



KEY STATISTICS FROM THE JUNE 2013 VOTERS' ROLL

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Background¹

The Research and Advocacy Unit, RAU, is in the process of preparing a report on the state of the Voters' Roll as it was as of 1st June, 2013. However, with elections pending, the exigencies of the situation demand that the key statistics, on which the report will be based, are released without delay. These statistics are of importance to all those concerned to ensure that the elections are conducted freely and fairly and with regard to accepted democratic standards. The statistics appear in the Tables set out below, and, although appearing with little accompanying comment, in most instances speak for themselves.

Demographics

RAU's analysis of the Voters' Roll has been facilitated by the release of the preliminary results of the 2012 census. However, these results do not disclose the statistic of prime importance here, the number of adults in Zimbabwe as indicated by ages of 18 years or more. The analysis has thus proceeded on the basis of the percentages of the population in each age band supplied by Zimstat (the body which conducts the census) and used by Zimstat to calculate data in a 2012 survey on Health and Demographics in Zimbabwe.² Zimstat is of the view that these percentages have not changed significantly in the few years since that survey, a view supported by the fact that the census shows that Zimbabwe has a low growth rate of 1.1%.³

The age band percentages appear in Appendix 1 and the full age breakdown of the Voters' Roll is given in Appendix 2.

The number of adults (and thus potentially eligible voters) in the 15 – 19 age band has been determined by calculating two-fifths of the total. It is believed that the number thus arrived at is sufficiently accurate for present purposes.

Figure1 shows the number of adults in each age band according to the census, compared with the number of people in those age bands registered as voters. The final column shows the percentage of the adult population registered as voters.

Table 1: Comparison of 2012 Census and 2013 Voters' Roll by Age Band

Age Bands	Adult Population [Census 2012]	Voter Population [Voters' Roll June 2013]	Numerical Difference	% Registered
18 - 19	524,142	46,506	477,636	8.87%
20 - 24	1,154,669	225,787	928,882	19.55%
25 - 29	1,063,852	549,946	513,906	51.69%
30 - 34	830,324	881,149	-50,825	106.12%

¹ Zimbabwe does not have a national voters' roll, but rather a roll for each of the 210 constituencies. The colloquial term is used for convenience.

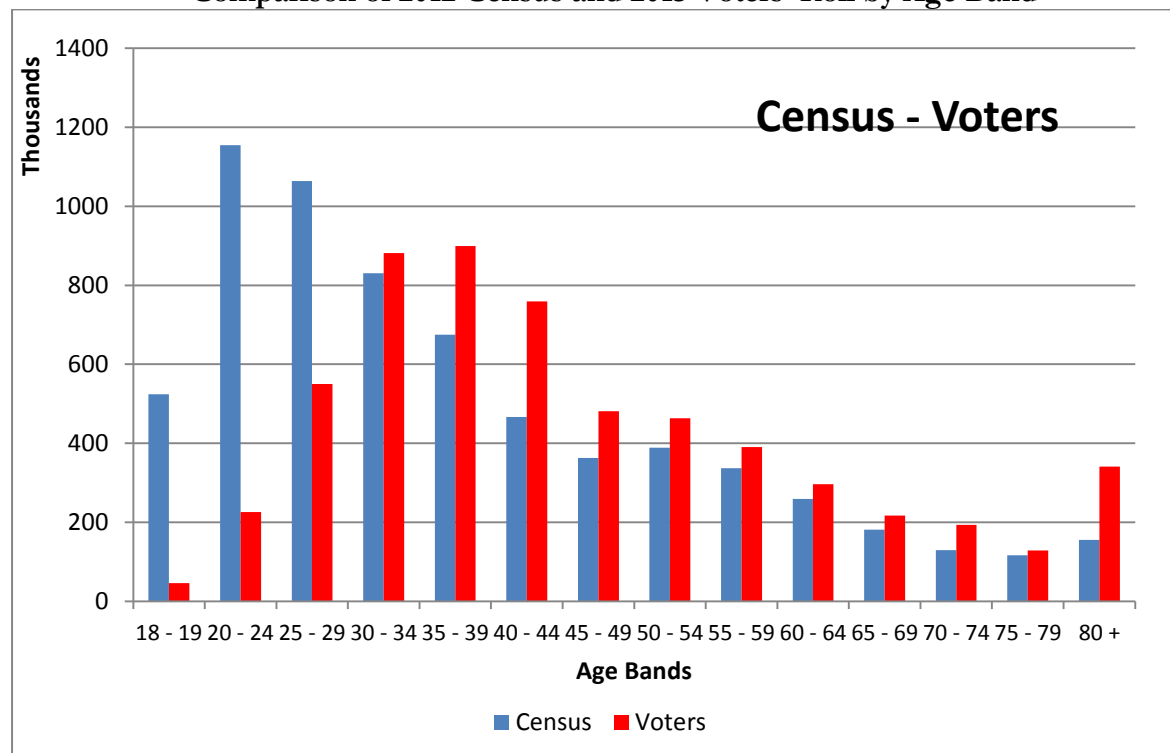
² *Zimbabwe 2010-11 Demographic and Health Survey Key Findings* Zimstat 2012. The numbers do not appear in the report but were supplied by a Zimstat official.

³ *Census 2012: Preliminary Report* Zimstat December 2012 p1.

35 - 39	674,638	899,362	-224,724	133.31%
40 - 44	467,057	759,189	-292,132	162.55%
45 - 49	363,267	48,0961	-117,694	132.40%
50 - 54	389,214	463,578	-74,364	119.11%
55 - 59	337,319	390,734	-53,415	115.84%
60 - 64	259,476	296,487	-37,011	114.26%
65 - 69	181,633	217,402	-35,769	119.69%
70 - 74	129,738	193,434	-63,696	149.10%
75 - 79	116,764	128,577	-11,813	110.12%
80 +	155,686	341,003	-185,317	219.03%
TOTALS	6,647,779	5,874,115	773,664	88.36%

The same data is represented below graphically for ease of understanding.

Figure 1
Comparison of 2012 Census and 2013 Voters' Roll by Age Band



In an ideal situation, all those who ought to be registered as voters are, and those who ought not to be, such as those deceased, are not. Although the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission took special steps to facilitate registration before the production of the June roll analysed here, and

although nearly 300 000 deceased people were reported to have been removed from the roll in the months immediately preceding its compilation, Table 1 shows a large disjuncture between the ideal and the actual.

Very few adults aged less than 30 years are registered. This is most marked in the 18-19 age band, where only 8% are registered. In numerical terms, this means that a total of 1, 920,424 people under the age of 30 ought to be registered as voters but are not.⁴ This is almost 29% of the total adult population of 6,647,779. Since there are unregistered people in the other age bands, the total percentage of the entire adult population who ought to be registered as voters but are not, is considerably higher than 29%.

The “under-registration” in these other age bands is concealed by “over-registration” in all of the age bands from 30 years and above. If the under-registration in these bands were to be taken into account, as it ought to be, the percentages of over-registration shown in Table 1 would increase. It should also be noted that the over-registration figures assume a 100% registration rate, which is improbable. The percentages of over-registration will increase in direct proportion to the extent that the registration rate is less than 100%.

Even without considering these factors, however, Table 1 indicates that the number of registered voters exceeds the population of Zimbabwe, in all age bands of 30 and above, by a considerable margin. This is most notable in the 40 – 44 age group (162%) and the 80+ age group (219%). In the former, some of the over-registration may be explained by people who are registered as voters, but were absent from the country during the census count, that is, are part of Zimbabwe’s diaspora. The latter group most probably represents a large number of deceased persons whose names still appear on the Voters’ Roll. In numerical terms the “over-registration” of people aged 30+ against the actual population is 1 146 760.

This conclusion is further supported by the fact that there is an unlikely 116 195 people aged over 100 still on the roll.

Constituency “Over-Registration”

The problem of over-registration can also be considered by constituency. Table 2 indicates data for each province with the number of constituencies in each province where the number of registered voters exceeds the population in those constituencies appearing under the last column heading.

Table 2
“Over Registration” of Voters as indicated by comparison with 2012 Census

Province (No. of Constituencies)	Total Population 2012 Census	Adult Population 2012 Census	June 2013 Voters’ Roll	No of Constituencies with over- registration	
Bulawayo (12)	655,675	340,951	300,743	5	42%
Harare (29)	2,098,199	1,091,063	788,959	3	10%
Manicaland (26)	1,755,000	912,600	753,982	5	19%
Mashonaland Central (18)	1,129,449	587,313	537,708	6	33%
Mashonaland East (23)	1,337,059	695,271	664,141	14	61%
Mashonaland West (22)	1,44,9938	753,968	609,732	2	9%

⁴ This assumes that the vast majority of the adult population are citizens and thus entitled to register as voters.

Masvingo (26)	1,486,604	773,034	727,697	10	38%
Matabeleland North (13)	743,871	386,813	362,150	2	15%
Matabeleland South (13)	685,046	356,224	351,954	7	54%
Midlands (28)	1,622,476	843,688	777,048	9	32%
Totals:	12,963,317	6,740,925	5,874,114	63	

Table 2 thus indicates that in 63 (30%) of Zimbabwe's 210 constituencies, the number of registered voters exceeds the total population there, as indicated by the census.

Delimitation

These problems of “over” and “under” registration obviously affect the delimitation of constituencies, since this is based upon the number of registered voters in each constituency. Delimitation will be inaccurate to the extent that the voters' roll incorrectly reflects the number of voters in each constituency. Constituencies were last delimited ahead of the 2008 elections. There is to be no new delimitation ahead of the 2013 elections⁵ despite extensive demographic changes and changes to the Voters' Roll since 2008.

Both the old and the new constitution provide that the number of registered voters in each constituency should, as far as is possible, be equal, thus ensuring that no vote is of greater or less value than another in elections for the National Assembly. The number of registered voters should thus be spread evenly across the 210 constituencies, making a mean of 27,972 voters per constituency. Both constitutions, however, allow a variation of up to 20% more or less than the average number of voters registered in each constituency. The permissible (though undesirable) variation of 20% has the result that the maximum and minimum number of voters in each constituency should not exceed 33,566 registered voters per constituency or be less than 22,378. The distribution of voters on the June 2013 roll is such that 23 constituencies exceed the permissible maximum and 17 are below the permissible minimum. Mbare has a voter population 154% greater than the mean (43,169 voters) and Chipinge East is has a voter population of only 46% of the mean (12,940 voters), as can be seen from Table 4 (The full data can be seen in Appendix 3).

Table 4
Number of constituencies with voter's numbers more or less than 20% constitutional limits for delimitation

Province	June 2013 Voters' Roll	No. of Constituencies above Maximum allowed [33566]	No. of Constituencies below Minimum allowed [22378]
Bulawayo	300,743	0	0
Harare	788,959	3	6
Manicaland	753,982	3	1
Mashonaland Central	537,708	4	0

⁵ See paragraph 5, Part 3 of the Sixth Schedule of the new constitution.

Mashonaland East	664,141	4	2
Mashonaland West	609,732	1	0
Masvingo	727,697	4	4
Matabeleland North	362,150	2	1
Matabeleland South	351,954	2	1
Midlands	777,048	0	2
Totals:	5,874,114	23	17

Gender

The Voters' Roll shows no gender bias when considered as a whole. The picture may, however, change when gender is considered across each age band, though this analysis has yet to be undertaken. Table 5 shows that the gender distribution of voters almost exactly matches the divide according to the census, with women outnumbering men on both by almost identical percentages, roughly 48%:52%.

Table 5
Comparison of Gender between 2012 Census and 2013 Voters' Roll

	Census		Roll	
Male	6234931	48.06%	2824458	48.08%
Female	6738877	51.94%	3050651	51.93%
Totals	12973808	100%	5874114	100%

Summary

The compilation of the Voters' Roll is always a moving target. Old voters die and new voters are added. The Voters' Roll can thus never meet the ideal indicated at the outset. However, the gap between the ideal and the actual should be kept within reasonable limits if the electoral process is to be deemed fair and credible. The statistics presented here show:

1. That there are nearly 2 000 000 potential voters aged under 30 who are unregistered.
2. That there are well over 1 000 000 people on the roll who are either deceased or departed.
3. That 63 constituencies have more registered voters than inhabitants.
4. That 40 Constituencies deviate from the average number of voters per constituency by more than the permitted 20%.

Such statistics suggest that the gap between the ideal and the actual impinges upon the integrity of Zimbabwe's electoral process.

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Appendix 1
Demographic Break Down – Zimstat March 2012 Report.

Age Band	%
0 - 4	14.8
5 - 9	13.9
10 - 14	14.1
15 - 19	10.1
20 - 24	8.9
25 - 29	8.2
30 - 34	6.4
35 - 39	5.2
40 - 44	3.6
45 - 49	2.8
50 - 54	3.0
55 - 59	2.6
60 - 64	2.0
65 - 69	1.4
70 - 74	1.0
75 - 79	0.9
80+	1.2

Appendix 2
Differences between 2012 Census and 2013 Voters' Roll

Age Bands	Adult Population	Voter Population	Numerical Difference	% Registered
18 - 19	524142	46506	477636	8.87%
20 - 24	1154669	225787	928882	19.55%
25 - 29	1063852	549946	513906	51.69%
30 - 34	830324	881149	-50825	106.12%
35 - 39	674638	899362	-224724	133.31%
40 - 44	467057	759189	-292132	162.55%
45 - 49	363267	480961	-117694	132.40%
50 - 54	389214	463578	-74364	119.11%
55 - 59	337319	390734	-53415	115.84%
60 - 64	259476	296487	-37011	114.26%
65 - 69	181633	217402	-35769	119.69%
70 - 74	129738	193434	-63696	149.10%
75 - 79	116764	128577	-11813	110.12%
80 +	155686	341003	-185317	219.03%
TOTALS	6647779	5874115	773664	88.36%

Appendix 3

Number of constituencies with voter's numbers more or less than constitutional limits
for delimitation

Province	Constituency	June 2013 Voters' Roll	Above Maximum allowed [33566]	Below Minimum allowed [22378]	Percentage of Mean
Bulawayo					
Bulawayo	Bulawayo Central	27600	No	No	101
Bulawayo	Bulawayo East	24009	No	No	117
Bulawayo	Bulawayo South	21693	No	No	129
Bulawayo	Emakhandeni Entumbane	25400	No	No	110
Bulawayo	Lobengula	25008	No	No	112
Bulawayo	Luveve	24846	No	No	113
Bulawayo	Magwegwe	24024	No	No	116
Bulawayo	Makokoba	26195	No	No	107
Bulawayo	Nketa	24942	No	No	112
Bulawayo	Nkulumane	25899	No	No	108
Bulawayo	Pelandaba/Mpopoma	26505	No	No	106
Bulawayo	Pumula	24622	No	No	114
	Total:	300,743	0	0	
Harare					
Harare	Budiriro	30890	No	No	91
Harare	Chitungwiza North	27717	No	No	101
Harare	Chitungwiza South	28390	No	No	99
Harare	Dzivarasekwa	22971	No	No	122
Harare	Epworth	35703	Yes	No	78
Harare	Glen Norah	20113	No	Yes	139
Harare	Glenview North	23183	No	No	121
Harare	Glenview South	24954	No	No	112
Harare	Harare Central	27595	No	No	101
Harare	Harare East	33180	No	No	84
Harare	Harare North	28681	No	No	98
Harare	Harare South	36214	Yes	No	77
Harare	Harare West	26297	No	No	106
Harare	Hatfield	28166	No	No	99
Harare	Highfield East	27777	No	No	101
Harare	Highfield West	23182	No	No	121
Harare	Kambuzuma	22096	No	Yes	127
Harare	Kuwadzana	22659	No	No	123
Harare	Kuwadzana East	22037	No	Yes	127
Harare	Mabvuku Tafara	28265	No	No	99
Harare	Mbare	43169	Yes	No	65
Harare	Mount Pleasant	30100	No	No	93

Harare	Mufakose	19818	No	Yes	141
Harare	Southerton	21714	No	Yes	129
Harare	St Mary's	26898	No	No	104
Harare	Sunningdale	20416	No	Yes	137
Harare	Warren Park	30481	No	No	92
Harare	Zengeza East	28576	No	No	98
Harare	Zengeza West	27717	No	No	101
	Total:	788,959	3	6	
Manicaland					
Manicaland	Buhera Central	30972	No	No	90
Manicaland	Buhera North	27075	No	No	103
Manicaland	Buhera South	29638	No	No	94
Manicaland	Buhera West	30671	No	No	91
Manicaland	Chimanimani East	30466	No	No	92
Manicaland	Chimanimani West	28849	No	No	97
Manicaland	Chipinga Central	25370	No	No	110
Manicaland	Chipinga East	12940	No	Yes	216
Manicaland	Chipinga South	34880	Yes	No	80
Manicaland	Chipinga West	25178	No	No	111
Manicaland	Dangamvura Chikanga	30680	No	No	91
Manicaland	Headlands	27540	No	No	102
Manicaland	Makoni Central	25463	No	No	110
Manicaland	Makoni North	27439	No	No	102
Manicaland	Makoni South	31903	No	No	88
Manicaland	Makoni West	25520	No	No	110
Manicaland	Musikavanhu	26591	No	No	105
Manicaland	Mutare Central	25864	No	No	108
Manicaland	Mutare North	34391	Yes	No	81
Manicaland	Mutare South	33321	No	No	84
Manicaland	Mutare West	33877	Yes	No	83
Manicaland	Mutasa Central	28674	No	No	98
Manicaland	Mutasa North	32943	No	No	85
Manicaland	Mutasa South	29432	No	No	95
Manicaland	Nyanga North	32969	No	No	85
Manicaland	Nyanga South	31336	No	No	89
	Total:	753,982	3	1	
Mashonaland Central					
Mashonaland Central	Bindura North	37387	Yes	No	75
Mashonaland Central	Bindura South	30940	No	No	90
Mashonaland Central	Guruve North	34747	Yes	No	81
Mashonaland Central	Guruve South	31294	No	No	89
Mashonaland Central	Mazowe Central	25581	No	No	109
Mashonaland Central	Mazowe North	23828	No	No	117
Mashonaland Central	Mazowe South	26234	No	No	107
Mashonaland Central	Mazowe West	24138	No	No	116

Mashonaland Central	Mbire	33751	Yes	No	83
Mashonaland Central	Mount Darwin East	32704	No	No	86
Mashonaland Central	Mount Darwin North	30923	No	No	90
Mashonaland Central	Mount Darwin South	24243	No	No	115
Mashonaland Central	Mount Darwin West	31205	No	No	90
Mashonaland Central	Muzarabani North	27708	No	No	101
Mashonaland Central	Muzarabani South	26662	No	No	105
Mashonaland Central	Rushinga	36156	Yes	No	77
Mashonaland Central	Shamva North	30827	No	No	91
Mashonaland Central	Shamva South	29380	No	No	95
	Total:	537,708	4	0	
Mashonaland East					
Mashonaland East	Chikomba Central	24874	No	No	112
Mashonaland East	Chikomba East	21516	No	Yes	130
Mashonaland East	Chikomba West	35255	Yes	No	79
Mashonaland East	Goromonzi North	30380	No	No	92
Mashonaland East	Goromonzi South	36789	Yes	No	76
Mashonaland East	Goromonzi West	30086	No	No	93
Mashonaland East	Maramba Pfungwe	33658	Yes	No	83
Mashonaland East	Marondera Central	26888	No	No	104
Mashonaland East	Marondera East	28411	No	No	98
Mashonaland East	Marondera West	24572	No	No	114
Mashonaland East	Mudzi North	32516	No	No	86
Mashonaland East	Mudzi South	26037	No	No	107
Mashonaland East	Mudzi West	26987	No	No	104
Mashonaland East	Murewa North	28728	No	No	97
Mashonaland East	Murewa South	29367	No	No	95
Mashonaland East	Murewa West	29874	No	No	94
Mashonaland East	Mutoko East	26211	No	No	107
Mashonaland East	Mutoko North	29643	No	No	94
Mashonaland East	Mutoko South	30478	No	No	92
Mashonaland East	Seke	30575	No	No	91
Mashonaland East	Uzumba	33770	Yes	No	83
Mashonaland East	Wedza North	25872	No	No	108
Mashonaland East	Wedza South	21654	No	Yes	129
	Total:	664,141	4	2	
Mashonaland West					
Mashonaland West	Chakari	25815	No	No	108
Mashonaland West	Chegutu East	32000	No	No	87
Mashonaland West	Chegutu West	27259	No	No	103
Mashonaland West	Chinhoyi	27477	No	No	102
Mashonaland West	Hurungwe Central	26144	No	No	107
Mashonaland West	Hurungwe East	30125	No	No	93
Mashonaland West	Hurungwe North	24829	No	No	113
Mashonaland West	Hurungwe West	26261	No	No	107

Mashonaland West	Kadoma Central	25873	No	No	108
Mashonaland West	Kariba	34431	Yes	No	81
Mashonaland West	Magunje	26428	No	No	106
Mashonaland West	Makonde	29604	No	No	94
Mashonaland West	Mhangura	31361	No	No	89
Mashonaland West	Mhondoro Mubaira	29545	No	No	95
Mashonaland West	Mhondoro Ngezi	26760	No	No	105
Mashonaland West	Muzvezve	27846	No	No	100
Mashonaland West	Norton	27793	No	No	101
Mashonaland West	Sanyati	23584	No	No	119
Mashonaland West	Zvimba East	27493	No	No	102
Mashonaland West	Zvimba North	26471	No	No	106
Mashonaland West	Zvimba South	25931	No	No	108
Mashonaland West	Zvimba West	26702	No	No	105
	Total:	609,732	1	0	
Masvingo					
Masvingo	Bikita East	27954	No	No	100
Masvingo	Bikita South	29601	No	No	94
Masvingo	Bikita West	29357	No	No	95
Masvingo	Chiredzi East	26560	No	No	105
Masvingo	Chiredzi North	43298	Yes	No	65
Masvingo	Chiredzi South	26567	No	No	105
Masvingo	Chiredzi West	33657	Yes	No	83
Masvingo	Chivi Central	30057	No	No	93
Masvingo	Chivi North	25610	No	No	109
Masvingo	Chivi South	31751	No	No	88
Masvingo	Gutu Central	24344	No	No	115
Masvingo	Gutu East	23638	No	No	118
Masvingo	Gutu North	20533	No	Yes	136
Masvingo	Gutu South	24046	No	No	116
Masvingo	Gutu West	24755	No	No	113
Masvingo	Masvingo Central	26252	No	No	107
Masvingo	Masvingo North	23181	No	No	121
Masvingo	Masvingo South	27019	No	No	104
Masvingo	Masvingo Urban	35209	Yes	No	79
Masvingo	Masvingo West	22167	No	Yes	126
Masvingo	Mwenezi East	33278	No	No	84
Masvingo	Mwenezi West	41310	Yes	No	68
Masvingo	Zaka Central	26489	No	No	106
Masvingo	Zaka East	21645	No	Yes	129
Masvingo	Zaka North	28300	No	No	99
Masvingo	Zaka West	21119	No	Yes	132
	Total:	727,697	4	4	
Matabeleland North					
Matabeleland North	Binga North	32955	No	No	85

Matabeleland North	Binga South	29645	No	No	94
Matabeleland North	Bubi	34368	Yes	No	81
Matabeleland North	Hwange Central	22723	No	No	123
Matabeleland North	Hwange East	23517	No	No	119
Matabeleland North	Hwange West	25056	No	No	112
Matabeleland North	Lupane East	25364	No	No	110
Matabeleland North	Lupane West	21368	No	Yes	131
Matabeleland North	Nkayi North	25755	No	No	109
Matabeleland North	Nkayi South	27337	No	No	102
Matabeleland North	Tsholotsho North	27363	No	No	102
Matabeleland North	Tsholotsho South	29874	No	No	94
Matabeleland North	Umguza	36825	Yes	No	76
	Total:	362,150	2	1	
Matabeleland South					
Matabeleland South	Beitbridge East	30279	No	No	92
Matabeleland South	Beitbridge West	22552	No	No	124
Matabeleland South	Bulilima East	37330	Yes	No	75
Matabeleland South	Bulilima West	28043	No	No	100
Matabeleland South	Gwanda Central	24751	No	No	113
Matabeleland South	Gwanda North	22209	No	Yes	126
Matabeleland South	Gwanda South	23341	No	No	120
Matabeleland South	Insiza North	25516	No	No	110
Matabeleland South	Insiza South	24901	No	No	112
Matabeleland South	Mangwe	33963	Yes	No	82
Matabeleland South	Matobo North	23251	No	No	120
Matabeleland South	Matobo South	22487	No	No	124
Matabeleland South	Umzingwane	33331	No	No	84
Matabeleland South	Total:	351,954	2	1	
Midlands					
Midlands	Chirumanzu	26189	No	No	107
Midlands	Chirumanzu Zibagwe	30936	No	No	90
Midlands	Chiwandura	33506	No	No	83
Midlands	Gokwe	23741	No	No	118

Midlands	Gokwe Chireya	28966	No	No	97
Midlands	Gokwe Gumunyu	23828	No	No	117
Midlands	Gokwe Kabuyuni	29434	No	No	95
Midlands	Gokwe Kana	29478	No	No	95
Midlands	Gokwe Mapfungautsi	32288	No	No	87
Midlands	Gokwe Nembudziya	28601	No	No	98
Midlands	Gokwe Sengwa	32650	No	No	86
Midlands	Gokwe Sesame	24947	No	No	112
Midlands	Gweru Urban	29060	No	No	96
Midlands	Kwekwe Central	23139	No	No	121
Midlands	Mberengwa East	22051	No	Yes	127
Midlands	Mberengwa North	28777	No	No	97
Midlands	Mberengwa South	28506	No	No	98
Midlands	Mberengwa West	22235	No	Yes	126
Midlands	Mbizo	24558	No	No	114
Midlands	Mkoba	30819	No	No	91
Midlands	Redcliff	29134	No	No	96
Midlands	Shurugwi North	27051	No	No	103
Midlands	Shurugwi South	23097	No	No	121
Midlands	Silobela	27808	No	No	101
Midlands	Vungu	26175	No	No	107
Midlands	Zhombe	31172	No	No	90
Midlands	Zvishavane Ngezi	29038	No	No	96
Midlands	Zvishavane Runde	29864	No	No	
	Totals:	777,048	0	2	
	Overall Totals:	5,874,114	23	17	



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