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Lesotho

Census Results

1946-05-07
1956-04-08 641,674
1966-04-14 969,634
1976-04-12 1,216,815
1986-04-12 1,605,177
1996-04-14 1,862,275
2006-04-09 1,876,633

General Information

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Official name | the Kingdom of Lesotho |
| Official name [native] | the Kingdom of Lesotho «English» Muso oa Lesotho «Sesotho» |
| Capital | Maseru |
| Capital [native] | Maseru «English» |
| Region | Southern Africa |
| ISO code | LS |
| Statistical agency | Lesotho Bureau of Statistics |

Name in Chinese
Name in Arabic مملكة ليسوتو
Name in Spanish el Reino de Lesotho
Name in Russian Королевство Лесото
Name in French le Royaume du Lesotho

Administrative units

| code | district | capital | area (sq.km.) | population 1986-04-12 census | population 1996-04-14 census | population 2006-04-09 census |
|------|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| B | Botha-Bothe | Botha-Bothe | 1,767 | 106,880 | 109,905 | 110,320 |
| C | Leribe | Hlotse | 2,828 | 274,935 | 302,664 | 293,369 |
| D | Berea | Teyateyaneng | 2,222 | 149,289 | 241,946 | 250,006 |
| A | Maseru | Maseru | 4,279 | 311,829 | 393,154 | 431,998 |
| E | Mafeteng | Mafeteng | 2,119 | 206,423 | 213,455 | 192,621 |
| F | Mohale's Hoek | Mohale's Hoek | 3,530 | 174,998 | 185,459 | 176,928 |
| G | Quthing | Quthing | 2,916 | 120,264 | 127,560 | 124,048 |
| H | Qacha's Nek | Qacha's Nek | 2,349 | 69,517 | 72,886 | 69,749 |
| J | Mokhotlong | Mokhotlong | 4,075 | 80,514 | 86,468 | 97,713 |
| K | Thaba-Tseka | Thaba-Tseka | 4,270 | 110,528 | 128,778 | 129,881 |
| | total | | 30,355 | 1,605,177 | 1,862,275 | 1,876,633 |

source: Lesotho Bureau of Statistics.

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Expanded administrative units

| code | district community council | capital | area (sq.km.) | population 1986-04-12 census | population 1996-04-14 census | population 2006-04-09 census |
|------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| B | Botha-Bothe | Botha-Bothe | 1,767 | 106,880 | 109,905 | 110,320 |
| B01 | Makhunoane | | | | | 8,085 |
| B02 | Liqhobong | | | | | 5,524 |
| B03 | Ntelle | | | | | 5,233 |
| B04 | Likila | | | | | 19,340 |
| B05 | Kao | | | | | 5,304 |
| B06 | Sekhobe | | | | | 3,874 |
| B07 | Moteng | | | | | 16,838 |
| B08 | Linakeng | | | | | 4,347 |
| B09 | Tsa-Le-Moleka | | | | | 18,737 |
| B10 | Lipelaneng | | | | | 30,320 |
| C | Leribe | Hlotse | 2,828 | 274,935 | 302,664 | 293,369 |
| C01 | Limamarela | | | | | 8,733 |
| C02 | Mphorosane | | | | | 9,392 |

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| code | district community council | capital | area (sq.km.) | population 1986-04-12 census | population 1996-04-14 census | population 2006-04-09 census |
|------|----------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| C03 | Seshote | | | | | 9,359 |
| C04 | Matlameng | | | | | 10,238 |
| C05 | Pitseng | | | | | 18,948 |
| C06 | Motati | | | | | 10,080 |
| C07 | Fenyane | | | | | 10,271 |
| C08 | Serupane | | | | | 11,328 |
| C09 | Malaoaneng | | | | | 5,864 |
| C10 | Menkhoaneng | | | | | 22,502 |
| C11 | Maisa-Phoka | | | | | 12,630 |
| C12 | Sephokong | | | | | 19,199 |
| C13 | Linare | | | | | 24,713 |
| C14 | Litjotjela | | | | | 21,383 |
| C15 | Khomokhoana | | | | | 26,851 |
| C16 | Hleoheng | | | | | 27,576 |
| C17 | Manka | | | | | 20,693 |
| C18 | Tsoili-Tsoili | | | | | 18,456 |
| D | Berea | Teyateyaneng | 2,222 | 149,289 | 241,946 | 250,006 |
| D01 | Makeoana | | | | | 33,445 |
| D02 | Mapoteng | | | | | 23,926 |
| D03 | Koeneng | | | | | 21,887 |
| D04 | Tebe-Tebe | | | | | 16,533 |
| D05 | Phuthiatsana | | | | | 25,660 |
| D06 | Maluba-Lube | | | | | 21,948 |
| D07 | Motanasela | | | | | 19,817 |
| D08 | Senekane | | | | | 22,262 |
| D09 | Kanana | | | | | 19,311 |
| D10 | Thuathe | | | | | 11,416 |
| A | Maseru | Maseru | 4,279 | 311,829 | 393,154 | 431,998 |
| 1 | Maseru Municipality | | | | | 227,880 |
| A01 | Qiloane | | | | | 24,093 |
| A02 | Ratau | | | | | 26,582 |
| A03 | Likalaneng | | | | | 10,757 |
| A04 | Nyakosoba | | | | | 10,893 |
| A05 | Makheka | | | | | 5,473 |
| A06 | Manonyane | | | | | 22,491 |
| A07 | Mohlakeng | | | | | 18,906 |
| A08 | Mazenod | | | | | 27,553 |
| A09 | Lilala | | | | | 24,195 |

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|-------------|---|----------------|--------------------------|---|---|---|
| A10 | Makhoarane | | | | | 26,674 |
| A11 | Makhalaneng | | | | | 13,146 |
| A12 | Ribaneng | | | | | 7,509 |
| A13 | Semonkong | | | | | 7,781 |
| A14 | Makolopetsane | | | | | 7,415 |
| A15 | Telle | | | | | 6,835 |
| E | Mafeteng | Mafeteng | 2,119 | 206,423 | 213,455 | 192,621 |
| E01 | Metsi-Matso | | | | | 21,480 |
| E02 | Mamantso | | | | | 21,175 |
| E03 | Mathula | | | | | 17,867 |
| E04 | Monyake | | | | | 12,234 |
| E05 | Tajane | | | | | 5,809 |
| E06 | Ramoetsane | | | | | 10,519 |
| E07 | Malakeng | | | | | 8,382 |
| E08 | Malumeng | | | | | 9,740 |
| E09 | Koti-Se-Phola | | | | | 12,391 |
| E10 | Makholane | | | | | 25,002 |
| E11 | Qibing | | | | | 17,374 |
| E12 | Makaota | | | | | 31,014 |
| F | Mohale's Hoek | Mohale's Hoek | 3,530 | 174,998 | 185,459 | 176,928 |
| F01 | Siloe | | | | | 18,261 |
| F02 | Mashaleng | | | | | 21,869 |
| F03 | Motjoleleng | | | | | 25,096 |
| F04 | Khoelenya | | | | | 22,424 |
| F05 | Teke | | | | | 5,403 |
| F06 | Mootsinyane | | | | | 9,995 |
| F07 | Phamong | | | | | 8,402 |
| F08 | Thaba Mokhele | | | | | 18,135 |
| F09 | Qobong | | | | | 9,324 |
| F10 | Qhobeng | | | | | 3,083 |
| F11 | Seroto | | | | | 7,836 |
| F12 | Likhutloaneng | | | | | 7,937 |
| F13 | Nkau | | | | | 9,092 |
| F14 | Qabane | | | | | 6,924 |
| G | Quthing | Quthing | 2,916 | 120,264 | 127,560 | 124,048 |
| G01 | Likhohlong | | | | | 7,455 |
| G02 | Matsatseng | | | | | 18,713 |
| G03 | Qomoqomong | | | | | 6,760 |
| G04 | Liphakoe | | | | | 14,537 |

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|------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| G05 | Ha Nkuebe | | | | | 10,487 |
| G06 | Tsatsane | | | | | 9,452 |
| G07 | Mkhono | | | | | 9,840 |
| G08 | Mokotjomela | | | | | 12,340 |
| G09 | Mphaki | | | | | 20,288 |
| G10 | Seforong | | | | | 9,720 |
| H | Qacha's Nek | Qacha's Nek | 2,349 | 69,517 | 72,886 | 69,749 |
| H01 | Patlong | | | | | 10,819 |
| H02 | White-Hill | | | | | 3,197 |
| H03 | Letloepe | | | | | 14,527 |
| H04 | Maseepho | | | | | 7,879 |
| H05 | Matebeng | | | | | 1,735 |
| H06 | Mosenekeng | | | | | 2,279 |
| H07 | Thaba Khube | | | | | 5,219 |
| H08 | Khomo Phatsoa | | | | | 8,263 |
| H09 | Ratsoleli | | | | | 6,633 |
| H10 | Ramatseliso | | | | | 6,189 |
| H11 | Thaba-Litsoene | | | | | 5,036 |
| J | Mokhotlong | Mokhotlong | 4,075 | 80,514 | 86,468 | 97,713 |
| J01 | Matsoku | | | | | 4,715 |
| J02 | Khubelu | | | | | 8,690 |
| J03 | Mapholaneng | | | | | 8,606 |
| J04 | Pae-La- Itlhatsoa | | | | | 2,080 |
| J05 | Popa | | | | | 6,725 |
| J06 | Molika-Liko | | | | | 6,239 |
| J07 | Khalahali | | | | | 8,220 |
| J08 | Moremoholo | | | | | 9,694 |
| J09 | Sakeng | | | | | 2,850 |
| J10 | Mateanong | | | | | 7,387 |
| J11 | Liphamola | | | | | 8,215 |
| J12 | Rafolatsane | | | | | 7,713 |
| J13 | Marung | | | | | 5,458 |
| J14 | Linakaneng | | | | | 4,452 |
| J15 | Tekeseleng | | | | | 4,397 |
| K | Thaba-Tseka | Thaba-Tseka | 4,270 | 110,528 | 128,778 | 129,881 |
| K01 | Malehloane | | | | | 11,161 |
| K02 | Mphe-Lebeko | | | | | 11,463 |
| K03 | Bokong | | | | | 7,283 |

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|------|----------------------------------|---------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| K04 | Thaba-Kholo | | | | | 10,241 |
| K05 | Lesobeng | | | | | 12,542 |
| K06 | Thabana' Mahlanya | | | | | 14,416 |
| K07 | Mohlanapeng | | | | | 9,882 |
| K08 | Khohlo-Ntso | | | | | 7,264 |
| K09 | Bobete | | | | | 12,066 |
| K10 | Senyotong | | | | | 7,740 |
| K11 | Rapoleboea | | | | | 11,533 |
| K12 | Monyetleng | | | | | 7,306 |
| K13 | Sehonghong | | | | | 6,041 |
| | total | | 30,355 | 1,605,177 | 1,862,275 | 1,876,633 |

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Main cities

| name | population 2006-04-09 census | latitude / longitude |
|--------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Maseru | 227,880 | -29.32/27.54 |
| Makeoana | 33,445 | |
| Makaota | 31,014 | |
| Lipelaneng | 30,320 | |
| Hleoheng | 27,576 | |
| Mazenod | 27,553 | |
| Khomokhoana | 26,851 | |
| Makhoarane | 26,674 | |
| Ratau | 26,582 | |
| Phuthiatsana | 25,660 | |
| Motjoleleng | 25,096 | |
| Makholane | 25,002 | |

source: Lesotho Bureau of Statistics.

note: 2006 data concerns preliminary results of the census.