 | 1.4 |
| Georgetown | 57.1 | 42.9 | 1.3 |
| Sandy Bay | 61.0 | 39.0 | 1.6 |
| Layou | 63.3 | 36.7 | 1.7 |
| Barrouallie | 60.2 | 39.8 | 1.5 |
| Chateaubelair | 64.7 | 35.3 | 1.8 |
| Northern Grenadines | 63.9 | 36.1 | 1.8 |
| Southern Grenadines | 67.6 | 32.4 | 2.1 |
| Total | $\mathbf{6 0 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 9 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 5}$ |

Map 7.1 (next page) portrays a geospatial distribution of the male to female ratio of household heads by census division. The Southern Grenadines had the highest male to female ratio of household heads. For every 1.0 female headed household there were 2.1 male headed households. On the other hand, the Georgetown census division had the smallest ratio. For every one female headed household in that division, there were 1.3 male headed households.


Map 7.1. Male to Female Ratio of Household heads, 2012

### 7.3 Union Status of Household Heads

This section focuses on the relationship status of household heads in 2012. Table 7.2 below displays the union/relationship status of household heads.

Seventeen point nine per cent of household heads Never had a Spouse or Common Law Partner. Of this percentage of household heads, $53.1 \%$ were male and $46.9 \%$ were female. Further, $25.6 \%$ were Married and Living with Spouse. Of this latter cohort, $86.9 \%$ were male and $13.1 \%$ were female. This suggests that the role of household head was more likely to be assigned to a male in a household headed by a married individual living with a spouse. Also, $14.9 \%$ of household heads were living in a Common Law Union. Of this amount, $67.9 \%$ were male and $32.1 \%$ were female.

Eleven point two per cent of household heads had a Visiting Partner. In this cohort, 53.4\% were male, compared with $46.6 \%$ who were female. Another cohort, household heads that were Not in a Union comprised $28.9 \%$ of household heads and represented the largest category of household heads as it relates to union status. Within this cohort, $41.4 \%$ of the household heads were male, compared with $58.6 \%$ who were female. Additionally, $1.4 \%$ of household heads did not disclose their relationship status; of this group, $59.1 \%$ were male and $40.9 \%$ were female.

Table 7.2. Percent Distribution of Household Heads by Union Status, 2012

| Union Status of Household Heads | Per cent (\%) Distribution |
| :--- | :---: |
| Never had a Spouse or Common law partner | 17.9 |
| Married and Living with Spouse | 25.6 |
| Common law Union | 14.9 |
| Visiting partner | 11.2 |
| Not in union | 28.9 |
| Not Stated | 1.4 |

### 7.4 Age of Household Heads

Table 7.3 below shows the sex distribution of household heads by age group, for the years 2001 and 2012. The 2012 data reveal that there were more male than female household heads throughout a spectrum of chronological five-year age ranges, up until age 80. Female household heads, above 80 years, outnumbered male household heads, as females maintained a higher life expectancy than their male counterparts. Over the intercensal period, the average life expectancy for females was 73.7 years, compared with 69.2 years for males.

Table 7.3. Percentage Distribution of Household Heads by Age Group and Sex, 2001 \& 2012

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ |  |  | $\mathbf{M a l e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age Group | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\mathbf{F e m a l e}$ |  |
| $15-19$ | 59.4 | 40.6 | 57.1 | 42.9 |
| $20-24$ | 58.1 | 41.9 | 61.0 | 39.0 |
| $25-29$ | 60.4 | 39.6 | 57.4 | 42.6 |
| $30-34$ | 64.6 | 35.4 | 60.1 | 39.9 |
| $35-39$ | 64.0 | 36.0 | 61.7 | 38.3 |
| $40-44$ | 64.0 | 36.0 | 63.2 | 36.8 |
| $45-49$ | 62.8 | 37.2 | 63.6 | 36.4 |
| $50-54$ | 62.9 | 37.1 | 63.1 | 36.9 |
| $55-59$ | 60.6 | 39.4 | 62.7 | 37.3 |
| $60-64$ | 56.3 | 43.7 | 62.1 | 37.9 |
| $65-69$ | 56.9 | 43.1 | 62.5 | 37.6 |
| $70-74$ | 52.7 | 47.3 | 58.7 | 41.4 |
| $75-79$ | 46.6 | 53.4 | 53.1 | 46.9 |
| $80+$ | 42.8 | 57.2 | 46.8 | 53.3 |
| Total | $\mathbf{6 0 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 9 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{6 0 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 9 . 3}$ |

In 2012, as seen in Table 7.4 (next page) some $63.2 \%$ of household heads were 35 to 64 years old. Of the male household heads, $65.4 \%$ of them were in this age range. Additionally, $59.8 \%$ of female household heads were between 35 to 64 years old.

Another $15.8 \%$ of household heads fell within the $15-34$ age group. This age cohort comprised $15.4 \%$ of male household heads and $16.3 \%$ of female household heads. Overall, $21.0 \%$ of household heads were 65 years or older. This age cohort had $19.2 \%$ of the male household heads
and $23.9 \%$ of the female household heads. In the male, female and overall categories, the shape of the respective curves began to change after age 65 , reflecting a notable presence of extended families. The heads of many extended families were above 60 years. The curve also raised after age 75, a generation away from the peak age of household heads. This likely reflects the presence of extended families, alongside the number of elderly who lived alone, or only with their spouses.

Table 7.4. Percentage Distribution of Household Heads by Sex and Age Group, 2012

|  | Sex |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age Group | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | Total |
| $15-19$ | 0.5 | 0.5 | $\mathbf{0 . 5}$ |
| $20-24$ | 2.2 | 2.2 | $\mathbf{2 . 2}$ |
| $25-29$ | 4.8 | 5.5 | $\mathbf{5 . 1}$ |
| $30-34$ | 8.0 | 8.2 | $\mathbf{8 . 0}$ |
| $35-39$ | 10.1 | 9.7 | $\mathbf{1 0 . 0}$ |
| $40-44$ | 11.8 | 10.6 | $\mathbf{1 1 . 3}$ |
| $45-49$ | 13.3 | 11.8 | $\mathbf{1 2 . 7}$ |
| $50-54$ | 12.4 | 11.2 | $\mathbf{1 2 . 0}$ |
| $55-59$ | 10.2 | 9.4 | $\mathbf{9 . 8}$ |
| $60-64$ | 7.6 | 7.2 | $\mathbf{7 . 4}$ |
| $65-69$ | 5.9 | 5.5 | $\mathbf{5 . 7}$ |
| $70-74$ | 5.1 | 5.6 | $\mathbf{5 . 3}$ |
| $75-79$ | 3.9 | 5.3 | $\mathbf{4 . 4}$ |
| Total | 4.3 | 7.6 | $\mathbf{5 . 6}$ |
|  | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

### 7.5 Household Heads by Highest Certificate or Degree Earned

Table 7.5 (next page) displays the proportion of household heads by highest certification attained and sex, in 2001 and 2012. In 2012, $66.9 \%$ of household heads did not have any educational certification. Among the male household heads, $67.2 \%$ had no educational certification. The corresponding figure for female household heads is $66.3 \%$. These figures represent an improvement over the 2001 situation, when $77.6 \%$ of household heads did not have
formal educational certification; i.e., by gender, $78.5 \%$ of the female household heads, and $76.9 \%$ of male household heads.

Table 7.5. Proportion of Household Heads by Highest Certification Earned and Sex, 2001 \& 2012

| Level of education | 2001 |  |  | 2012 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| School Leaving Certificate | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 3.5 |
| Cambridge School Certificate | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| GCE or CXC O'Levels (Gen. proficiency) | 6.1 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 8.5 | 10.3 | 9.2 |
| High School Certificate (HSC) | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| GCE A'Levels/CAPE | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| College Certificate/Diploma* | 1.9 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.4 |
| Associate Degree | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Bachelor's Degree | 2.3 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.7 |
| Post Graduate Diploma/Certificate | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Professional Certificate | 4.0 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| Higher Degree (Masters) | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 1.2 |
| Higher Degree (Doctoral) | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Other | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| None | 76.9 | 78.5 | 77.6 | 67.2 | 66.3 | 66.9 |
| Not Stated | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 4.2 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

As seen from Table 7.5 above, $3.5 \%$ of household heads, in 2012, had received a School Leaving Certificate' as their highest certificate. This comprised 3.2\% male household heads and 4.0\% female household heads. Further, $0.2 \%$ of household heads received a Cambridge School Certificate as their highest level of certification; this remained virtually unchanged from 2001. Of the male household heads, $0.2 \%$ received a Cambridge School Certificate as their highest level of certification, compared with $0.3 \%$ of female household heads.

Nine point two per cent of household heads, culminated their educational certification at 'GCE' or 'CXC O'Level. This was the most common culmination level of educational certification for household heads. The figure represents an improvement over the $6.4 \%$ recorded in 2001. Males accounted for $8.5 \%$ of these household heads, compared with $10.3 \%$ female household heads. In

2001, $6.1 \%$ of male household heads attained $O^{\prime}$ Level certification, while $6.9 \%$ of female household heads culminated at this certification level.

In addition to the $C X C / O^{\prime}$ Level certification, $1.0 \%$ of household heads attained a High School Certificate (HSC) as their highest level of educational certificate. This compares with $0.3 \%$ in 2001. Of this $1.0 \%$ of household heads, $1.1 \%$ were male and $1.4 \%$ were female. Cumulatively, $80.8 \%$ of household heads, in 2012, concluded their education certification below the tertiary level. This is inclusive of $66.9 \%$ that did not acquire any form of educational certification. These percentage figures exceed the $78.1 \%$ of the overall population that culminated their certification below tertiary levels, inclusive of $58.5 \%$ that had no form of educational certification in 2001.

One point two per cent of household heads achieved a GCE Advanced Level (A'Level) Certificate or Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE) Certificate as their highest level of educational certification in 2012. This represents an increase from the $0.6 \%$ in 2001. Of the male household heads, $1.1 \%$ attained this as their highest form of certification, compared with $0.6 \%$ in 2001. Of the female household heads, $1.4 \%$ attained this as their highest level of certification, compared with $0.6 \%$ in 2001.

At the College Certificate/Diploma level, $4.4 \%$ of household heads had attained certification, an improvement over the $1.6 \%$ recorded in 2001. An equal proportion, $4.4 \%$, of both male and female household heads culminated their educational certification at this level. This compares with $1.9 \%$ of male household heads and $1.1 \%$ of female household heads in 2001.

One point zero per cent of household heads culminated their educational certification at the Associate Degree level. This, too, is an improvement over the 2001 figure of $0.4 \%$. One point zero per cent of male household heads had Associate Degree as their highest level of certification,
compared with $0.5 \%$ in 2001. In addition, $1.1 \%$ of female household heads attained this form of certification as their highest certificate, compared with $0.3 \%$ in 2001.

With regard to the attainment of a Bachelor Degree, $2.7 \%$ of household heads culminated certification at this level by 2012, compared with $2.0 \%$ in 2001 . Of the male household heads, $2.7 \%$ culminated their educational certification at this level, compared with $2.3 \%$ in 2001. Concomitantly, $2.5 \%$ of female household heads culminated at this level, compared with $1.5 \%$ in 2001.

The proportion of household heads with a Post-graduate Diploma/Certificate as their highest form of educational certificate increased over the intercensal period. Zero point eight per cent of household heads culminated their educational certification at this level. This comprised $0.8 \%$ male household heads and $0.7 \%$ female household heads, compared with $0.4 \%$ male and $0.1 \%$ female household heads in 2001.

There was an increased concentration of household heads at the higher degree level. One point four per cent of household heads obtained a degree equivalent to a Master Degree or higher. This is an improvement over the $0.7 \%$ in 2001. Male household heads accounted for $1.7 \%$ of this $1.4 \%$, compared with $1.0 \%$ in 2001 ; and, female household heads accounted for $1.0 \%$, compared with $0.4 \%$ in 2001.

Zero point two percent of total household heads had obtained a Doctoral Degree by 2012. This comprised $0.3 \%$ of male household heads and $0.1 \%$ female household heads.

One point one per cent of household heads listed Other Forms of Certificate as their highest level of educational certification. This represents an increase from $0.5 \%$ in 2001. In addition, $4.2 \%$ of household heads did not disclose their highest form of educational certification. This is an increase from the $2.4 \%$ recorded in 2001.

The conclusion that can be drawn from the above-presented discussion is that educational certification was not a general factor that determined, male or female household headship in 2012.

### 7.6 Households Heads by Main Economic Activity and Source of Livelihood

Table 7.6 (below) displays the percentage distribution of household heads by main economic activity during 2012. As shown in same figure, $59.6 \%$ of household heads Had a Job and Worked. Of these employed household heads, $68.7 \%$ were male, and $31.3 \%$ were female. In addition, $16.0 \%$ of the household heads were Retired, Did not Work and $10.9 \%$ Did Home Duties. Further, $5.6 \%$ of household heads Looked for Work. Household heads who were Disabled, Unable to Work accounted for $2.6 \%$ of the total household heads. This category represented those persons who were unable to work due to some disability. Of the unemployed household heads, $58.4 \%$ were male and $41.6 \%$ were female.

Household heads that Had a job but Did not Work, Attended School and Wanted Work and Available, for work, collectively represented $2.4 \%$ of household heads. One point five per cent did not state their usual economic activity; and, another $1.5 \%$ cited Other forms of economic activity.

Table 7.6. Percentage Distribution of Household Heads by Usual Economic Activity, 2012

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Usual Activity Over Past 12 Months | Per cent (\%) |
| Had a Job and Worked | 59.6 |
| Had a Job, but did not Work | 0.5 |
| Looked for Work | 5.6 |
| Wanted Work and Available | 1.5 |
| Did Home Duties | 10.9 |
| Attended School/Student | 0.4 |
| Retired, did not Work | 16.0 |
| Disabled, Unable to Work | 2.6 |
| Other | 1.5 |
| Not Stated | 1.5 |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

The 2012 Population and Housing Census also compiled data on the sources of livelihood of household heads, through a multiple response question. The results showed that $55.8 \%$ of
household heads cited that Employment was a main contributor to their livelihoods. A comparison among the sexes revealed that $62.8 \%$ of male, compared with $44.9 \%$ female, household heads, depended on employment as a main source of livelihood (Table 7.7 on next page).

The next, most common, main source of livelihood was Support From Friends/Relatives (Local-Cash/Kind). Eighteen point three per cent of household heads depended on this type of support. There is a notable disparity among the sexes of household heads that depended on this support system. While only $11.7 \%$ of male household heads depended on this type of support, $28.4 \%$ of female household heads depended on it.

Notable, also, was the proportion of household heads that depended on Pension as a main source of livelihood. Seven point seven per cent of household heads depended on local Pension. This comprised $7.2 \%$ male and $8.6 \%$ female household heads, respectively. Three point three per cent of household heads depended on Pension from overseas. This comprised $3.8 \%$ male household heads and $2.6 \%$ female household heads. Meanwhile, $7.1 \%$ of household heads depended on Subsistence Farming, 4.5\% on Public Assistance, 3.2\% on their Savings/Investments on Savings, $1.5 \%$ on Investment, and $0.3 \%$ had a Disability. In addition, $3.2 \%$ of household heads depended on Other sources of livelihoods.

Table 7.7. Source of Livelihoods of Household Heads, 2012

|  | Sex |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Source of Livelihood | Male |  | Female |  |
| Disability | 0.3 | 0.3 | $\mathbf{0 . 3}$ |  |
| Employment | 62.8 | 44.9 | $\mathbf{5 5 . 8}$ |  |
| Investment | 1.7 | 1 | $\mathbf{1 . 5}$ |  |
| Public Assistance | 2.9 | 6.9 | $\mathbf{4 . 5}$ |  |
| Pension (Local) | 7.2 | 8.6 | $\mathbf{7 . 7}$ |  |
| Pension (Overseas) | 3.8 | 2.6 | $\mathbf{3 . 3}$ |  |
| Savings/Interest on savings | 3.9 | 2.1 | $\mathbf{3 . 2}$ |  |
| Subsistence Farming | 9.3 | 3.7 | $\mathbf{7 . 1}$ |  |
| Support From Friends/ Relatives (Local-Cash/Kind) | 11.7 | 28.4 | $\mathbf{1 8 . 3}$ |  |
| Support From Friends/ Relatives (Overseas-Cash/Kind) | 4.4 | 12.8 | $\mathbf{7 . 7}$ |  |
| Other | 2.5 | 4.3 | $\mathbf{3 . 2}$ |  |

### 7.7 Conclusion

As was the case in 2001, most households in St. Vincent and the Grenadines were male headed in 2012. Only in the over 80 age range, were there more female headed households than male headed ones. Approximately $41.0 \%$ of household heads were Married or living in a Common Law Union. Also, there were more household heads with educational certificates than in 2001; and, nearly $60.0 \%$ of household heads were employed.

## Chapter 8: Health

### 8.1 Introduction

The physical well-being of a nation is critical for its economic development and productivity, as healthy populations live longer, are more productive and save more. Many factors influence health status and a country's ability to provide quality health services for its people. This chapter presents the findings on chronic illnesses reported by the population of St. Vincent and the Grenadines during the 2012 Population and Housing Census. It also presents information on the usage of medical facilities throughout the State.

### 8.2 Chronic Illnesses

Chronic illnesses, also known as non-communicable diseases, are defined as long-lasting conditions that can be controlled but not cured. Although chronic illnesses are among the most common and costly health problems, they are also among the most preventable and most can be effectively controlled. Some of the most prevalent non-communicable diseases include hypertension/high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma and arthritis.

A total of 35,548 cases of chronic illnesses were reported in the 2012 census, compared with 24,087 cases in 2001. Hypertension/High Blood Pressure was the most commonly reported illness, with a total of 10,935 cases. This represented $10.0 \%$ of the 2012 population. Diabetes, Asthma, and Arthritis were the next commonly reported illnesses, affecting 5.8\%, 5.6\% and 4.8\% of the population, respectively (Table 8.1 on next page).

Table 8.1. Cases of Chronic Illnesses by Type of Illness, 2001 \& $2012 \mathbf{2}^{\mathbf{1 2}}$

| Chronic Illness | 2001 |  | 2012 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Count | \% | Count | \% |
| Hypertension/High Blood Pressure | 7,668 | 7.1 | 10,935 | 10.0 |
| Arthritis | 5,469 | 5.1 | 5,226 | 4.8 |
| Asthma | 4,702 | 4.4 | 6,094 | 5.6 |
| Diabetes | 3,715 | 3.4 | 6,308 | 5.8 |
| Heart Disease | 964 | 0.9 | 958 | 0.9 |
| Sickle Cell Anaemia | 865 | 0.8 | 1,008 | 0.9 |
| Kidney Disease | 451 | 0.4 | 317 | 0.3 |
| Stroke | 360 | 0.3 | 419 | 0.4 |
| Cancer | 167 | 0.2 | 274 | 0.3 |
| Lupus | 19 | 0.0 | 27 | 0.0 |
| Carpal tunnel Syndrome | 50 | 0.1 | 45 | 0.0 |
| Glaucoma | - | - | 581 | 0.5 |

### 8.2.1 Hypertension/High Blood Pressure

Hypertension/High Blood Pressure was the most commonly reported illness in 2012, representing $10.0 \%$ of the population. There was a total of 10,935 cases reported, compared with 7,668 in 2001, an increase of $42.6 \%$. This illness was most commonly reported in persons ages $45-64,(45.7 \%)$ and persons age 65 and over (37.9\%), as shown in Tables 8.3a-b (page 132). Persons in all other age categories accounted for $16.4 \%$ of cases (Table 8.2 on page 131). The disease was more commonly reported in females than in males.

### 8.2.2 Diabetes

The second most commonly reported chronic illness in 2012 was Diabetes, affecting a total of 6,308 persons, compared with 3,715 in 2001. This represents an increase of $69.8 \%$ in the number of self-reported cases. As with Hypertension/High Blood Pressure, the disease was also more commonly reported in persons aged $45-64(45.3 \%)$, and persons aged 65 and over (40.4\%), as highlighted in Tables 8.3a-b (page 132). Persons in all other age categories accounted for $14.5 \%$

[^6]of cases. The disease was more commonly reported among females than in males (Table 8.2 on next page).

### 8.2.3 Asthma

Asthma was another commonly reported illness, with a total of 6,094 persons reportedly suffering from this condition. This illness was most commonly reported in persons under 15, followed by persons aged $15-29$, with $43.9 \%$ and $29.6 \%$ of cases, respectively (Tables $8.3 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{b}$ on page 132). Persons in all other age categories accounted for a total of $26.5 \%$ of cases. This illness was only slightly more commonly reported among females than males.

### 8.2.4 Arthritis

A total of 5,226 persons reported that they suffered from Arthritis compared with 5,469 in 2001. This disease was more commonly reported among persons aged 65 and over and persons aged $45-64$. Together these two age cohorts accounted for $86.9 \%$ of all cases. Persons aged between the ages of $30-44,15-29$ and those under 15 , accounted for a total of $13.1 \%$ of cases.

### 8.2.5 Other Illnesses

Other illnesses reported among the population were: Heart Disease (0.9\%), Cancer (0.3\%), Stroke (0.4\%) and Kidney Disease (0.34\%). Together with Hypertension/HBP and Diabetes, these feature among the 10 leading causes of mortality. Consistent with most other chronic ailments listed, these illnesses were more prevalent among older persons, i.e. those who were between $45-64$, and 65 and over; and, mostly among females.

Table 8.2. Number of Persons Reporting Chronic Illnesses by Type of Illness and Sex, 2012

| Illness | $\frac{\text { Male }}{}$ | $\frac{\text { Female }}{}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sickle Cell Anaemia | 318 | 690 | $\mathbf{1 , 0 0 8}$ |
| Arthritis | 1,814 | 3,412 | $\mathbf{5 , 2 2 6}$ |
| Asthma | 2,754 | 3,340 | $\mathbf{6 , 0 9 4}$ |
| Diabetes | 2,233 | 4,075 | $\mathbf{6 , 3 0 8}$ |
| Hypertension | 3,817 | 7,118 | $\mathbf{1 0 , 9 3 5}$ |
| Heart Disease | 379 | 579 | $\mathbf{9 5 8}$ |
| Stroke | 194 | 225 | $\mathbf{4 1 9}$ |
| Kidney Disease | 138 | 179 | $\mathbf{3 1 7}$ |
| Cancer | 158 | 116 | $\mathbf{2 7 4}$ |
| Lupus | 8 | 19 | $\mathbf{2 7}$ |
| Carpal Tunnel Syndrome | 13 | 32 | $\mathbf{4 5}$ |
| Glaucoma | 291 | 290 | $\mathbf{5 8 1}$ |

Table 8.3a. Total Persons Reporting Chronic Illnesses by Type of Illness and Age Group, 2012

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Age } \\ \text { Group } \end{gathered}$ | Hypertension | Diabetes | Asthma | $\underline{\text { Arthritis }}$ | Heart Disease | Stroke | Kidney Disease | Cancer | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Sickle } \\ \text { Cell } \\ \text { Anaemia } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Lupus | Carpal Tunnel Syndrome | Glaucoma |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Under 15 | 23 | 32 | 2,678 | 41 | 81 | 5 | 25 | 1 | 280 | 2 | 2 | 18 |
| 15-29 | 249 | 132 | 1,805 | 146 | 84 | 6 | 60 | 12 | 343 | 3 | 13 | 23 |
| 30-44 | 1,515 | 750 | 853 | 533 | 100 | 34 | 66 | 33 | 227 | 10 | 16 | 48 |
| 45-64 | 4,999 | 2,855 | 536 | 2,006 | 298 | 148 | 96 | 87 | 119 | 8 | 10 | 164 |
| 65+ | 4,149 | 2,539 | 223 | 2,500 | 395 | 226 | 70 | 141 | 39 | 4 | 4 | 328 |
| Total | 10,935 | 6,308 | 6,094 | 5,226 | 958 | 419 | 317 | 274 | 1,008 | 27 | 45 | 581 |

Table 8.3b. Percentage Persons Reporting Chronic Illnesses by Type of Illness and Age Group, 2012

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Age } \\ \text { Group } \end{gathered}$ | Hypertension | Diabetes | Asthma | Arthritis | Heart <br> Disease | Stroke | Kidney Disease | Cancer | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sickle } \\ \text { Cell } \\ \text { Anaemia } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Lupus | Carpal Tunnel Syndrome | Glaucoma |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Under 15 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 43.9 | 0.8 | 8.5 | 1.2 | 7.9 | 0.4 | 27.8 | 7.4 | 4.4 | 3.1 |
| 15-29 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 29.6 | 2.8 | 8.8 | 1.4 | 18.9 | 4.4 | 34.0 | 11.1 | 28.9 | 4.0 |
| 30-44 | 13.9 | 11.9 | 14.0 | 10.2 | 10.4 | 8.1 | 20.8 | 12.0 | 25.5 | 37.0 | 35.6 | 8.3 |
| 45-64 | 45.7 | 45.3 | 8.8 | 38.4 | 31.1 | 35.3 | 30.3 | 31.8 | 11.8 | 29.6 | 22.2 | 28.2 |
| 65+ | 37.9 | 40.3 | 3.7 | 47.8 | 41.2 | 53.9 | 22.1 | 51.5 | 3.9 | 14.8 | 8.9 | 56.5 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

### 8.3 Use of Medical Facilities

Twenty-two point four per cent of the population had utilized a medical facility within the month immediately preceding the census, compared with $19.4 \%$ in 2001. As highlighted in Table 8.4 below, the main medical facilities utilized, similar to in 2001, were District Health Centres/ Health Clinic (48.3\%), Private Doctor's Office (28.8\%) and Public Hospital (17.2\%). Other, less commonly utilized, facilities were Pharmacies (2.1\%), Private Clinics/Hospital (1.1\%) and Family Planning Clinic (0.2\%). Another noted trend, similar to in 2001, was that more females than males utilized these above-mentioned facilities (Table 8.4 below).

Table 8.4. Main Medical Facility Utilized in the Past Month by Sex, 2001 \& 2012

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Main Facility | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ |  | Male | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ |
| Public Hospital | 1,706 | 2,314 |  | $\mathbf{4 , 0 2 0}$ |  | 1,781 | 2,424 |
| District Health Centre/ Health Clinic | 3,061 | 5,250 | $\mathbf{8 , 3 1 1}$ | 4,585 | 7,230 | $\mathbf{4 , 2 0 5}$ |  |
| Private Doctor's Office | 2,762 | 4,190 | $\mathbf{6 , 9 5 2}$ | 2,888 | 4,163 | $\mathbf{7 , 0 5 1}$ |  |
| Pharmacy | 409 | 598 | $\mathbf{1 , 0 0 7}$ | 224 | 294 | $\mathbf{5 1 8}$ |  |
| Family Planning Clinic | 29 | 140 | $\mathbf{1 6 9}$ | 2 | 40 | $\mathbf{4 2}$ |  |
| Private Clinic/Hospital | 125 | 135 | $\mathbf{2 6 0}$ | 111 | 160 | $\mathbf{2 7 1}$ |  |
| Not Stated | - | - |  | 265 | 270 | $\mathbf{5 3 5}$ |  |
| Other | 83 | 113 | $\mathbf{1 9 6}$ | - | - | - |  |
| Don't Know | - | - | - | 3 | 3 | $\mathbf{6}$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{8 , 1 7 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 , 7 4 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 , 9 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 8 5 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 , 5 8 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 , 4 4 3}$ |  |

### 8.3.1 Use of Medical Facilities by Census Division

Rates of utilization of medical facilities varied across census divisions (Tables 8.5 and 8.6 on pages 135-136). Rates were highest among residents of Sandy Bay (34.4\%) and Chateaubelair (27.3\%) and lowest among residents of Kingstown Suburbs (22.5\%) and Layou (22.4\%). Patterns of usage of medical facilities also varied across census divisions. District Health Centres were the facility of choice for persons in every census division except for Kingstown, where residents were more likely to access health care through Doctors' Offices and the Public Hospital. Further, of
those who accessed a medical facility, the proportion, which accessed care through District Health Centres, was highest in areas such as Sandy Bay (76.2\%), the Southern Grenadines (73.0\%) and Chateaubelair (66.6\%).

Table 8.5. Number of Persons Utilizing Medical Facilities within Previous Month by Census Division, 2012

| Census Divisions | Main Medical Facility |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Public Hospital | District Health Centres/ Health Clinic | Private <br> Doctor's Office | Pharmacy | Family Planning Clinic | Private Clinic/Hospital | Not <br> Stated | Total |
| Kingstown | 779 | 662 | 930 | 120 | 10 | 25 | 85 | 2,611 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 675 | 848 | 842 | 176 | 7 | 32 | 73 | 2,653 |
| Calliaqua | 801 | 2,201 | 2,179 | 83 | 6 | 56 | 159 | 5,485 |
| Marriaqua | 206 | 1,107 | 514 | 44 | 0 | 16 | 22 | 1,909 |
| Bridgetown | 133 | 977 | 345 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 36 | 1,518 |
| Colonaire | 126 | 1,081 | 381 | 12 | 3 | 21 | 25 | 1,649 |
| Georgetown | 280 | 916 | 377 | 12 | 1 | 7 | 25 | 1,618 |
| Sandy Bay | 47 | 632 | 136 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 829 |
| Layou | 214 | 528 | 398 | 15 | 1 | 16 | 34 | 1,206 |
| Barrouallie | 146 | 676 | 365 | 8 | 1 | 17 | 13 | 1,226 |
| Chateaubelair | 258 | 995 | 210 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 17 | 1,494 |
| Northern Grenadines | 440 | 492 | 262 | 43 | 4 | 27 | 20 | 1,288 |
| Southern Grenadines | 100 | 699 | 113 | 0 | 3 | 19 | 23 | 957 |
| Total | 4,205 | 11,814 | 7,052 | 519 | 41 | 272 | 540 | 24,443 |

### 8.3.2 Use of Medical Facilities by Chronic Illness

As seen in Table 8.6 below, the rates of utilization of medical facilities were higher among persons with chronic illnesses. Fifty-five point one per cent of persons with Cancer had accessed health care during the previous month, prior to the 2012 census. Among persons with Diabetes, and Stroke the figures were $54.7 \%$ and $53.7 \%$, respectively. Rates were also high among persons with Hypertension/High Blood Pressure (49.3\%), Heart Disease (52.7\%), and Kidney Disease (51.1\%).

Table 8.6. Number of Persons Utilizing Medical Facilities by Chronic Illness, 2012

|  | Persons utilizing Medical Facilities |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Chronic Illness | $\underline{\text { Count }}$ | $\underline{\text { Per cent }(\mathbf{\%})}$ |
| Sickle Cell Anaemia | 374 | $\mathbf{3 7 . 1}$ |
| Arthritis | 2367 | $\mathbf{4 5 . 3}$ |
| Asthma | 2058 | $\mathbf{3 3 . 8}$ |
| Diabetes | 3388 | $\mathbf{5 3 . 7}$ |
| Hypertension/High Blood Pressure | 5,392 | $\mathbf{4 9 . 3}$ |
| Heart Disease | 524 | $\mathbf{5 2 . 7}$ |
| Stroke | 229 | $\mathbf{5 4 . 7}$ |
| Kidney Disease | 167 | $\mathbf{5 1 . 1}$ |
| Cancer | 151 | $\mathbf{5 5 . 1}$ |
| Lupus | 7 | $\mathbf{2 5 . 9}$ |
| Carpal tunnel Syndrome | 17 | $\mathbf{3 7 . 8}$ |
| Glaucoma | 264 | $\mathbf{4 5 . 4}$ |

### 8.4 Conclusion

Data from the census indicated an increase in the number of cases of chronic illnesses between 2001 and 2012. The largest increases were in the number of reported cases of Diabetes (69.8\%), Hypertension/High Blood Pressure (42.6\%), and Asthma (29.6\%). The data also indicated higher rates of utilization of medical facilities in 2012, compared with 2001; and, a trend towards increased usage of District Health Facilities. These rates were higher among females and persons with chronic illnesses.

## Chapter 9: Children

### 9.1 Introduction

The classification 'children' refers to human beings whose age range from birth to fourteen years. In St. Vincent and the Grenadines, children have many rights, including the right to be nurtured and cared for, the right to be educated and the right to legal protection from physical and sexual abuse. Because children are unable to work, they represent a dependent demographic. This chapter presents a situational analysis of children in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

### 9.2 Sub-population of Children

At the time of the 2012 Population and Housing Census there were 26,925 children in St . Vincent and the Grenadines (Table 9.1 below), an $18.4 \%$ decline from the 33,007 children recorded during 2001. This decline is attributable to falling birth rates, further associated with increased access to education. Of the 26,925 children in $2012,13,665(50.8 \%)$ were male and $13,260(49.3 \%)$ were female. Eight thousand, six hundred and forty-five children (32.1\%) nationwide, were between the age of $0-4$ years, $8,520(31.6 \%)$ were within the $5-9$ year category and 9,760 (36.4\%) in the $10-14$ age range. Of the children in the $0-4$ age range, $49.9 \%$ were male, and $50.1 \%$ were female. Of those in the $5-9$ cohort, $50.6 \%$ were male and $49.4 \%$ were female. Of those in the $10-14$ range $5,043(51.8 \%)$ were male, and 4,717 (48.3\%) were female.

Table 9.1. Number of Children by Five-year Age Ranges and Sex, 2012

|  | Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age Group | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{\%}}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{\%}}$ |  |
| $0-4$ | 4,314 | 49.9 | 4,331 | 50.1 | $\mathbf{8 , 6 4 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |  |
| $5-9$ | 4,308 | 50.6 | 4,212 | 49.4 | $\mathbf{8 , 5 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |  |
| $10-14$ | 5,043 | 51.7 | 4,717 | 48.3 | $\mathbf{9 , 7 6 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 3 , 6 6 5}$ | $\mathbf{5 0 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 2 6 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 9 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 , 9 2 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |  |

Table 9.1 displays the number of children by five-year age ranges, throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines at the time of the 2012 Population and Housing Census. At that point, the $10-14$ age range was the most populated of the 3 age cohorts. Table 9.2 (below) shows that this pattern was consistent in all census divisions. The 3 urban divisions, namely Kingstown, Suburbs of Kingstown and Calliaqua, contained $44.8 \%$ of the nation's children. Another $46.8 \%$ of the children resided in rural St. Vincent and $8.4 \%$ resided in the Grenadines.

Table 9.2. Number of Children by Five-year Age Range and Census Divisions, 2012

|  | Five Year Age Group |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Census Division | $\mathbf{0 - \mathbf { 4 }}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{5}-\mathbf{9}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{1 0}-\mathbf{1 4}}$ | $\mathbf{T o t a l}$ |
| Kingstown | 917 | 989 | 1,084 | $\mathbf{2 , 9 9 0}$ |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 1,100 | 1,159 | 1,316 | $\mathbf{3 , 5 7 5}$ |
| Calliaqua | 1,766 | 1,696 | 2,039 | $\mathbf{5 , 5 0 1}$ |
| Marriaqua | 667 | 580 | 729 | $\mathbf{1 , 9 7 6}$ |
| Bridgetown | 502 | 506 | 621 | $\mathbf{1 , 6 2 9}$ |
| Colonaire | 552 | 581 | 592 | $\mathbf{1 , 7 2 5}$ |
| Georgetown | 652 | 560 | 665 | $\mathbf{1 , 8 7 7}$ |
| Sandy Bay | 223 | 213 | 266 | $\mathbf{7 0 2}$ |
| Layou | 471 | 492 | 581 | $\mathbf{1 , 5 4 4}$ |
| Barrouallie | 486 | 527 | 536 | $\mathbf{1 , 5 4 9}$ |
| Chateaubelair | 547 | 484 | 557 | $\mathbf{1 , 5 8 8}$ |
| Northern Grenadines | 450 | 430 | 455 | $\mathbf{1 , 3 3 5}$ |
| Southern Grenadines | 312 | 303 | 319 | $\mathbf{9 3 4}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{8 , 6 4 5}$ | $\mathbf{8 , 5 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 7 6 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 , 9 2 5}$ |

Consistent with the increase in the number of households and a decrease in birth rates, on average, the number of children per household decreased from 1.1 in 2001, to 0.7, in 2012. Map 9.1 (page 140) presents a geospatial distribution of the average children per household by census divisions.

All census divisions had more households than children, with the exception of Sandy Bay, where the ratio was 1.1 child per household. The Northern and Southern Grenadines had child-per-household ratios of 0.5 and 0.6 , respectively, due to a notable concentration of migrant workers
whose families resided on St. Vincent. The Calliaqua and Kingstown divisions were the lowest in St. Vincent, with 0.6 and 0.7 child-per-household, respectively. The Layou division was also notably low, with 0.7 child-per-household, due to a sizable concentration of retired former expatriates.


Map 9.1. Average Child per Household by Census Division, 2012

### 9.3 School Attendance

In St. Vincent and the Grenadines, there is universal access to both Primary and Secondary education. Universal access, however, does not exist at the Pre-primary level. Notwithstanding, there have been ongoing initiatives to increase the access to Pre-primary education.

The Census sought the educational status of persons age 3 years and over. In 2012, a total of 21,927 persons were in the $3-14$ age cohort, Of this number, 20,109 (91.7\%) were attending school, whether full time or part time. One thousand and twenty four children were not attending school, while the education status of 794 children was not disclosed (Table 9.3 below).

Table 9.3. Number of Children, Age 3 - 14 Attending School by Sex and Age Range, 2012

| Age Group | Attending School |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes Attending | Not Attending | Not Stated | Total |
| Male |  |  |  |  |
| 3-4 | 1,333 | 358 | 131 | 1,822 |
| 5-9 | 4,104 | 74 | 131 | 4,309 |
| 10-14 | 4,763 | 127 | 152 | 5,042 |
| Total | 10,200 | 559 | 414 | 11,173 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |
| 3-4 | 1,381 | 328 | 114 | 1,823 |
| 5-9 | 4,041 | 59 | 113 | 4,213 |
| 10-14 | 4,487 | 78 | 153 | 4,718 |
| Total | 9,909 | 465 | 380 | 10,754 |
| Both Sexes |  |  |  |  |
| 3-4 | 2,714 | 689 | 246 | 3,649 |
| 5-9 | 8,145 | 133 | 244 | 8,522 |
| 10-14 | 9,250 | 205 | 305 | 9,760 |
| Total | 20,109 | 1,024 | 794 | 21,927 |

As shown in Table 9.3, 74.4\% of children ages 3 and 4 were attending school. Of the 8,552 children in the $5-9$ range, 8,145 , $(95.6 \%)$, were attending school. Nine, thousand two hundred and fifty children (94.8\%), of the 9,760 in the $10-14$ category, were attending school.

There were minimal differences in the comparison of boys and girls. Overall, $91.3 \%$ of boys, ranging from 3 to 14 years attended school, compared with $92.1 \%$ of girls. Meanwhile, 1,333 ( $73.2 \%$ ) boys in the $3-4$ category attended school, while 1,381 ( $75.8 \%$ ) girls, in that range, attended school. Further, 4,041 ( $95.2 \%$ ) boys in the $5-9$ age range attended school, compared with 4,041 ( $95.9 \%$ ) girls. In the $10-14$ range, 4,763 ( $94.5 \%$ ) boys attended school, compared with 9,250 (94.8) girls.

### 9.4 Child Dependency Ratio

Table 9.4 (next page) displays the child dependency ratio for every 100 persons in the $15-64$ age group, by census division. Overall, there were 37 children for every 100 persons of the 15 - 64 age group in 2012. This ratio represents an improvement over the 49:100 recorded in 2001. Moreover, this 2012 ratio lay below the global average of 47 children ${ }^{13}$ for every 100 persons age $15-64$. The ratio was also better than the CARICOM average of 42 children for every 100 of the $15-64$ year cohort. ${ }^{14}$

The Chateaubelair and Sandy Bay census divisions had the highest dependence ratios, with 43.4 children per 100 persons, age $15-64$. The Northern and Southern Grenadines census divisions had the lowest child dependency ratios, 32.1 and 33.7 children per 100 persons, age $15-64$, respectively (see Map 9.2 on page 145).

[^7]Table 9.4. Child Dependency by Census Divisions, 2012

|  | Broad Age Group |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Census Division | $\underline{\mathbf{0 - 1 4}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{1 5 - 6 4}}$ | Child Dependency Ratio |
| Kingstown | 2,990 | 8,486 | 35.2 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 3,575 | 9,305 | 38.4 |
| Calliaqua | 5,501 | 16,007 | 34.4 |
| Marriaqua | 1,976 | 5,156 | 38.3 |
| Bridgetown | 1,629 | 4,298 | 37.9 |
| Colonaire | 1,725 | 4,498 | 38.4 |
| Georgetown | 1,877 | 4,552 | 41.2 |
| Sandy Bay | 702 | 1,619 | 43.4 |
| Layou | 1,544 | 4,088 | 37.8 |
| Barrouallie | 1,549 | 32.2 |  |
| Chateaubelair | 1,588 | 43.4 |  |
| Northern Grenadines | 1,335 | 3,659 | 32.1 |
| Southern Grenadines | 934 | 4,160 | 33.7 |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 6 , 9 2 5}$ | 2,775 | $\mathbf{3 7 . 3}$ |

Table 9.5 (next page), contains the ratio of children for every 100 persons employed. As the number of workers increased from 35,580 in 2001 , to 40,821 in 2012, and as the birth rate declined between those years, the child to worker ratio declined from 93 children for every 100 workers, to 66 children per 100 workers. On one end, the Chateaubelair and Barrouallie census divisions had 91 and 86 children for every 100 persons employed, respectively. On the other end, the Northern and Southern Grenadines census divisions had 54 and 48 children for every 100 employed, respectively. This pattern is highlighted, geographically, on Map 9.3 (page 146).

Table 9.5. Ratio of Children to Every 100 Persons Employed, 2012

|  | Broad Age Group |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Census Division | $\mathbf{0 - \mathbf { 1 4 }}$ | Employed Persons <br> Children to 100 |  |
| Kingstown | 5,219 | Persons Employed |  |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 2,990 | 5,155 | 57.3 |
| Calliaqua | 3,575 | 9,762 | 69.4 |
| Marriaqua | 5,501 | 2,954 | 56.4 |
| Bridgetown | 1,976 | 2,307 | 66.9 |
| Colonaire | 1,629 | 2,146 | 70.6 |
| Georgetown | 1,725 | 2,291 | 80.4 |
| Sandy Bay | 1,877 | 861 | 81.9 |
| Layou | 702 | 2,172 | 81.5 |
| Barrouallie | 1,544 | 1,808 | 71.1 |
| Chateaubelair | 1,549 | 1,740 | 85.7 |
| Northern Grenadines | 1,588 | 2,470 | 91.3 |
| Southern Grenadines | 1,335 | 1,936 | 54.1 |
| Total | 934 | $\mathbf{4 0 , 8 2 1}$ | 48.2 |



Map 9.2. Child Dependency Ratio by Census Division, 2012


Map 9.3. Average Children per 100 Employed by Census Divisions, 2012

### 9.5 Conclusion

The number of children in St. Vincent and the Grenadines declined by $18.4 \%$ between 2001 and 2012, as a consequence of declining birth rates. With the combined effect of an increase in the number of households, the average child per household decreased between the intercensal periods. The child dependency ratio declined from 49 children for every 100 persons of the 15 - 64 age range in 2001, to 37 children for every 100 persons, in the same range, during 2012. This was better than the global average of 47 children for every 100 persons of the $15-64$ age range, and the CARICOM average of 42 children for every 100 persons. Similarly, the child to worker ratio declined from 93 children for every 100 workers, in 2001, to 66 children for every 100 workers in 2012.

## Chapter 10: Youth

### 10.1 Introduction

Youth, generally referring to the stage between childhood and maturity, is a critical stage in the development of a human being. The 2012 Population and Housing Census categorized individuals ages 15 to 24 as youths. This chapter presents a situational analysis of the youths of St. Vincent and the Grenadines at the time of the 2012 population and housing census. Specifically, it highlights their school attendance, educational status, marital status, union status, insurance coverage as well as economic activity.

### 10.2 Sub-Population of Youth

Youths accounted for $17.0 \%$ of the population of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in 2012, compared with $19.7 \%$ in 2001. In 2012, there were 18,519 individuals categorised as youth, a $12.7 \%$ decline from the 2001 count of 21,213 . This reflects a continued decline in the number of live births that began in 1988, which resulted in the narrowing of the bases of the population pyramids presented in Chapter 1. Of these 18,519 youths, $50.8 \%$ were male, while $49.2 \%$ were female (Table10.1 on next page). These proportions mirror the sex ratio of the general population. Moreover, they remained the same from 2001 (Figure 10.1 on next page). An investigation of the youth population by five-year age ranges, revealed that $53.5 \%$ were in the $15-19$ age range, compared with $46.5 \%$ in the $20-24$ category. In the $15-19$ age range cohort, $51.0 \%$ were male and $49.0 \%$ were female. In the $20-24$ group, $50.6 \%$ were male and $49.4 \%$ were female.

Table 10.1. Number of Youths by Age Group and Sex, 2012

|  | Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age Group | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{\%}}$ |
| $15-19$ | 5,053 | 51.0 | 4,859 | 49.0 | $\mathbf{9 , 9 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| $20-24$ | 4,354 | 50.6 | 4,253 | 49.4 | $\mathbf{8 , 6 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 , 4 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{5 0 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 1 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 9 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 , 5 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |



Figure 10.1. Number of Youths by Age Group and Sex 2001 and 2012

An analysis was also conducted on the distribution of youth by census divisions in 2012. According to the data, $54.3 \%$ of the 18,519 youths lived in rural St. Vincent, while the census divisions of Kingstown, Kingstown suburbs and Calliaqua, together accounted for $45.7 \%$ of this sub-population; and, $8.2 \%$ lived in the Grenadines. Table 10.2 (next page) presents the data surrounding the number of youths, by age group, across the census divisions, in 2012. Also, Figure 10.2 (next page) portrays the number of youths by census divisions, in 2012.

The Calliaqua division had the largest number of youths $(3,903)$, while the Sandy Bay division had the least number of youths (384). This pattern continued from 2001, when the Calliaqua division had the largest number of youths $(4,189)$, and the Sandy Bay division had the
least number of youths (559). Figure 10.2 shows that the Chateaubelair census division had the highest proportion of youths relative to other census divisions. Also, although the Sandy Bay Census division has the smallest number of youths, the Southern Grenadines has the lowest proportion of youths relative to the other census divisions.

Table 10.2. Number of Youths by Age Groups and Census Divisions, 2012

|  | Five Year Age Group |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Census Division | $\underline{\mathbf{1 5}-\mathbf{1 9}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{\%}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0}-\mathbf{2 4}}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{T o t a l}}$ |
| Kingstown | 1,060 | 53.1 | 936 | 46.9 | $\mathbf{1 , 9 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 1,358 | 53.1 | 1,201 | 46.9 | $\mathbf{2 , 5 5 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Calliaqua | 2,077 | 53.2 | 1,826 | 46.8 | $\mathbf{3 , 9 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Marriaqua | 738 | 53.6 | 639 | 46.4 | $\mathbf{1 , 3 7 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Bridgetown | 664 | 57.8 | 485 | 42.2 | $\mathbf{1 , 1 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Colonaire | 657 | 52.7 | 590 | 47.3 | $\mathbf{1 , 2 4 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Georgetown | 690 | 54.0 | 593 | 46.0 | $\mathbf{1 , 2 8 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Sandy Bay | 223 | 58.1 | 161 | 41.9 | $\mathbf{3 8 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Layou | 553 | 54.2 | 467 | 45.8 | $\mathbf{1 , 0 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Barrouallie | 558 | 55.7 | 443 | 44.3 | $\mathbf{1 , 0 0 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Chateaubelair | 584 | 54.1 | 495 | 45.9 | $\mathbf{1 , 0 7 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Northern Grenadines | 490 | 52.6 | 442 | 47.4 | $\mathbf{9 3 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Southern Grenadines | 260 | 44.1 | 329 | 55.9 | $\mathbf{5 8 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 , 9 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{5 3 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{8 , 6 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 6 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 , 5 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |



Figure 10.2. Proportion of Census Divisions Population Age 15-24

As a result of growth in the number of households and a decline in the number of youths, the average number of youths per household declined from 0.7 per household in 2001, to 0.5 youths per household in 2012. This reflects the aforementioned reduction in birth-rates. Notwithstanding, these factors did not produce uniformed impacts across census divisions, since the youth per household ranged from 0.35 , in the Northern Grenadines, to 0.65 in the Chateaubelair census division.

Table 10.3. Ratio of Youths and Households by Census Divisions, 2012

| Census Division | Number <br> of Youths | Number of <br> Households |  | Average Youth <br> Per Household | Average Household <br> Per Youth |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kingstown | 1,996 |  | 4,278 |  | 0.47 |
| Suburbs of Kingstown | 2,559 |  | 4,385 |  | 0.58 |
| Calliaqua | 3,903 |  | 8,655 |  | 0.45 |
| Marriaqua | 1,377 | 2,436 |  | 0.57 | 1.71 |
| Bridgetown | 1,149 | 2,085 |  | 0.55 | 2.22 |
| Colonaire | 1,247 | 2,174 |  | 0.57 | 1.77 |
| Georgetown | 1,283 | 2,188 |  | 0.59 | 1.81 |
| Sandy Bay | 384 | 662 | 0.58 | 1.74 |  |
| Layou | 1,020 | 2,178 |  | 0.47 | 1.71 |
| Barrouallie | 1,001 | 1,806 |  | 0.55 | 1.72 |
| Chateaubelair | 1,079 | 1,669 |  | 0.65 | 2.14 |
| Northern Grenadines | 932 | 2,673 |  | 0.35 | 1.80 |
| Southern Grenadines | 589 | 1,640 |  | 0.36 | 1.55 |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 8 , 5 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 6 , 8 2 9}$ |  | $\mathbf{0 . 5 0}$ | 2.87 |

Map 10.1 (next page) portrays a geospatial comparison of the average youth per household. The Northern and Southern Grenadines, with 0.4 youths per household each, had the lowest youth per household ratios. With the exception of the Grenadines, the average youth per household ranged from 0.45 in the Calliaqua census division, to 0.65 in the Chateaubelair census division.


Map 10.1. Average Youth Per Household by Census Division, 2001

### 10.3 School Attendance and Educational Attainment

In 2012, $60.7 \%$ of youths were not attending school (Figure 10.4 on page 153), compared with $71.2 \%$ in 2001. This improvement was buoyed by increased access to tertiary education. Of those attending school, $96.1 \%$ was attending full-time and the remaining $3.9 \%$ was attending school part-time. Of those attending full-time, $49.2 \%$ were male, compared with $50.8 \%$ who were female. There was greater disparity, noticed between the sexes, for part-time students. While males accounted for $32.0 \%$ of part-time students, females accounted for $67.9 \%$.

A total of $5,779(89.1 \%)$ of the full-time students were within the $15-19$ age range, compared with $708(10.9 \%)$ in the $20-24$ age range. Conversely, 172 ( $65.6 \%$ ) of the part-time students, were in the $20-24$ years age range, compared with 90 ( $34.4 \%$ ) in the $15-19$ age range.

Table 10.4. Number of Youths by Sex, Age Groups and School Attendance, 2012

| Age Group | Attending School |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Yes } \\ \text { (Full-time) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Yes } \\ \text { (Part-time) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | No | Don't Know /Not Stated |  |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2,920 | 36 | 1,942 | 155 | 5,053 |
| 20-24 | 269 | 48 | 3,906 | 131 | 4,354 |
| Total | 3,189 | 84 | 5,848 | 286 | 9,407 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2,859 | 54 | 1,818 | 128 | 4,859 |
| 20-24 | 439 | 124 | 3,582 | 108 | 4,253 |
| Total | 3,298 | 178 | 5,400 | 236 | 9,112 |
| Both |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 5,779 | 90 | 3,760 | 283 | 9,912 |
| 20-24 | 708 | 172 | 7,488 | 239 | 8,607 |
| Total | 6,487 | 262 | 11,248 | 522 | 18,519 |

Table 10.5 (page 155) displays the number of youths by the educational institutions they were attending during 2012. Also, Figure 10.3 (page 156) visually illustrates the composition of youths by the type of institution they were attending. Of the 6,749 youths attending school, 40
( $0.6 \%$ ) were attending a Special Education institution and 31 ( $0.5 \%$ ) were attending Primary School. Secondary schools had the largest contingent, 4,071 students (60.3\%), all of whom were in the $15-19$ age range. A total of $398(5.9 \%)$ youths were attending Technical/Vocational institutions and 58 ( $0.9 \%$ ) were attending Professional institutions. At the Post-secondary level, 872 (12.9\%) youths were attending Community College, while 407 ( $6.0 \%$ ) youths were attending University. Meanwhile, 54 (0.8\%) youths were attending Adult Education classes and 83 (1.2\%) students were attending Other institutions. A total of 735 youths (10.9\%) did not disclose the type of institution that they attended.

In 2001, there were $6,078(28.5 \%)$ youths attending school, i.e., 671 less youths than the $6749(36.4 \%)$ in 2012. Of those 6,078 youths, 40 , similar to in 2012, attended a Special Education programme and 372 youths attended Primary School. Four thousand, two hundred and sixty four youths ( $70.1 \%$ ) of those attending school, were attending Secondary school. This signalled that fewer youths were attending other levels of educational institutions in 2001, particularly institutions of higher learning. For example, 487 youths were attending A' level/Community colleges, compared with the abovementioned 872 youths in 2012 . Further, 272 youths were attending University in 2001, which is significantly lower than the 407 recorded for 2012.

Table 10.5. Youth Population Attending School by Sex, Age Group and Type of Institution, 2012

| Age Group | Type of Educational Institution Attending |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Special Education | Primary School | $\underline{\text { Secondary }}$ | Technical/ Vocational | Professional | Community College | University | Adult Education | Other | Not Stated |  |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 21 | 17 | 2133 | 163 | 0 | 268 | 14 | 5 | 13 | 321 | 2,955 |
| 20-24 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 12 | 55 | 113 | 8 | 19 | 68 | 318 |
| Total | 27 | 17 | 2,133 | 200 | 12 | 323 | 127 | 13 | 32 | 389 | 3,273 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 9 | 14 | 1,938 | 157 | 13 | 454 | 26 | 11 | 15 | 277 | 2,914 |
| 20-24 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 33 | 95 | 254 | 30 | 36 | 69 | 562 |
| Total | 13 | 14 | 1,938 | 198 | 46 | 549 | 280 | 41 | 51 | 346 | 3,476 |
| Both |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 30 | 31 | 4,071 | 320 | 13 | 722 | 40 | 16 | 28 | 598 | 5,869 |
| 20-24 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 45 | 150 | 367 | 38 | 55 | 137 | 880 |
| Total | 40 | 31 | 4,071 | 398 | 58 | 872 | 407 | 54 | 83 | 735 | 6,749 |



Figure 10.3. Proportion of Youths by Type of Institution they were Attending, 2012

An investigation was also conducted on the highest level of educational attainment by youths at the point of the 2012 census (Table 10.6 on page 158). The analysis revealed that the highest level of educational attainment for 14 youths was the Infant level and below. Together, these youths accounted for $0.1 \%$ of the youth population. A total of 1,512 (8.2\%) youths reached no further than the Primary school level, compared with $39.3 \%$ in 2001 (Figure 10.4 on next page). This significant reduction is on account of the country having made a transition into universal access to secondary education during the intercensal period.

Seven thousand nine hundred and eight (42.7\%) youths culminated their education at the Secondary level, down from $48.5 \%$ in 2001, as more youths moved beyond secondary level education to tertiary level education, as a result of increased access to same. Consequently, the
percentage of youths that attained a maximum of post-secondary education moved from $8.1 \%$, in 2001, to $14.7 \%$ in 2012. Notwithstanding, the number of youths whose highest level of educational attainment was University decreased from 230, in 2001, to 199 in 2012. While this can be attributed to a noticed $12.7 \%$ decline in the overall number of youths, the proportion of youths that completed at least one stage of University, however, remained the same at $1.1 \%$ (Figure 10.4 below).


Figure 10.4. Proportion of Youths by Highest Educational Attainment, 2001 \& 2012

Table 10.6. Number of Youths by Sex, Age Group and Highest Educational Level Attained, 2012

| Age Group | Highest Educational Level Attained |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Primary | Secondary | Pre-University | University | Other | Not Stated | None |  |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 212 | 1,885 | 290 | 0 | 20 | 2,644 | 3 | 5,054 |
| 20-24 | 876 | 2,280 | 732 | 66 | 62 | 336 | 1 | 4,353 |
| Total | 1,088 | 4,165 | 1,022 | 66 | 82 | 2,980 | 4 | 9,407 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 96 | 1,603 | 528 | 1 | 7 | 2,621 | 2 | 4,858 |
| 20-24 | 334 | 2,140 | 1,170 | 132 | 32 | 444 | 2 | 4,254 |
| Total | 430 | 3,743 | 1,698 | 133 | 39 | 3,065 | 4 | 9,112 |
| Both |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 308 | 3,488 | 818 | 1 | 27 | 5,265 | 5 | 9,912 |
| 20-24 | 1,210 | 4,420 | 1,902 | 198 | 94 | 780 | 3 | 8,607 |
| Total | 1,518 | 7,908 | 2,720 | 199 | 121 | 6,045 | 8 | 18,519 |

Table 10.7. Number of Youths by Sex, Age Group and Highest Certificate Attained, 2012


An analysis was also conducted on the highest level of educational certification attained by youths in 2012 (Table 10.7 on previous page). A total of 222 (1.2\%) attained a primary School Leaving Certificate as their highest education certificate, by the time of the 2012 Census. A total of 4,822 (26.0\%), received a GCE O'level of CXC General Certificate. Males comprised a greater share of those that concluded at the Secondary level, i.e., 4,165 (52.7\%), compared with 3,743 (47.3\%) females (Table 10.6 on page 158). Since there is equal access to secondary education for both males and females, these numbers suggest that females were more inclined to move to higher levels of education. Moreover, a greater number of females, 2,739 (56.8\%) achieved GCE O' Level certification than their $2,083(43.2 \%)$ male counterparts (Table10.7). This was due to higher completion rates among females, and comparatively better performance of females than males.

One thousand one hundred and twenty-four youths had obtained a College Certificate/Diploma by the time of the 2012 census. This accounted for $6.1 \%$ of the youth population. A further $203(1.1 \%)$ attained an Associate Degree, a programme that was relatively new at the local Community College. Meanwhile, 151 ( $0.8 \%$ ) youths attained Bachelors' Degrees, compared with 40 youths in 2001. Of those 151 youths, 52 (34.4\%) were male, while 99 ( $65.6 \%$ ) were female, further reflecting the higher inclination of females to pursue tertiary education.

### 10.4 Marital Status

The minimal legal age for getting married in St. Vincent and the Grenadines is 18 years. Table 10.8 (next page) displays the number of youths by sex, age group and marital status. The data show that $92.2 \%(17,063)$ of youths were never married at the point of the 2012 census. Of this cohort, $52.8 \%(9,013)$ were male and $47.2 \%(8,050)$ were female. Seven point eight per cent $(1,435)$ of the youth population was Married, of which $26.8 \%(385)$ were male and $73.2 \%(1,050)$ were female, suggesting that males took a longer time to marry than female counterparts.

Additionally, less than $1 \%$ of the youth population was either Divorced, Widowed, Legally Separated or did not disclose their marital status.

Table 10.8. Number of Youths by Sex, Age Group and Marital Status, 2012

| Age <br> Group | Marital Status |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Single/ Never Married | Married | Divorced | Widowed | Legally Separated | Not Stated |  |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 5,017 | 34 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5,053 |
| 20-24 | 3,996 | 351 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4,354 |
| Total | 9,013 | 385 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 9,407 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 4,625 | 230 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4,859 |
| 20-24 | 3,425 | 820 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 4,253 |
| Total | 8,050 | 1,050 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 9,112 |
| Both |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 9,642 | 264 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 9,912 |
| 20-24 | 7,421 | 1,171 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 8,607 |
| Total | 17,063 | 1,435 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 18,519 |

### 10.5 Union Status

This section refers to the relationship status of youths, based on questionnaire responses of the 2012 census (see Appendix 3). The results are listed in Table 10.9 (next page). According to the responses, $63.1 \%(11,682)$ of youths Never had a Spouse or Common Law Partner. Further, $1.1 \%$ (194) were Married and Living with a Spouse. Additionally, $6.5 \%(1,209)$ were in a Common Law Unions, while $12.9 \%(2,396)$ had a Visiting Partner. A segment comprising 13.5\% $(2,505)$, was in a union before, but was Not in a Union at the time of the 2012 census.

Table 10.9. Number of Youths by Sex, Age Group and Union Status, 2012

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Age } \\ \text { Group } \end{gathered}$ | Union Status |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never had a Spouse or Common-Law Partner | Married and Living with Spouse | CommonLaw Union | Visiting <br> Partner | Not in a Union | Not Stated |  |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 3871 | 5 | 26 | 258 | 692 | 201 | 5053 |
| 20-24 | 2522 | 54 | 286 | 778 | 602 | 112 | 4354 |
| Total | 6393 | 59 | 312 | 1036 | 1294 | 313 | 9407 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 3412 | 8 | 222 | 410 | 663 | 144 | 4859 |
| 20-24 | 1877 | 127 | 675 | 950 | 548 | 76 | 4253 |
| Total | 5289 | 135 | 897 | 1360 | 1211 | 220 | 9112 |
| Both |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 7283 | 13 | 248 | 668 | 1355 | 345 | 9912 |
| 20-24 | 4399 | 181 | 961 | 1728 | 1150 | 188 | 8607 |
| Total | 11682 | 194 | 1209 | 2396 | 2505 | 533 | 18519 |

### 10.6 Economic Activity of Youths

Table 10.10, and Table 10.11 (pages 164-165) display the number and percentage distributions of youths, respectively, by sex, age and economic activity in 2012. Twenty seven point three per cent $(5,060)$ of youths Had a Job and Worked, compared with $31.6 \%$ in 2001 , as a greater portion of youths were still attending an educational institution. Meanwhile, $0.3 \%$ (48) Had a Job but did not Work' for 12 months, suggesting that they worked on call, but were not called within a year prior; or, they had a profession, but had not worked for a year or more. Further, $14.4 \%(2,668)$ actively Looked for Work; and, 3.3\% (608) Wanted Work and was Available for Work. This latter category contained those youths who were Ready and Willing to Work, but did not actively look for work for a 12 month period.

A segment containing $10.2 \%(1,889)$ of the youths Did Home Duties, $73.1 \%(1,380)$ of which were female, compared to $26.9 \%(509)$ who were male. In addition, $40.2 \%(7,439)$ Attended School, the largest economic classification of youths. Further, $0.1 \%$ (23) indicated that they were

Retired, did not Work, $0.8 \%$ were Disabled, Unable to Work, $1.0 \%$ (176) fell in the economic classification Other, while $2.5 \%$ (463) did not disclose their economic classification.

Overall, $31.9 \%$ of male youths were employed, compared with a $22.6 \%$ employment among female youths. Male youths aged 20-24 years had the highest employment rates of 55.3\%, compared with $11.8 \%$ for male youths between $15-19$ years. The comparable percentage figures for females were $7.4 \%$ for those aged $15-19$ years, and $40.0 \%$ for those aged $20-24$ years.

Table 10.10. Number of Youths by Sex, Age Group and Main Economic Activity, 2012

| Age <br> Group | Main Activity in Last 12 Months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Had a job and worked | Had a job, but did not work | Looked for work | Wanted work and available | Did <br> Home <br> Duties | Attended School | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Retired, } \\ \text { did } \\ \text { not work } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Disabled, unable to work | Other | Not stated |  |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 595 | 1 | 536 | 132 | 270 | 3,266 | 8 | 39 | 56 | 150 | 5,053 |
| 20-24 | 2,406 | 25 | 924 | 211 | 239 | 332 | 3 | 50 | 56 | 108 | 4,354 |
| Total | 3,001 | 26 | 1,460 | 343 | 509 | 3,598 | 11 | 89 | 112 | 258 | 9,407 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 358 | 6 | 409 | 98 | 482 | 3,315 | 8 | 22 | 28 | 133 | 4,859 |
| 20-24 | 1,701 | 16 | 799 | 167 | 898 | 526 | 4 | 34 | 36 | 72 | 4,253 |
| Total | 2,059 | 22 | 1,208 | 265 | 1,380 | 3,841 | 12 | 56 | 64 | 205 | 9,112 |
| Both |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 953 | 7 | 945 | 230 | 752 | 6,581 | 16 | 61 | 84 | 283 | 9,912 |
| 20-24 | 4,107 | 41 | 1,723 | 378 | 1,137 | 858 | 7 | 84 | 92 | 180 | 8,607 |
| Total | 5,060 | 48 | 2,668 | 608 | 1,889 | 7,439 | 23 | 145 | 176 | 463 | 18,519 |

Table 10.11. Percentage Distribution of Youths by Sex, Age and Economic Activity, 2012

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Age } \\ \text { Group } \end{gathered}$ | Main Activity in Last 12 Months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Had a job and worked | Had a job, but did not work | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Looked } \\ & \text { for } \\ & \text { work } \end{aligned}$ | Wanted work and available | Did <br> Home <br> Duties | Attended school | ```Retired, Did not work``` | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Disabled, } \\ \text { unable } \\ \text { to work } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Other | Not stated |  |
| Male |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 10.6 | 2.6 | 5.4 | 64.7 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 3.0 | 100 |
| 20-24 | 55.3 | 0.6 | 21.2 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 7.6 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 2.5 | 100 |
| Total | 31.9 | 0.3 | 15.5 | 3.7 | 5.4 | 38.3 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 2.8 | 100 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100 |
| 15-19 | 7.4 | 0.1 | 8.4 | 2.0 | 9.9 | 68.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 2.7 | 100 |
| 20-24 | 40.0 | 0.4 | 18.8 | 3.9 | 21.1 | 12.4 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 100 |
| Total | 22.6 | 0.2 | 13.3 | 2.9 | 15.2 | 42.2 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 100 |
| Both |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 100 |
| 15-19 | 9.6 | 0.1 | 9.5 | 2.3 | 7.6 | 66.4 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 2.9 | 100 |
| 20-24 | 47.7 | 0.5 | 20.0 | 4.4 | 13.2 | 10.0 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 100 |
| Total | 27.3 | 0.3 | 14.4 | 3.3 | 10.2 | 40.2 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 2.5 | 100 |

### 10.7 Conclusion

The percentage of the population that fell between the range of $15-24$ years age range declined over the intercensal period, consistent with declining birth rates over the last few decades. Consequently, the number of youths per household declined. Slightly above one third of youths were attending school. Compared with 2001, more youths were pursuing and attaining higher levels of education. Concomitantly, the proportion of youths that worked declined by $3.0 \%$ between the intercensal period. Even though a greater proportion of youths, in general, were pursuing and attaining higher levels of education, females were more inclined to these pursuits than their male counterparts.

## Chapter 11: The Elderly

### 11.1 Introduction

The United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA), Population Dynamics in the Post 2015
Development Agenda Report refers to population ageing as a significant achievement for developing countries. Notwithstanding, this achievement creates considerable challenges for developing countries in the provision of health care services and social security programmes including pensions systems. In this regard, the elderly is considered to be one of the most. vulnerable groups in society.

This chapter presents a situational analysis of the elderly (persons 60 years or older) in St. Vincent and the Grenadines in 2012, with respect to their union status, marital status, living arrangement, economic activity, source of livelihood and illnesses.

### 11.2 The Elderly Population

In 2012 , the elderly population count was 13,811 , representing $12.6 \%$ of the total population, an increase of $31.5 \%$ over 2001. In this age group, females accounted for $50.7 \%$ and males $49.3 \%$ (Table 11.1 on next page). The changes in the male composition of this age cohort exceeded those of the females in most of the age groups. In 2012, the female population was 6,996 compared with 5,784 for 2001 , representing a $21.0 \%$ increase. The male population count, for 2012, was 6,815 compared with 4,715 in 2001. This represents a $44.5 \%$ increase.

Table 11.1. Elderly Population (Age 60+) by Age Group and Sex, 2001 \& 2012

| Age Group | 2001 |  |  | 2012 |  |  | Percentage Change (2001/2012) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| 60-64 | 1,313 | 1,433 | 2,746 | 1,970 | 1,851 | 3,821 | 50.0 | 29.2 | 39.1 |
| 65-69 | 1,222 | 1,333 | 2,555 | 1,457 | 1,384 | 2,841 | 19.2 | 3.8 | 11.2 |
| 70-74 | 892 | 1,062 | 1,954 | 1,282 | 1,254 | 2,536 | 43.7 | 18.1 | 29.8 |
| 75-79 | 639 | 878 | 1,517 | 964 | 1,014 | 1,978 | 50.9 | 15.5 | 30.4 |
| 80+ | 649 | 1,078 | 1,727 | 1,142 | 1,493 | 2,635 | 76.0 | 38.5 | 52.6 |
| Total | 4,715 | 5,784 | 10,499 | 6,815 | 6,996 | 13,811 | 44.5 | 21.0 | 31.5 |

Despite the higher levels of increase among males, women still outnumbered men in the age cohort of 75 years and over, which is consistent with the life expectancy for this age group. The sex ratio for the 60 years and over was 97 males per 100 females. This ratio is below the 103.6 males per 100 females for all ages (Table 1.4 on page 19).

### 11.3 Union Status of the Elderly

Data on the union status of the elderly indicated that $37.6 \%$ of this age cohort was Married and Living with a Spouse, $37.3 \%$ was Not in a Union, $12.4 \%$ reported that they Never had a Spouse or Common Law Partner, and $7.2 \%$ reported that they were in a Common Law Union (Table 11.2 below; cf. Tables 11.3a-b on next page).

Table 11.2. Total Elderly Population by Union Status and Sex, 2012

|  | Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Union Status | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{O}}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ |
| Never had a Spouse or Common-Law Partner | 700 | 10.3 | 1,015 | 14.5 | $\mathbf{1 , 7 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 . 4}$ |
| Married and Living with Spouse | 3,068 | 45.0 | 2,119 | 30.3 | $\mathbf{5 , 1 8 7}$ | 37.6 |
| Common-law Union | 652 | 9.6 | 337 | 4.8 | $\mathbf{9 8 9}$ | 7.2 |
| Visiting Partner | 300 | 4.4 | 164 | 2.3 | $\mathbf{4 6 4}$ | 3.4 |
| Not in a Union | 1,908 | 28.0 | 3,237 | 46.3 | $\mathbf{5 , 1 4 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 7 . 3}$ |
| Not Stated | 187 | 2.7 | 124 | 1.8 | $\mathbf{3 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 3}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{6 , 8 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 9 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 8 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

The highest proportion of males was Married and Living with a Spouse (45.0\%). This is followed by $28.0 \%$ who were Not in a Union, and $10.3 \%$ who Never had a Spouse or Common

Law Partner. For females, the results show a different situation; $46.3 \%$ were Not in a Union, 30.3\% reported being Married and Living with a Spouse and $14.5 \%$ Never had a Spouse or Common Law Partner (see Tables 11.3a-b below, for breakdown by age group).

Table 11.3a. Total Elderly Population by Age Group and Union Status, 2012

| Age <br> Group | Union Status |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never had a Spouse or CommonLaw Partner | Married and Living with Spouse | Common <br> Law Union | Visiting <br> Partner | Not in <br> a Union | Not Stated |  |
| 60-64 | 458 | 1,668 | 383 | 167 | 1,074 | 71 | 3,821 |
| 65-69 | 325 | 1,267 | 209 | 100 | 888 | 52 | 2,841 |
| 70-74 | 313 | 1,021 | 161 | 63 | 906 | 72 | 2,536 |
| 75-79 | 263 | 649 | 114 | 58 | 855 | 39 | 1,978 |
| 80+ | 356 | 582 | 122 | 76 | 1,422 | 77 | 2,635 |
| Total | 1,715 | 5,187 | 989 | 464 | 5,145 | 311 | 13,811 |

Table 11.3b. Percentage Elderly by Age Group and Union Status, 2012

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Age } \\ \text { Group } \end{gathered}$ | Union Status |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never had a Spouse or Common Law Partner | Married and Living with Spouse | Common <br> Law Union | Visiting <br> Partner | Not in a Union | Not Stated |  |
| 60-64 | 12.0 | 43.7 | 10.0 | 4.4 | 28.1 | 1.9 | 100 |
| 65-69 | 11.4 | 44.6 | 7.4 | 3.5 | 31.3 | 1.8 | 100 |
| 70-74 | 12.3 | 40.3 | 6.3 | 2.5 | 35.7 | 2.8 | 100 |
| 75-79 | 13.3 | 32.8 | 5.8 | 2.9 | 43.2 | 2.0 | 100 |
| 80+ | 13.5 | 22.1 | 4.6 | 2.9 | 54.0 | 2.9 | 100 |
| Total | 12.4 | 37.6 | 7.2 | 3.4 | 37.3 | 2.3 | 100 |

### 11.4 Marital Status of the Elderly

The highest proportions of the elderly group reported being Married (48.7\%), Single/Never Married ( $27.8 \%$ ) and Widowed ( $16.9 \%$ ). Of the males in this group $59.7 \%$ reported that they were Married and 23.9\% reported that they were Single/Never married. For the females 38.0\% indicated that they were Married and $31.6 \%$ indicated that they were Single/Never Married. In addition, as seen from Table 11.4 (next page), there were over 2 times more Widowed elderly females (24.7\%) than the elderly males (8.9\%).

Table 11.4. Total and Percentage Elderly Population by Marital Status and Sex, 2012

|  | Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Marital Status | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ | $\underline{\%}$ | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ | $\underline{\boldsymbol{\%}}$ | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{\%}}$ |
| Single/Never Married | 1,627 | 23.9 | 2,211 | 31.6 | $\mathbf{3 , 8 3 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 . 8}$ |
| Married | 4,069 | 59.7 | 2,660 | 38.0 | $\mathbf{6 , 7 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 . 7}$ |
| Divorced | 334 | 4.9 | 256 | 3.7 | $\mathbf{5 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 . 3}$ |
| Widowed | 603 | 8.9 | 1,727 | 24.7 | $\mathbf{2 , 3 3 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 . 9}$ |
| Legally Separated | 109 | 1.6 | 86 | 1.2 | $\mathbf{1 9 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 4}$ |
| Not Stated | 64 | 0.9 | 49 | 0.7 | $\mathbf{1 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 8}$ |
| Don't Know | 9 | 0.13 | 7 | 0.1 | $\mathbf{1 6}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 1}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{6 , 8 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{6 , 9 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 8 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

Table 11.5a. Total Elderly Population by Age Group and Marital Status, 2012

| AgeGroup | Marital Status |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Single/Never Married | Married | Divorced | Widowed | Legally Separated | Not Stated | Don't Know |  |
| 60-64 | 1,063 | 2,203 | 186 | 264 | 75 | 28 | 2 | 3,820 |
| 65-69 | 717 | 1,587 | 146 | 327 | 46 | 15 | 3 | 2,840 |
| 70-74 | 678 | 1,288 | 110 | 404 | 28 | 25 | 3 | 2,537 |
| 75-79 | 550 | 855 | 80 | 452 | 19 | 18 | 4 | 1,978 |
| 80+ | 830 | 796 | 68 | 883 | 27 | 27 | 4 | 2,636 |
| Total | 3,838 | 6,729 | 590 | 2,330 | 195 | 113 | 16 | 13,811 |

Table 11.5b. Percentage Elderly by Age Group and Marital Status, 2012

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Age } \\ \text { Group } \end{gathered}$ | Marital Status |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Single/Never Married | Married | Divorced | Widowed | Legally Separated | Not Stated |  |
| 60-64 | 27.8 | 57.7 | 4.8 | 6.9 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 100 |
| 65-69 | 25.3 | 55.9 | 5.1 | 11.5 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 100 |
| 70-74 | 26.8 | 50.8 | 4.3 | 15.9 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 100 |
| 75-79 | 27.9 | 43.2 | 4.0 | 22.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 100 |
| 80+ | 31.5 | 30.2 | 2.6 | 33.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 100 |
| Total | 27.8 | 48.7 | 4.3 | 16.9 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 100 |

### 11.5 Economic Activity and Source of Livelihood

The compulsory age of retirement from Government service ranges between 55 years and 60 years. However, the private sector does not have a terminal age for retiring. There were 3,727 ( $27.0 \%$ ) of the elderly who reported that they worked during the 2012 census period.

The 2012 census data indicated that the main source of livelihood for the elderly (Table 11.6 below) was from Local Support of Friends or Relatives (24.9\%), followed by Employment (20.0\%) and Local Pension (20.9 \%). Other sources of livelihood for the elderly came from Support from Public Assistance (12.3\%), Support from Friends and Relatives Overseas (11.3\%) and Pension from Overseas (10.3\%).

Table 11.6. Source of Livelihood of Elderly Population Age 60 and Over, 2012

|  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Source of Livelihood (Survival) | $\frac{\text { Count }}{}$ | Per cent (\%) |  |
| Disability Benefits | 47 | 0.3 |  |
| Employment | 3,230 | 23.4 |  |
| Investments | 247 | 1.8 |  |
| Public Assistance | 1,696 | 12.3 |  |
| Pension (Local) | 2,891 | 20.9 |  |
| Pension (Overseas) | 1,429 | 10.3 |  |
| Savings or Interest on Savings | 460 | 3.3 |  |
| Subsistence Farming | 865 | 6.3 |  |
| Support From Friends or Relatives (Local - Cash or Kind) | 3,419 | 24.8 |  |
| Support From Friends or Relatives (Overseas - Cash or Kind) | 1,562 | 11.3 |  |
| Other | 613 | 4.4 |  |

### 11.6 Chronic IIIness

The highest incidence of chronic illness reported by 5,396 (39.0\%) of the elderly populace was Hypertension, of which $37.0 \%$ were males and $63.0 \%$ were female. This was followed by Diabetes, for 3,328 (24.1\%) Arthritis for 3,083 (22.3\%) and Heart Disease, for 488 (3.5 \%) persons, respectively (Table 11.7 on next page). In all instances females out-reported males.

Table 11.7. Elderly Reporting Chronic Illnesses by Type of Illness and Age Group, 2012

|  | Diabetes |  | Hypertension |  | Arthritis |  | Heart Disease |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age Group | Count | \% | Count | $\%$ | Count | $\%$ | Count | \% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $60-64$ | 789 | 23.7 | 1,246 | 23.1 | 582 | 18.9 | 93 | 19.1 |
| $65-69$ | 718 | 21.6 | 1,126 | 20.9 | 602 | 19.5 | 98 | 20.1 |
| $70-74$ | 670 | 20.1 | 1,059 | 19.6 | 590 | 19.1 | 81 | 16.6 |
| $75-79$ | 514 | 15.4 | 912 | 16.9 | 557 | 18.1 | 93 | 19.1 |
| $80+$ | 637 | 19.1 | 1,053 | 19.5 | 752 | 24.4 | 123 | 25.2 |
| Total | $\mathbf{3 , 3 2 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 3 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 0 8 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0}$ |

### 11.7 Conclusion

The elderly population (60 years and over) increased by $31.5 \%$ since 2001; and, in 2012, represented $12.6 \%$ of the total population. Nearly $50 \%$ of the elderly were either Not in a Union or had Never had a Spouse or Common Law Partner, while $48.3 \%$ were either Married, in a Common Law Union, or had a Visiting Partner. Illnesses commonly reported in this age cohort were Hypertension (39.0\%) and Diabetes (24.0\%). In both instances the number of females outnumbered that of males. The main source of livelihood for the elderly population was Support from Local friends and Relatives, Employment and Local Pension benefits.

## Chapter 12: Gender and Development Issues

### 12.1 Introduction

Gender and development issues feature high on the agenda of the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (GOSVG), particularly, since gender equality and the empowerment of women is an important Millennium Development Goal of the countries of the United Nations (UNDP, 2015). The early $21^{\text {st }}$ century saw a paradigm shift from a women's affairs focus, to gender development. During this time, the Women's Affairs Division, in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, was upgraded to a Gender Affairs Division. This transition enabled the department to more effectively carry out its functions as the promoter of gender equality and equity. Further to its commitment to gender development, the GOSVG, through the Gender Affairs Division, has done, and is still engaged in, considerable work towards eliminating discrimination against women, gender mainstreaming, and gender planning.

This chapter examines the gender and development issues experienced in St. Vincent and the Grenadines during 2012. Where possible, comparisons are made with census statistics over the last four decades. The main focus is on gender issues in health, education, and labour force participation.

### 12.2 Demographic, Health and Gender Issues

The data from the 2012 census indicated that, with the exception of the $0-4,30-34$ and $75+$ age groups, males outnumbered females in all age cohorts (Table 1.4 on page 19). This resulted from higher sex ratios at birth and lower mortality among the female population. At the household level, males were predominantly heads of households (Table 7.1 on page 117), which is consistent with views held, by the population, regarding gender roles. These male household
heads were more likely to be married or in a union. than female household heads. Of the $25.6 \%$ of household heads who were Married and Living with Spouse, the majority ( $86.9 \%$ ) were male. Similarly, of the $14.9 \%$ of household heads who were in a Common Law Union, $67.9 \%$ were male, indicating that more females than males were lone household heads (Table 12.1 below).

Table 12.1. Union Status of Households Heads by Sex, 2012.

|  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Union Status | $\frac{\text { Male }}{}$ | $\frac{\text { Female }}{}$ |
| Never had a Spouse or Common Law Partner | 53.1 | 46.9 | $\mathbf{T o t a l}$ |
| Married and Living with Spouse | 86.9 | 13.1 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Common Law Union | 67.9 | 32.1 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Visiting Partner | 53.4 | 46.6 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Not in Union | 41.4 | 58.6 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Not Stated | 59.1 | 40.9 | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{6 0 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 9 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

### 12.3 Health and Gender Issues

The data reflected that more females than males were diagnosed with chronic illnesses such as Arthritis, Diabetes, Asthma, Heart Disease and Hypertension (Table 8.2 on page 131). Although females have higher levels of morbidity, they have a longer life span than males, as is evident in higher life expectancy at birth. ${ }^{15}$ The census data do not provide sufficient information to explain this phenomenon. However, as noted in Chapter 8, census statistics reveal that females are more likely to attend a health care facility than their male counterparts, suggesting that females are more attentive to their health status.

Higher incidence of chronic illnesses noted among females, in census statistics, may be as a result of males under-reporting, or lacking knowledge of, the status of their health. Underreporting of illnesses by males is common to Vincentian society. Further, as was revealed in the

[^8]Survey of Living Conditions (2008), men are more likely to lose pay on account of illness; and, as a consequence, they refrain from reporting on the status of their health. On the other hand, females are more open to the possibility of illness and seek prevention and curable methods; and, as such, mortality rates, due to chronic illnesses, for females under age 65, are lower than that of males. In addition, of the minority of persons who reported that they visited a family planning clinic in 2012, the majority were female. This may suggest that issues relating to reproductive health have been feminized (Table 8.5 on page 135).

### 12.4 Education and Gender Issues

Previous chapters emphasised improvement in educational attainment at all levels in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Also noted was a decline in the children and youth population, which invariably was accompanied by a decline in the number of children and youths attending school. In almost every age cohort, males outnumbered females; and, the decline in school attendees among children and youth was greater for females than males. In spite of a lower share of females in the adult population, net enrolment was higher among the adult female population (Table 4.1 on page 60). This shows that more females than males were pursuing higher level education or adult education. This is also reflected in Table 4.4 (page 65), which shows a larger proportion of females attending Community College, University, Adult Education and Other educational institutions. Correspondingly, more women culminated their education at higher level institutions; and, more women had higher level certificates, such as Bachelors and Masters degrees (Table 12.2 on next page).

Table 12.2. Highest Education Attained by Population 15 Years and Over by Sex, 2012

| Highest Education Attained | Male |  | Female |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Count | Percent | Count | Percent | Count | \% |
| Pre Primary | 7 | 0.0 | 13 | 0.0 | 20 | 0.0 |
| Primary (1-7 Years) | 20,066 | 47.9 | 15,881 | 39.3 | 35,947 | 43.7 |
| Secondary | 11,740 | 28.0 | 12,772 | 31.6 | 24,512 | 29.8 |
| Pre-University/Post-Secondary/College | 3,344 | 8.0 | 4,651 | 11.5 | 7,995 | 9.7 |
| University | 1,678 | 4.0 | 2,252 | 5.6 | 3,930 | 4.8 |
| Other | 316 | 0.8 | 216 | 0.5 | 532 | 0.6 |
| Don't Know or Not Stated | 4,734 | 11.3 | 4,593 | 11.4 | 9,327 | 11.3 |
| Total | 41,885 | 100 | 40,378 | 100 | 82,263 | 100 |

### 12.5 Labour Force Participation and Gender Issues

As discussed in Chapter 5, a labour force participant refers to anyone 15 years or over, who is either employed or unemployed. The national labour force participation rate in 2012 was $63.2 \%$. Traditionally, females have had lower labour force participation rates than their male counterpart. Figure 12.1 (next page) highlights that fact that female labour force participation over the last four censuses was lower than the national average; the opposite is true for male participation. Furthermore, female labour force participation increased steadily from $41.2 \%$, in 1980 , to $56.1 \%$, in 2012. This increase in female participation may be on account of improved education among females, as women who attain higher education tend to go to the labour market seeking economic autonomy. Although male participation remained relatively high, it declined gradually from $84.1 \%$, in 1980 , to $70.2 \%$, in 2012 . These intercensal changes suggest that the gender gap in labour force participation is converging. Similar results were revealed among household heads.


Figure 12.1. Labour Force Participation Rate by Sex, 1980-2012

Twenty-one point five per cent of the population reported that it was unemployed in 2012. Of this percentage figure, 5,693 were men and 5,500 women. Table 12.3 (next page) shows higher unemployment rates among females, for all census, except for 2001, when female unemployment was $18.3 \%$, compared with $22.5 \%$ among males. Notwithstanding the 2001 deviation from the general trend in unemployment between the sexes, there is a divergence between male and female unemployment rates. Between 2001 and 2012, there was an increase in the female unemployment rate. The increase in female labour force participation seen in this same period, reveals that females who entered the labour force, were looking and available for work during the reference period. In contrast, during the same period, there was a decline in male unemployment rate. The decline in male participation during the same period implies that some unemployed males exited the labour force.

Table 12.3. Employment Status by Sex, 1980-2012

| Year | Unemployment Rate |  |  | Employment Rate |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| 1980 | 23.0 | 24.5 | 23.5 | 77.0 | 75.5 | 76.5 |
| 1991 | 18.4 | 22.1 | 19.8 | 81.6 | 77.9 | 80.2 |
| 2001 | 22.5 | 18.3 | 20.9 | 77.6 | 81.7 | 79.1 |
| 2012 | 19.4 | 24.3 | 21.5 | 80.6 | 75.7 | 78.5 |

The main participants in the private sector continued to be men in 2012. In every area of private work, men outnumbered women, except in the area of unpaid work, where women (56 \%) were the majority. Between 2001 and 2012, there was an increase in the number of public sector employees. There was also a shift from males, being the main participants, to females, in public sector work. Generally, the data show that women's participation increased in every area of paid employment (Table 12.4 below).

Table 12.4. Employment Status by Sex, 2001 \& 2012

|  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ |  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Status in Employment | $\underline{\text { Male }}$ |  | Female |  |
|  | Male | $\underline{\text { Female }}$ |  |  |  |
| Paid employee, Government | 70.8 |  | 49.2 | 44.0 |  |
| Paid employee, Statutory | 70.3 | 29.7 | 63.6 | 36.0 |  |
| Paid employee, Private Business | 62.2 | 37.8 | 61.4 | 38.4 |  |
| Self-Employed with paid employees | 75.3 | 24.7 | 69.1 | 30.9 |  |
| Self-Employed without employees | 66.8 | 33.2 | 67.9 | 32.1 |  |
| Apprentice | 78.1 | 21.9 | 70.3 | 29.7 |  |
| Unpaid Family Worker | 54.6 | 45.4 | 44.4 | 55.6 |  |

During the intercensal period, there was a $55.8 \%$ increase in the number of Professional women in the workforce and a $3.6 \%$ decline in the number of Professional men. The period, 2001 to 2012, also saw overall declines in the total number of Managers, Clerical Support Workers, Plant and Machine Operators and those employed in Elementary Occupations. In each case, the decline was greater for females than males (Table 12.5 on next page).

Table 12.5. Employed Population by Major Occupation Group, 2001 \& 2012

|  | 2001 |  |  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maior Occupation Groups | $\underline{\text { Males }}$ | Females | $\underline{\text { Total }}$ | $\underline{\text { Males }}$ | Females | Total |  |
| Managers | 1,104 | 1,076 | $\mathbf{2 , 1 8 0}$ | 968 | 661 | $\mathbf{1 , 6 2 9}$ |  |
| Professionals | 1,611 | 1,920 | $\mathbf{3 , 5 3 1}$ | 1,553 | 2,991 | $\mathbf{4 , 5 4 4}$ |  |
| Technicians and associate professionals | 896 | 866 | $\mathbf{1 , 7 6 1}$ | 1,436 | 1,470 | $\mathbf{2 , 9 0 6}$ |  |
| Clerical support workers | 726 | 2,594 | $\mathbf{3 , 3 2 0}$ | 606 | 1,905 | $\mathbf{2 , 5 1 1}$ |  |
| Service and sales workers | 2,621 | 2,581 | $\mathbf{5 , 2 0 2}$ | 4,442 | 6,188 | $\mathbf{1 0 , 6 3 0}$ |  |
| Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers | 3,315 | 674 | $\mathbf{3 , 9 8 9}$ | 4,230 | 880 | $\mathbf{5 , 1 1 0}$ |  |
| Craft and related trades workers | 4,390 | 446 | $\mathbf{4 , 8 3 6}$ | 4,995 | 472 | $\mathbf{5 , 4 6 7}$ |  |
| Plant and machine operators, and assemblers | 2,280 | 182 | $\mathbf{2 , 4 6 2}$ | 1,928 | 110 | $\mathbf{2 , 0 3 8}$ |  |
| Elementary occupations | 4,232 | 3,061 | $\mathbf{7 , 2 9 3}$ | 3,246 | 2,220 | $\mathbf{5 , 4 6 6}$ |  |
| Not Stated | 668 | 345 | $\mathbf{1 , 0 1 3}$ | 286 | 234 | $\mathbf{5 2 0}$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 1 , 8 4 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 7 4 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 5 , 5 8 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 , 6 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 , 1 3 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 , 8 2 1}$ |  |

With the exception of Managers and to a lesser extent, Plant and Machine Operators, the other occupational categories are generally considered lower paying occupations, suggesting possible improvement in average remuneration for women. Nevertheless, as illustrated in Figure 12.2 (below), for all occupational groups, average income was lower for women when compared with men.


Figure 12.2. Average Monthly Wage of Employed Population by Sex, 2012

Among the employed, more women reached University level and obtained higher degree certificates (Table 12.6 below). The majority of the unemployed population attained Primary (40.2\%) and Secondary (43.9\%) level schooling. Comparison of educational attainment among the unemployed across sex revealed that, a larger share of men when compared to women culminated their schooling at the Primary level, while more women finished their schooling at the Secondary level. Of the unemployed, more women also culminated their schooling at higher levels (Table 12.7 on next page).

Table 12.6. Employed Population by Highest Education Attained, 2012

| Highest Level of Education Attained | Male |  | Female |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Count | $\underline{\%}$ | Count | \% | Count | \% |
| Pre Primary | 3 | 0.0 | 3 | 0.0 | 6 | 0.0 |
| Primary (1-7 Years) | 11,987 | 50.6 | 5,625 | 32.8 | 17,612 | 43.1 |
| Secondary | 7,239 | 30.6 | 6,202 | 36.2 | 13,441 | 32.9 |
| Pre-University/Post-Secondary/College | 2,333 | 9.8 | 2,897 | 16.9 | 5,230 | 12.8 |
| University | 1,303 | 5.5 | 1,729 | 10.1 | 3,032 | 7.4 |
| Other | 160 | 0.7 | 63 | 0.4 | 223 | 0.5 |
| Don't Know or Not Stated | 665 | 2.8 | 612 | 3.6 | 1,277 | 3.1 |
| Total | 23,690 | 100 | 17,131 | 100 | 40,821 | 100 |

Table 12.7 (next page) and Figure 12.3 (next page) show unemployment by educational attainment. Regardless of the lever of education reached, women have a lower employment rate than men. The difference between male and female employment rate was negligible, for those who attained University education, indicating that the increased labour force participation among women may have been as a result of their achievements in higher level education. These data disclose and confirm that while there is a positive relationship between educational attainment and employment status, the impact is smaller for men than it is for women ${ }^{16}$.

[^9]Table 12.7. Unemployed Population by Highest Level of Education Attained, 2012

|  | Male |  | Female |  | Total |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Highest Level of Education Attained |  | Count | $\underline{\%}$ | $\underline{\text { Count }}$ | $\underline{\%}$ | $\underline{\text { Count }}$ |
| Pre Primary | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.0 | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{0 . 0}}$ |
| Primary (1 - 7 Years) | 2,747 | 48.3 | 1,756 | 31.9 | $\mathbf{4 , 5 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 . 2}$ |
| Secondary | 2,258 | 39.7 | 2,658 | 48.3 | $\mathbf{4 , 9 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 3 . 9}$ |
| Pre-University/Post-Secondary/College | 399 | 7.0 | 752 | 13.7 | $\mathbf{1 , 1 5 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 . 3}$ |
| University | 68 | 1.2 | 102 | 1.9 | $\mathbf{1 7 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 5}$ |
| Other | 37 | 0.6 | 33 | 0.6 | $\mathbf{7 0}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 6}$ |
| Don't Know or Not Stated | 184 | 3.2 | 197 | 3.6 | $\mathbf{3 8 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 4}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{5 , 6 9 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{5 , 5 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 1 9 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |



Figure 12.3. Employment Rate by Highest Education Attained and Sex, 2012

### 12.6 Conclusion

In summary, males outnumbered females in the population and labour market; however, more females, than males, attained higher level education. The empirical analysis highlighted four major findings. First, women maintained higher enrolment; they predominated in school attendance at University level, and a larger proportion accomplished higher degrees. This outcome
was the same regardless of employment status. Second, women made achievements in the labour force, through improved participation, although a larger proportion were managing households, without the support of a spouse or partner. Third, despite women's remarkable achievements in education and in the labour market, generally, there was an under-representation of women in most areas of paid employment. Finally, men remained the main participants in the labour force, particularly in paid employment.

## Appendix 1: Description of Major Census Division

For census purposes, St. Vincent is divided into 11 divisions and the Grenadines into 2 divisions as follows:

## DIVISION 1 Kingstown:

Comprising all lands, lots of lands and buildings thereon, and all roads and ways lying within a line, commencing from the point from where the Sion Hill/ Arnos Vale Crown Lands' boundary meets the sea, along this boundary to the Windward Highway; thence northerly along the Windward Highway to a point on Ronald Llewellyn's boundary and along a straight line to the junction at Hunte/David Seales boundary with the Dorsetshire Hill road, following the Dorsetshire Hill road where it meets the Leonard Phillips/Thomas Mascoll boundary; thence in a straight line to Gibson Corner, along the Leeward highway in a northerly direction to its intersection with the St. George/St. Andrew Parish boundary and along this boundary to the sea.

## DIVISION 2 Suburbs of Kingstown:

Comprising that area outside the Town Boundary from Cooper's Ridge, north of the Clare Valley, then to "Plantation" and up Rilland Gutter (which crosses the Leeward Highway up the deep bend culvert a few yards below the Rilland Hill Standpipe) to the head of the Rilland Gutter and to Agout Ridge, thence along the spur to Mt. St. Andrew, thence along the Fenton Ridge, Green Hill and Orange Grove to where Dorsetshire Hill meets the Leonard Phillips/Thomas Mascoll Boundary at Millar's Gate, thence along the Town Boundary to the sea at Ross Castle and along the sea coast to the starting point.

## DIVISION 3 Calliaqua:

From Mt. St. Andrew northward along the Main Ridge, then along the Ponsonby Ridge to the "Kennedy Trail", along this trail pass the Eyry Ridge to its junction with the Vigie Highway, then along the Vigie Highway to its junction with the road to Akers, along the latter road to Crick's Corner, thence along the deep gully (Cologne) between Calder and Akers to the Argyle dam, thence along the gulley north of New (Rescue) Village to the deep bend and culvert of the Windward Highway near the ninth mile pillar (Breadfruit Gutter) then down this gutter to the sea.

## DIVISION 4 Marriaqua:

Comprising the whole of the natural basin from Ponsonby Ridge along the Main Ridge to Grand Bonhome, thence to Petit Bonhome and along the ridge to Maroon Hill, thence along the ridge forming the northern boundaries of Hopewell, Sayers and Argyle Estates to the Escape R. C. Church and sea.

## DIVISION 5 Bridgetown:

From Petit Bonhome along a spur to the head of the Julie Gutter, then along the Julie Gutter to its junction with the Union River, thence along Union River to the sea.

## DIVISION 6 Colonarie:

From Grand Bonhome along the Main Ridge Hill 3404, then along the eastern spur (and along Mt. William Estate northern boundary) to Byrea Ridge on the Windward highway and along the stream to the sea.

## DIVISION 7 Georgetown:

Along the Morne Garu Range to a point nearest the head of the Karo River, thence along the Karo River to the sea.

## DIVISION 8 <br> Sandy Bay:

DIVISION 9

DIVISION 10

DIVISION 11

DIVISION 12

DIVISION 13

Along the Main Ridge through Hills 3421, 3150, 2405, 1474 and 185 of the 1889 Admiralty Chart to the Rocky Promontory opposite Booby Rock.

## Layou:

From Bambaroo Point along ridge north of Ruthland Vale Estate, through Happy Hill to the Main Ridge, thence south along the latter to Mt. St. Andrew.

## Barrouallie:

Along the northern boundary Cumberland Estate, thence along the spur north of Spring Village to Mount 3404, then south along the Morne Garu Range.

## Chateaubelair:

Comprising the rest of the north-western portion of the island to the rocky promontory opposite Booby Rock.

Northern Grenadines:
Comprising Bequia, Battawia, Balliceaux, Mustique, Petit Mustique and Savan - that chain of island extending from Bequia to Savan Rock.

## Southern Grenadines:

Comprising Canouan, Mayreau, Union Island and Petit Canouan to Petit St. Vincent.

## Appendix 2: Concepts and Definitions

## Visitation Record

A $\log$ of the Enumeration Summary, which includes information about each building, dwelling unit and household visited in a specific enumeration district.

## Total Population

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines 2012 Population and Housing Census counted the country's de jure and de facto population. This means that the census counted the total number of persons who were usual residents in the country during the enumeration period (de jure population), as well as all persons who were present in the country on census night (de facto population). In this preliminary report, the total population refers to the de jure population, this includes:
(a) Persons living in private dwellings (households),
(b) Persons living in non-private dwellings, group dwellings and institutions,
(c) Persons with no fixed place of abode (e.g. Homeless),
(d) Persons at work (e.g. Vincentian workers on cruise ships), on vacation, at school or seeking medical treatment outside of St. Vincent and the Grenadines for less than six (6) months.

## Household/Non Institutional Population

The household population includes all persons who reside in private dwellings in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. It is important to note that a member of the household is not necessarily a relative of the main family. A boarder or a domestic employee, for example, who sleeps most nights (4 nights or more) per week and shares at least one of the daily meals at the house where they work, is also included as a member of that household. The concept of the household and family is not the same. It is possible to encounter more than one family constituting a single household once they live together for most nights of the week and share at least one meal.

## Census Division (CD)

The largest geographic areas into which St. Vincent and the Grenadines is divided for the purpose of the census administration.

## Enumeration District (ED)

This is the smallest geographical area into which each Census Division is subdivided to facilitate data collection. Each area should be just large enough for one (1) Enumerator to canvas within a reasonable time.

## Household

One or more persons living together (i.e. sleeping most nights of a week; 4 to 7 days) and sharing at least one daily meal. Members of a household do not have to be related.

## Institution

Living quarters in which the occupants live collectively for disciplinary, health, educational, religious or other purposes. The institutional population comprises persons who are not members of households. These include those in university dorms, religious institutions, prisons and so forth.

## Sex Ratio

This is the ratio of males to females within the population.

## Appendix 3: Housing Questionnaire

St. Vincent and the Grenadines
2012
POPULATION
AND HOUSING
CENSUS

CENSUS DAY - JUNE 12TH, 2012

## INSTRUCTIONS

1) USE 2B PENCIL ONLY
2) When completing box entries, please write only and completely inside the boxes provided.

Example: | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

3) Place an $X$ in the box where appropriate.

Example: $\boldsymbol{X}$
4) Erase cleanly any changes you make.
5) Make NO stray marks on this form.


Address of Household: $\qquad$
Community/Village: $\qquad$
Census Division: $\qquad$

## INTERVIEWER SAY:

I am the Census Interviewer assigned to this area and I would like to get some information about this household and its members. Here is my identification card. (Show card)

INTERVIEWER RECORD OF VISITS


First Name
Surname


Signature

Area Supervisor $\qquad$
Field Supervisor $\qquad$
Interviewer $\qquad$
Editor/Coder $\qquad$

1. INTERVIEWER SAY: Please give me the names of all the persons who usually live and share one daily meal with your household starting with the head.

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
Where required, boxes should be filled like this $\searrow$

|  | Surname | First Name | Sex |  | Surname First Name | Sex |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 01 |  |  | $\square 1$ <br> $\square 2 \mathrm{~F}$ | 11 |  | $\square 1$ <br> $\square$ <br> 1 |
| 02 |  |  | $\square 1$ <br> $\square 2 \mathrm{~F}$ | 12 |  | $\square 1 \mathrm{M}$ <br> $\square$ |
| 03 |  |  | $\square \square^{\square} \frac{1}{\mathrm{M}}$ | 13 |  | $\square$ <br> $\square$ <br> $\square$ |
| 04 |  |  | $\square \square^{1} \mathrm{M}$ | 14 |  | $\square 1 \mathrm{M}$ $\square$ $\square$ |
| 05 |  |  | $\square 1$ <br> $\square 2 \mathrm{~F}$ | 15 |  | $\square$ <br> $\square$ <br> $\square$ |
| 06 |  |  | $\square \frac{\square 1}{\square} \mathrm{M}$ | 16 |  | $\square$ <br> $\square$ <br> $\square$ |
| 07 |  |  | $\square 1$ <br> $\square 2$ | 17 |  | $\square 1$ $\square$ $\square$ |
| 08 |  |  | $\square 1$ <br> $\square$ <br> 1 | 18 |  | $\square$ <br> $\square$ <br> $\square$ |
| 09 |  |  | $\square 1$ <br> $\square 2$ <br> 1 | 19 |  | $\square 1$ <br> $\square$ <br> $\square$ |
| 10 |  |  | $\square \square^{\square 1} \mathrm{M}$ | 20 |  | $\square 1 \mathrm{M}$ $\square$ $\square$ |

Total Number of Persons in the household $\square$

## CONTACT NUMBER



## EMAIL ADDRESS



Where required, boxes should be filled like this $\boxtimes$

## SECTION 1 HOUSING

INTERVIEWER: Ask this question only if the answer is not obvious. Else, X the appropriate box.
2. What is the MAIN material of the outer walls?
$\square 1$ Stone
$\square 2$ Stone and brick
$\square 3$ Concrete
$\square 4$ Concrete and Block
$\square 5$ Wood and Brick
$\square 6$ Wood and Concrete
$\square 7$ Wood and galvaniz
$\square 8$ Wood
$\square 9$ Wattle/Adobe/Tapi
10 Other (Specify)
3. What is the MAIN material used for roofing?

| $\square 1$ Sheet metal |  | $\square 5$ Tile |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\square 2$ Shingle (asphalt) |  | $\square 6$ Concrete |
| $\square 3$ Shingle (wood) |  | $\square 7$ Asbestos |
| $\square 4$ Shingle (other) |  | $\square 8$ Thatch/Makeshift |
| $\square 9$ Other (specify) |  |  |
| * (Including Zinc,aluminum, galvanize, galvalume) |  |  |
| 4. In which year/period was this building built? |  |  |
| $\square 1$ Before 1980 | $\square 52006$ | $\square 92010$ |
| $\square 21980-1989$ | $\square 62007$ | $\square 102011$ |
| $\square 31990-1999$ | $\square 72008$ | $\square 112012$ |
| $\square 42000-2005$ | $\square 82009$ | $\square 12$ Don't Know |

5. How would you describe the type of dwelling unit that your household occupies?
$\square 1$ Separate house/Detached/Undivided Private House
$\square 2$ Part of a private house/Attached
$\square 3$ Flat, Apartment/Condominium
$\square 4$ Townhouse
$\square 5$ Double house/Duplex
$\square 6$ Combined business and dwelling
$\square 7$ Barrack
$\square 8$ Group dwelling

- 9 Improvised Housing Unit (Earth/Leaves/Branched etc)
$\square 10$ Other (Specify)

6. Is this dwelling unit owned, rented or leased by a member of this household?
$\square 1$ Owner (Including with a mortgage) (Go to Q.8)
$\square 2$ Rented Private (paying)
$\square 3$ Rented Govt. (paying)
$\square 4$ Rent free (Go to Q.8)
$\square 5$ Leased
$\square 6$ Squatted (Go to Q.8)
$\square 7$ Other (Specify)
$\square 8$ Don't Know (Go to Q.8)

| 7(a) What is the rental/lease period for this dwelling? |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square 1$ Weekly | $\square 4$ Quarterly |
| $\square 2$ Fortuightly | $\square 5$ Half-Yearly |
| $\square 3$ Monthly | $\square 6$ Annually |

7(b) What is the rental/lease amount for this dwelling? EC\$

8. Is this dwelling insured?
$\square 1$ Yes
$\square 2$ No
3 Don't Know
9. Are the contents of this dwelling insured?
$\square 1$ Yes, all
$\square 3$ Partially
$\square 2$ No, none
$\square 4$ Don't Know
10. Under what type of arrangement is the land occupied?
$\square 1$ Owned/freehold
$\square 2$ Lease-hold
$\square 3$ Rented (Paying)
$\square 4$ Rent-free

- 5 Permission to work land
$\square 6$ Squatted
$\square 7$ Share cropping
$\square 8$ Other (Specify) $\qquad$
$\square 9$ Don't Know

11. What type of fuel does this household use MOST for cooking?
$\square 1$ Wood
$\square 2$ Charcoal
$\square 3$ Kerosene

- 4 Electricity
$\square 5$ Cooking GasLiquefied Petroleum Gas (IPG)
$\square 6$ None
$\square 7$ Other (Specify) $\qquad$

12. How does this household USUALLY dispose of its garbage?
$\square 1$ Dumping (land)
$\square 2$ Drumping/throwing into river/sea/pond
$\square 3$ Compost
$\square 4$ Burning
$\square 5$ Burying
$\square 6$ Garbage truck/skip/bin - Public
$\square 7$ Garbage truck - Private
$\square 8$ Other (Specify) Where required, boxes should be filled like this $\varnothing$

13. What is your MAIN source of water supply?
$\square 1$ Public piped into dwelling
$\square 2$ Public standpipe
$\square 3$ Public piped into yard
$\square 4$ Private piped into dwelling
$\square 5$ Public well/tank
$\square 6$ Private catchments, not piped
ㅁ 7 Spring/River
$\square 8$ Other (Specify)
14. What is your MAIN source of drinking water?
$\square 1$ Public piped into dwelling
$\square 2$ Public standpipe
$\square 3$ Private piped into yard
$\square 4$ Private piped into dwelling
$\square 5$ Public well/tank
$\square 6$ Private catchments, not piped
$\square 7$ Spring/River
$\square 8$ Bottled water
$\square 9$ Other (Specify) $\qquad$
15. What type of toilet facility does this household have?
$\square 1$ Water Closet (WC) (Flush toilet)Linked to sewer
$\square 2$ Water Closet (WC)(Flush toilet)linked to septic tank/ soak-away
$\square 3$ Pit latrine ventilated and elevated/VIP
$\square 4$ Pit latrine ventilated and not elevated
$\square 5$ Pit latrine not ventilated
$\square 6$ Other (Specify) $\qquad$
$\square 7$ None (Go to Q.17)
16. Is the toilet shared with any other household?
$\square 1$ Yes, shared
$\square 2$ Not shared
17. Are your bathing facilities indoors or outdoors?
$\square 1$ Indoors
$\square 2$ Outdoors (private)
$\square 3$ None (Go to Q.19)
$\square 4$ Other (Specify) $\qquad$
18. Are your bathing facilities shared with another household?
$\square 1$ Yes, shared $\quad \square 2$ Not shared
19. What is the MAIN source of lighting for this household?
$\square 1$ Electricity - Public
$\square 2$ Electricity - Private Generator
$\square 4$ Kerosene
$\square 5$ Solar

- 3 Gas lanterm
$\square 6$ None
$\square 7$ Other (Specify)

20. How many bedrooms are there in this dwelling unit? Bedrooms are rooms used mainly for sleeping and exclude any makeshift and temporary sleeping quarters - count all bedrooms including spare not occupied.

21. Is your kitchen indoors or outdoors?
$\square 1$ Indoors
$\square 3$ None (Go to Q.23)
$\square 2$ Outdoors (private)
22. Is the kitchen shared with another person/other person(s) not of this household?
$\square 1$ Yes, shared
$\square 2$ Not shared
23. Which of these appliances, household equipment or service does this household have in use? (Indicate all that apply).

|  | Yes | No |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| (a) Electrical Generator | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (b) Radio | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (c) Stereo | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (d) Cable | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (e) Water Heater | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (f) Water Pump | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (g) Washing Machine | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (h) Dish Washer | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (i) Stove (gas/electric/solar) | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (j) Microwave Oven | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (k) Freezer | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (1) Refrigerator | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (m) Air Conditioner | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (n) Television | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (o) Fixed Line Telephone | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (p) Mobile/Cellular Phone | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (q) DVD Player | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (r) MP3/4 Player | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (s) Computer | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (t) Internet Conmection | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |
| (u) Internet Access | $\square 1$ | $\square 2$ |

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SECTION 2 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION
24 (a)Did any member of this household move to live abroad between 2001 and 2012 and is still living abroad? $\square$ Yes (Contimue) $\square \mathrm{No}$ (Goto Q.33)
24 (b)How many persons moved?


| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
|  | Sex | Age when <br> moved? | Occupation when <br> moved |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SECTION 3 CRIME |  |  |  |  |
|  | Crime |  | Type of Crime |  |
|  | 33 <br> Has any member of the <br> household been a victim of <br> the following crime during <br> the past 12 months? <br> 1 <br> 2 Yes <br> 2 No (Go to Q.37) <br> 3 Don't know (Go to Q.37) | 34 <br> Was the crime <br> reported? <br> 1 Yes (Go to Q.36) <br> 2 No <br> 3 Don't Know (Go to <br> Q.37) | 35 <br> Why was/were the crime(s) <br> not reported? <br> 1 No confidence in the <br> administration of justice <br> 2 Afraid of perpetrator <br> 3 Not serious enough <br> 4 Other <br> 5 Don't Know <br> (For all options, Go to Q.37) |  <br>  <br> What was the result? <br> 1 <br> 1 Pending |
| (a) Murder |  |  |  |  |
| (b) Kidnapping | $\square$ | $\ldots$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| (c) Shooting |  | $\pm$ |  | $\pm$ |
| (d) Rape/Abuse | $\pm$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\ldots$ |
| (e) Robbery |  | $\downarrow$ |  | $\square$ |
| (f) Wounding | $\pm$ | $\square$ | $\pm$ | $\ldots$ |
| (g) Larceny <br> (h) Other |  |  |  |  |
| SECTION 4 MORTALITY |  |  |  |  |

37. Did any member of this household die during the past 12 months?1 Yes
$\square 2$ No (Go to Section 5 of the Person Questionnaire)
38. Please provide the age and sex of the person(s) who died during the past twelve months.

39. If female aged 15 - 49 years, did the death occur:

| $\square 1$ During pregnancy | $\square 3$ Six weeks after the end of the pregnancy | $\square 5$ Don't Know |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\square 2$ During child birth | $\square 4$ Other |  |

## APPENDIX 4: Person Questionnaire

IMPORTANT!!!
The ED Number and the Household Number, MUST be inserted from the household questionnaire


ED Number


Household Number
INTERVIEWER:
Whenever a dotted line (...) appears in a question, call the name of the person to whom the information relates. If it is N (the respondent himself/herself) say "You"/"Your". X the appropriate box. Please do not write over the responses.

## SECTION 5 CHARACTERISTICS FOR ALL PERSONS





Where required, boxes should be filled like this $\boxtimes$


SECTION 11 ECONOMIC
ACTIVITY FOR PERSONS 15 YEARS AND OVER

| 69. What did you/(N) do MOST during the past 12 months? |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square 1$ Had a job and worked | $\square 6$ Attended school/Student |
| $\square 2$ Had a job, but did not work | $\square 7$ Retired, did not work |
| $\square 3$ Looked for work | $\square 8$ Disabled, unable to work |
| $\square 4$ Wanted work and available | $\square 9$ Other (Specify) |
| $\square 5$ Did Home Duties |  |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 70. Did you/(N) work for a minimum of one hour during } \\ \text { the past week? (This includes work for pay, profit or } \\ \text { family gain, e.g. helping in family business or farm, } \\ \text { street vending, etc.) }\end{array}$ |  |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\square 1 \text { Yes (Go to Q. } 72 \text { ) }\end{array}$ | $\square 2$ No |

71. Did you have a job from which you were temporarily absent during the past week? (If the option 1 to 9 is selected, then Go to Q.73)
$\square 1$ Yes, on vacation leave
$\square 2$ Yes, on matemity/sick leave
$\square 3$ Yes, on leave for personal/family responsibility
$\square 4$ Yes, on study leave training
$\square 5$ Yes, because of a strikelock out
$\square 6$ Yes, temporary lay off
$\square 7$ Yes, currently in the "off season"

- 8 Yes, sent on unpaid leave
$\square 9$ Yes, other reason(Specify) $\qquad$
$\square 10 \mathrm{No}$ (Go to Q.79)

72. How many hours did you/(N) actually work during the past week?
Number of Hours

73. What type of worker status applies to you/(N) in your/his/her MAIN job?
1 Paid employee, Govermment (Local and Central Gov't) (Go to Q.75)
$\square 2$ Paid employee, State Owned Company/Statutory Board (Go to Q.75)
$\square 3$ Paid employee, Private Business(Go to Q.75)
$\square 4$ Paid employee, Private Home(Go to Q.75)
$\square 5$ Own business with paid employees
$\square 6$ Own business without paid Employees (self-employed)
$\square 7$ Apprentice Leamers (Go to Q.75)
$\square 8$ Unpaid Family Worker Enployee(Go to Q.75)
$\square 9$ Volunteer worker (Go to Q.75)
$\square 10$ Other (Specify)(Go to Q.75)
11 Don't Know
74. Are you/is (N) registered with the National Insurance Services as a self employed person or as an employer? 1 Employer
$\square 2$ Self Employed
$\square 3$ Not Registered
75. Describe the type of work that you do/(N) does in your/his/her MAIN job?
Description $\qquad$

Occupation: $\qquad$
76. Describe the MAIN business activities carried out at the company/establishment for which you/(N) work.
77. How often do you/does (N) get paid from your/his/her MAIN job?
$\square 1$ Weekly
$\square 4$ Quarterly7 Not applicable
$\square 2$ Fortuightly $\square 5$ Anmally
$\square 3$ Monthly $\square 6$ Other
78. What was your/(N's) gross pay/income during the last pay period, that is, before income tax or other deductions? (Present Flash Card)

Interviewer: For self-employed persons obtain 'net income' i.e. receipts less business expenses. Income group:
 (Go to Q.81).
79. What steps did you/(N) take during the past month to look for work?
$\square 1$ Did not take any steps
$\square 2$ Direct application(in writing/telephone/email/in person, etc.) (Go to Q.81)
$\square 3$ Checking newspaper/websites/worksites etc. (Go to Q.81)
$\square 4$ Seeking assistance from friends (Go to Q.81)
$\square 5$ Registered at public/private employment exchange (Go to Q.81)
$\square 6$ Other (Specify) $\qquad$ (Go to Q.81)
-7 Don't Know (Go to Q.81)

Where required, boxes should be filled like this $\searrow$
80. Why did you/(N) not seek work during the past month?
$\square 1$ Own illness, disability, injury, pregnancy
$\square 2$ Home duties, personal/family responsibilities
$\square 3$ In school/training
$\square 4$ Retirement/old age
$\square 5$ Already found work to start later
$\square 6$ Already made arrangements for self-employment
$\square 7$ Awaiting recall to former job
$\square 8$ Awaiting replies from former employers
$\square 9$ Awaiting busy season
$\square 10$ Believe no work is available
$\square 11$ Do not know how or where to seek work
$\square 12$ Discouraged
$\square 13$ Not yet started to seek work
$\square 14$ Other
81. What are your/(N)'s source(s) of livelihood?
$\square 1$ Disability benefits
$\square 2$ Employment
$\square 3$ Investment
$\square 4$ Public assistance
$\square 5$ Pension (local)
$\square 6$ Pension (overseas)
$\square 7$ Savings/interest on savings
$\square 8$ Subsistence farming

- 9 Support from friends/relatives (local - cash/kind)
$\square 10$ Support from friends/relatives (overseas - cash/kind)
$\square 11$ Other (Specify) $\qquad$


## SECTION 12 MARITAL AND UNION STATUS FOR PERSONS 15 YEARS AND OVER

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82. What is your/(N)'s marital status?
\square 1 \text { Single Never Married}
\square4 Widowed
\square}\mathrm{ Legally Separated
\square Not stated
\(\square 3\) Divorced
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83. What is your/(N)'s present union status?
$\square 1$ Never had a spouse or common-law partner (Go to Q.86)
$\square 2$ Married and living with spouse (Go to Q.85)
3 Common Law Union (Go to Q.85)
$\square 4$ Visiting partner
$\square 5$ Not in a Union
84. Have you/has (N) ever lived together with a partner/spouse?
$\square 1$ Yes
$\square 2$ No (Go to Section 13)
85. How old were you/was(N) when you/he/she was first married or lived with a partner?
Age $\square$

## SECTION 13 FERTILITY FOR ALL FEMALES <br> 15 YEARS AND OVER

86. How many live births/children have you/has (N) ever had? (If none, Go to O.89)

87. How many of your/(N)'s live born children are still


## SECTION 14 CENSUS <br> SECTION 14 CENSUS NIGHT FOR ALL PERSONS

## 89. Where did you/(N) spend census night?

$\square 1$ At this address
$\square 2$ Elsewhere in this country Which Community? $\qquad$
$\square 3$ Abroad

## Appendix 5: Maps

## Population by Census Division St.Vincent and the Grenadines 2012 Census







[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Ethnic Group.(1989). Oxford English Dictionary, 2nd ed., s.v.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Thomas, K. (1971). Religion and the decline of magic: Studies in popular beliefs in sixteenth and seventeenth century
    England. London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, pp. 603.
    ${ }^{3}$ Constitution of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (1979).

[^2]:    ${ }^{4}$ In 2001 and 2012 sex ratio of those attending school, ages 3 to 14 was 101 and 103 respectively.

[^3]:    5 A person is classified as having worked if he was involved in the production of goods and services for sale. Trainees and apprentices whether paid or not, as well as, unpaid helpers and family workers on commercial farms and other enterprises are also included.
    ${ }^{6}$ This refers to persons who, although they had a job, spent most of the time during reference period away from the job because of illness, injury, vacation or for some other cause.

[^4]:    ${ }^{7}$ These persons were not in paid employment or self-employment during the reference period.
    ${ }^{8}$ These persons must have spent most of the time during the reference period, actively looking for work. This includes writing application letters, as well as actually visiting work places or houses, in search of employment. ${ }^{9}$ This includes persons who were ready for paid employment of self-employment during the reference period.

[^5]:    ${ }^{10}$ A central public reference, usually in the most populated village/town in each census division was chosen as reference points.
    ${ }^{11}$ This playing field did not exist in 1986. Nonetheless, the distance was calculated by author.

[^6]:    ${ }^{12}$ A total of 26,504 persons reported at least one chronic illness in 2012.

[^7]:    ${ }^{13}$ Calculated based on data from World Development Indicators Database, 2014
    ${ }^{14}$ The analysis excludes Dominica and St. Kitts Nevis due to unavailability of data.

[^8]:    ${ }^{15}$ Female life expectancy was 72.64 compared to male life expectancy which was 67.38 in 2012

[^9]:    ${ }^{16}$ Chi Square Statistical test reveal that the impact of education on employment is about 50 percent greater for women than it is for men.

