

Census Planning and Management in the Cook Islands

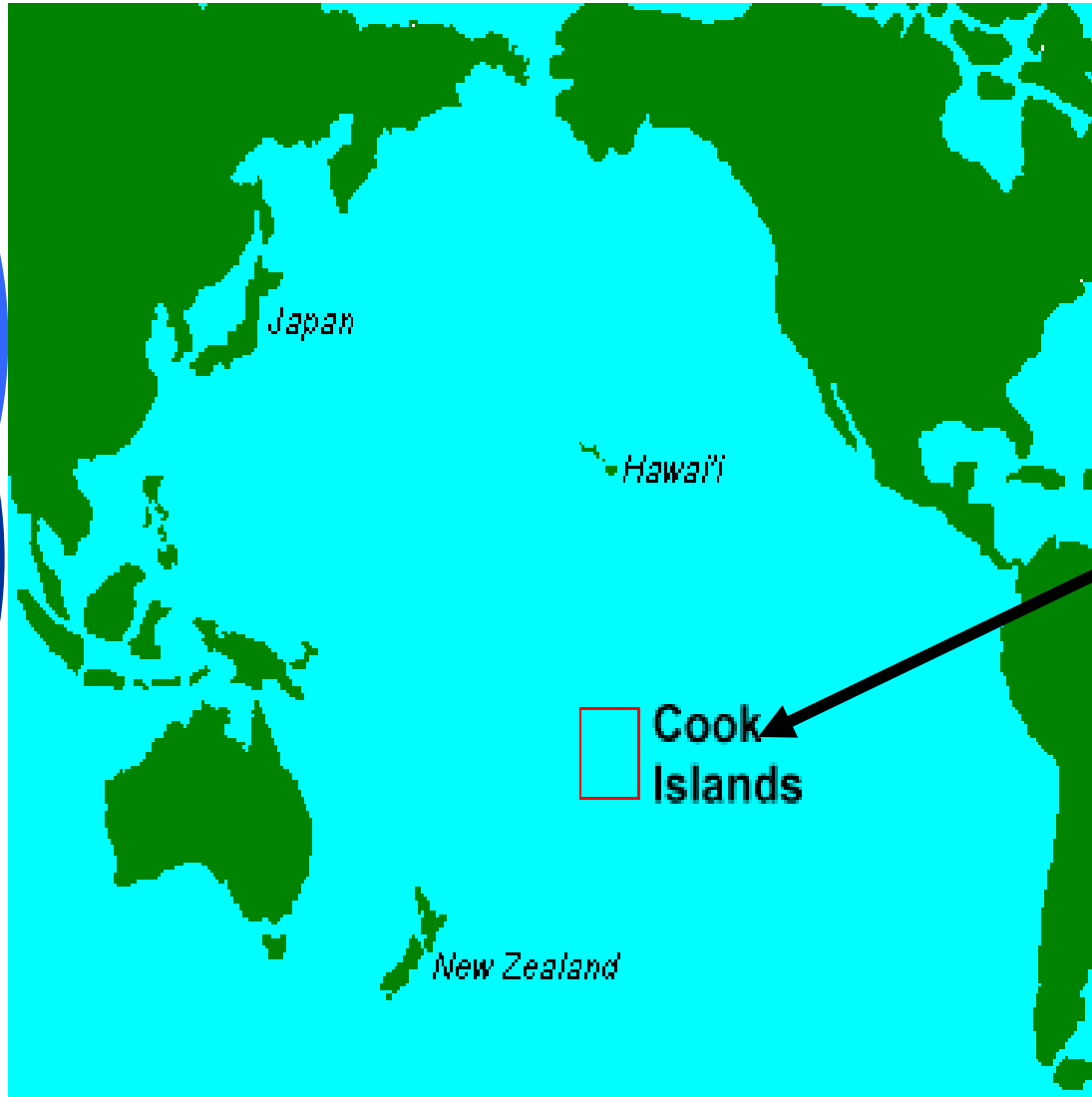
**23rd Population Census
Conference,
Christchurch, New Zealand
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General Information

- Geography
- Government
- Economy
- Population structure

Where are we?



Census Management

- legislation and organisational responsibility
- User consultation
- Budget and Resources
- Census team

Organisational responsibility

- National Statistics Office
 - Setting the census date
 - Type of Census
 - Mobilising resources (staff, transport, materials, etc)
 - Scope and coverage

User Consultation

- Major stakeholders
 - Government Ministries
 - NGO (religious groups, womens organisation, disaster management)
 - Private sector

Budget and resources

- 90% government funded
 - census taking
 - data processing
- 10% external funding
 - data processing (software)
 - data analysis

Census Team

- Census Manager - Statistician
- Census Coordinator - Statistics Officer
- Census Supervisors (8 in office)
 - Field Supervisors (20)
 - Field Enumerators (120)

Questionnaire

- 2 Questionnaires
 - Personal
 - 22 questions
 - Dwelling
 - 25 questions

Topics included in the Census

- Personal Questionnaire
 - Age, sex, head of household, ethnicity, nationality, migration, religion, education, disability, smoking, employment, unemployment, unpaid work, welfare, income, fertility

Topics included in the Census

- Dwelling Questionnaire
 - Type (Non private/private), tenure, number of rooms, construction materials, water source and supply, source of drinking water, source of electricity, dwelling facilities, cooking facilities, communications, waste management, etc.

Key issues

- National priorities
- Population mobility (inter-island and international)
- Mapping (GPS vs hand sketched)
- Census type (Dejure vs defacto)
- Timing of the census (too near the festive season)

Challenges

- Acquiring a GPS
- Changing the Census date
- Data Dissemination
- Census data as baseline data for NSDP and MDG's

Sample of map



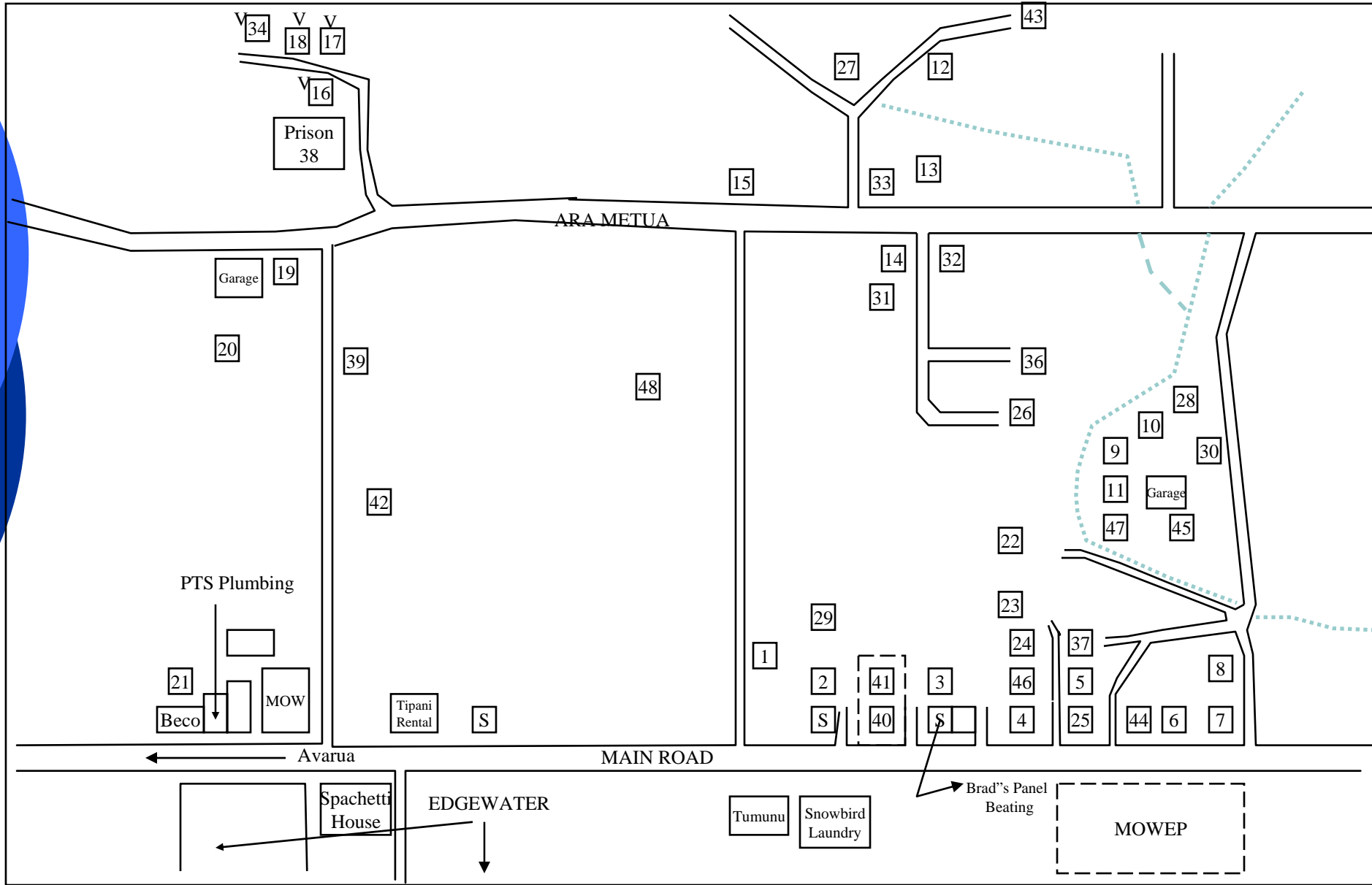
HOUSEHOLD LOCATIONS

ISLAND: RAROTONGA

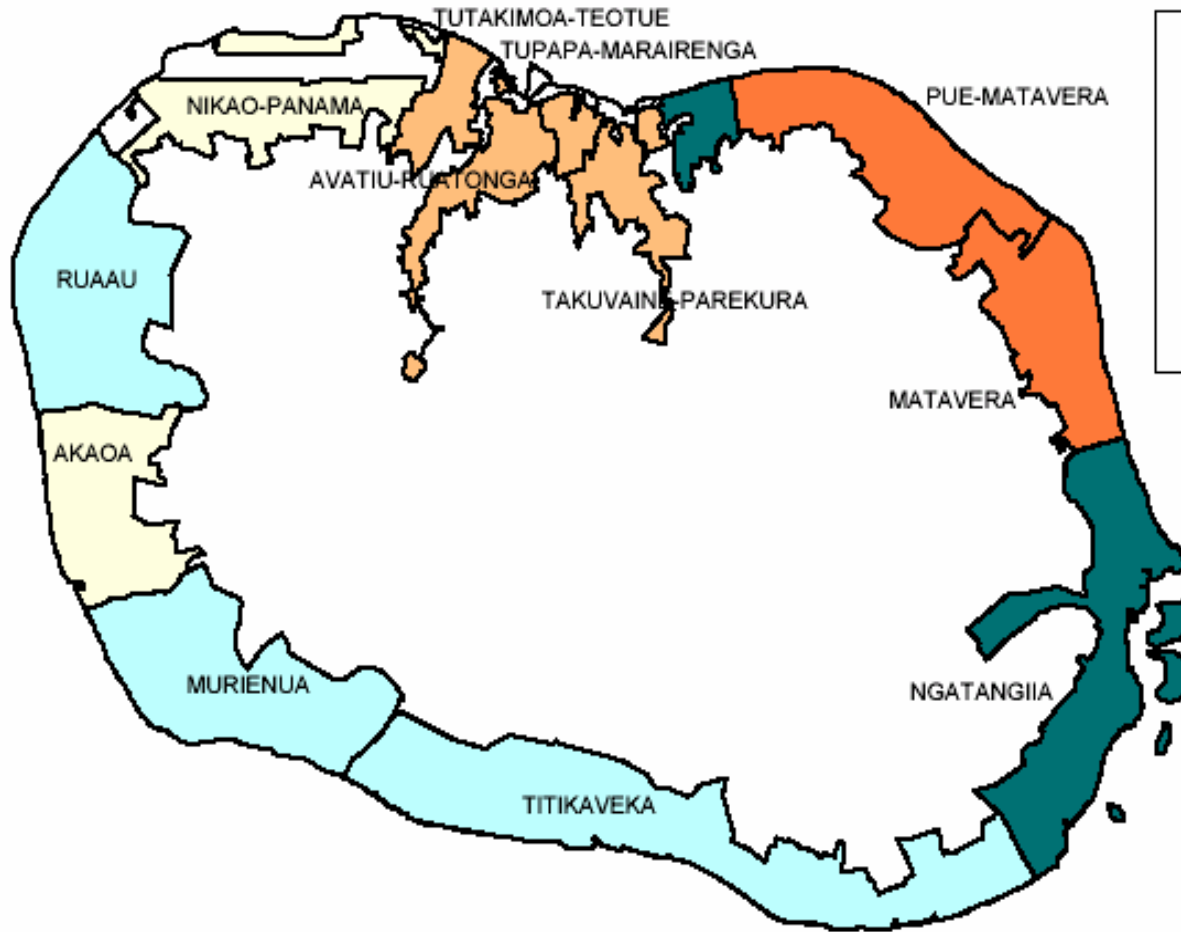
AREA: ARORANGI TOKERAU

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Data Dissemination



Youth Unemployment by Census District, 2001

- High Unemployment > 17%
- Above average 15 to 17%
- Average 12 to 15%
- Below average 5 to 12%
- Low (less than 5%)

Status of the 2006 Census

- Provisional result
- Manual editing and coding
- Data entry
- Data audit
- Tabulations and report writing
- Data analysis

Thank You