Namibia Statistics Agency

2023 Namibia Population and Housing Census
Release of Preliminary Results

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Importance of the Census

- The census generates complete and diverse data on demographic and socio-economic information at lowest geographic level
- Census data plays an essential role in planning, policy formulation, monitoring and evaluation
- The data enables equity in the distribution of government services and allocation of resources
- The census provides data to monitor the progress of developmental goals: NDPs, Vision 2030 and SDGs

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Background to 2023 PHC

- Fourth Namibia PHC
- 12 years since the previous Census (in 2011)
- Based on the De facto approach – people were counted where they spent on the Census Reference Night.
- Census Reference Night – Sunday, 24 September 2023
- Final PHC results publications will begin in the 3rd quarter of the 2024/25 FY

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Key Innovations in 2023 PHC

- 1st Digital Census (Modern Census)
- Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI)
- Online application for recruitment
- Geo Referenced structure (Spatially enabled census)
- Real Time monitoring dashboard during data collection



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Quality Assurance

Data quality assurance processes built in all the census phases including;

- CAPI validation rules
- Dashboard and data monitors
- Field monitoring throughout the enumeration phase
- Daily situation room
- Use of independent technical experts

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Our goal was to count everyone within the boarders of Namibia without omission and duplication



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Results

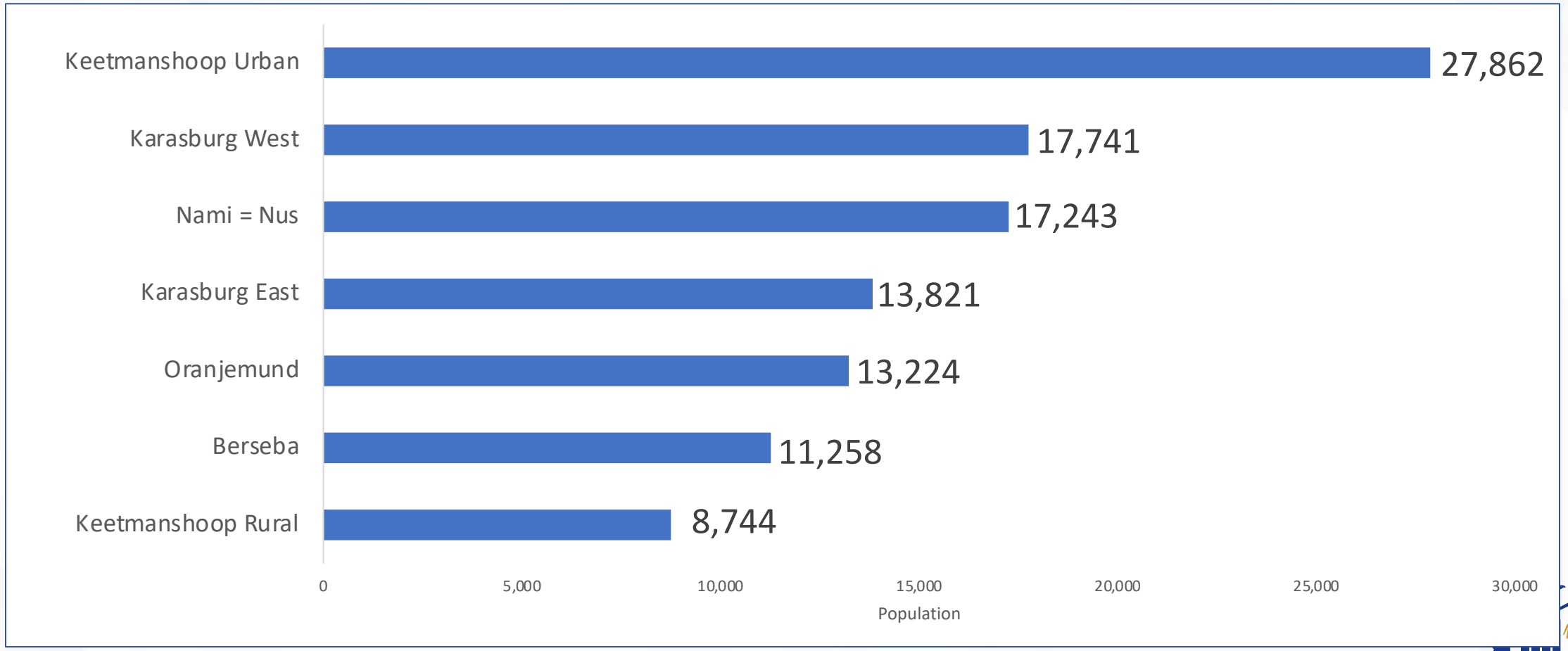
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Constituency & Regional Populations

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Population by Constituency: //Kharas region

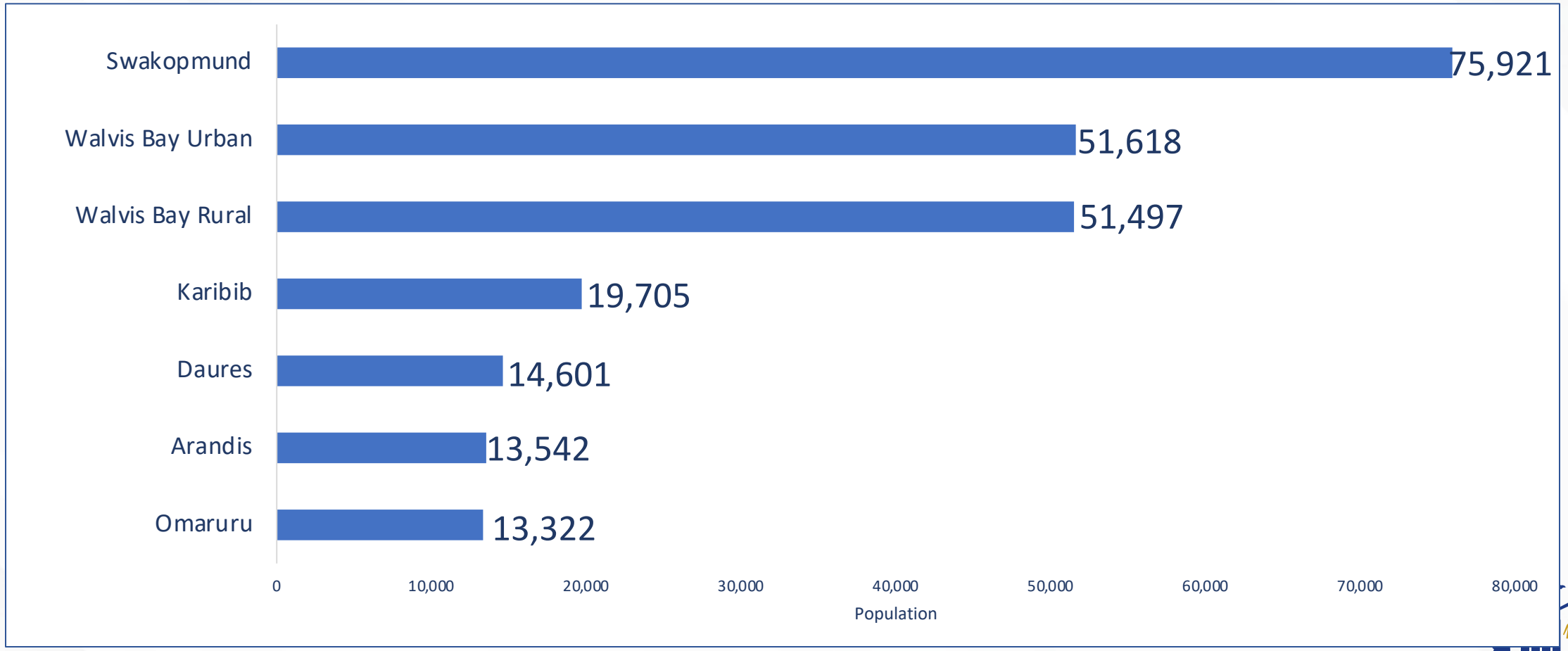
Region Population: 109,893



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Population by Constituency: Erongo region

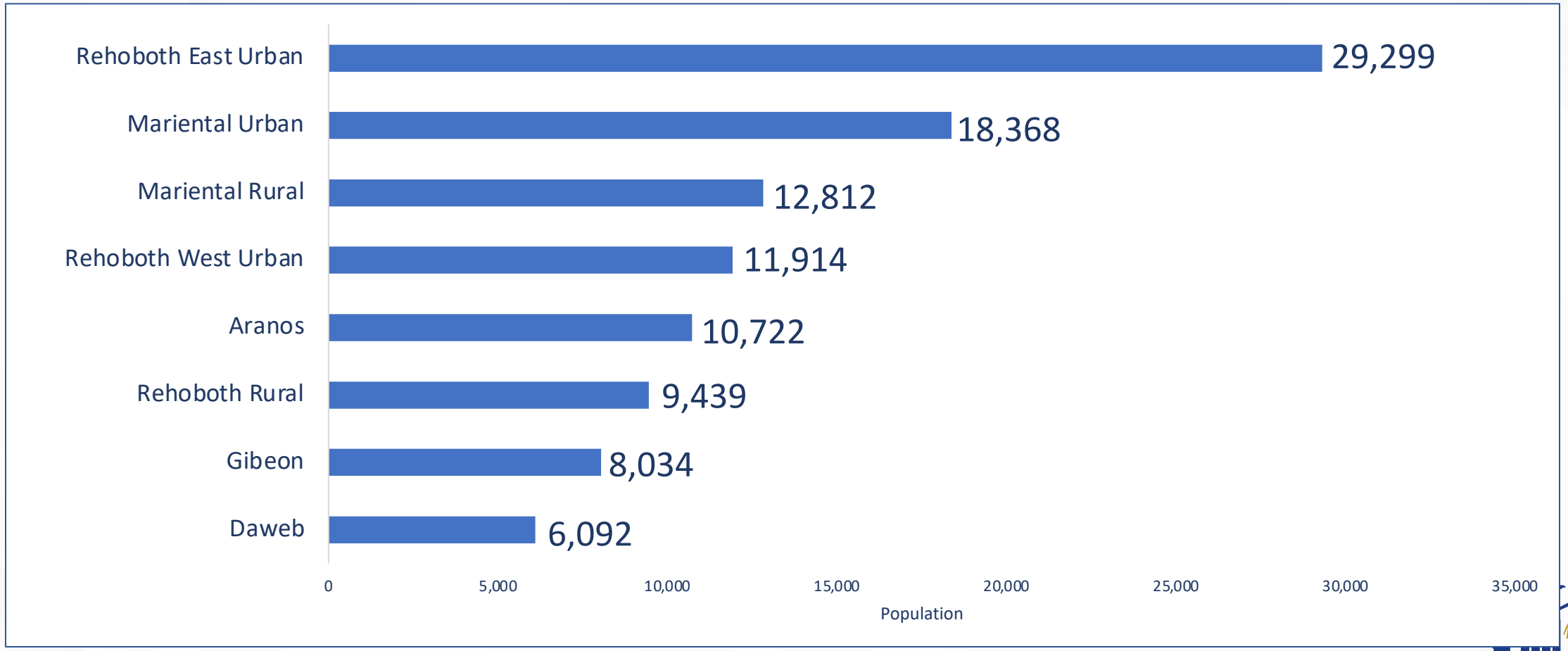
Region Population: 240,206



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Population by Constituency: Hardap region

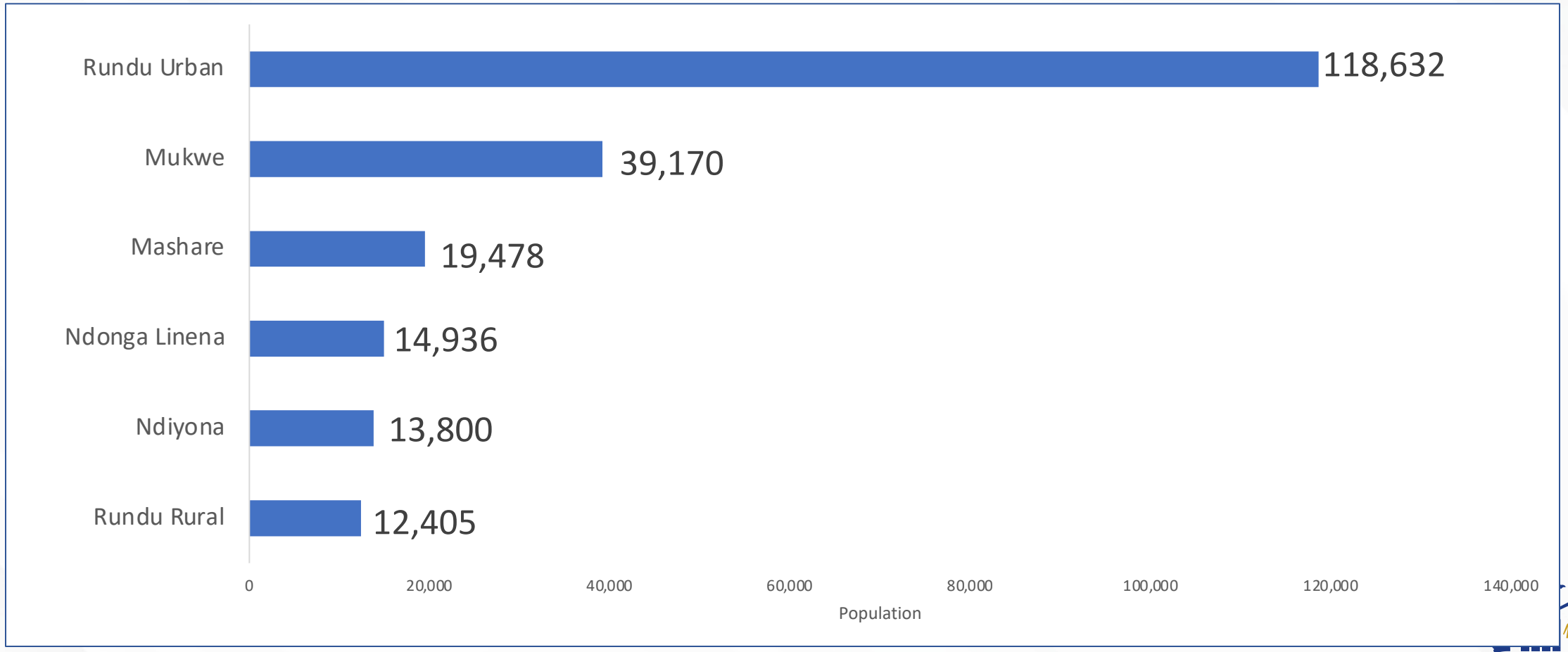
Region Population: 106,680



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Population by Constituency: Kavango East region

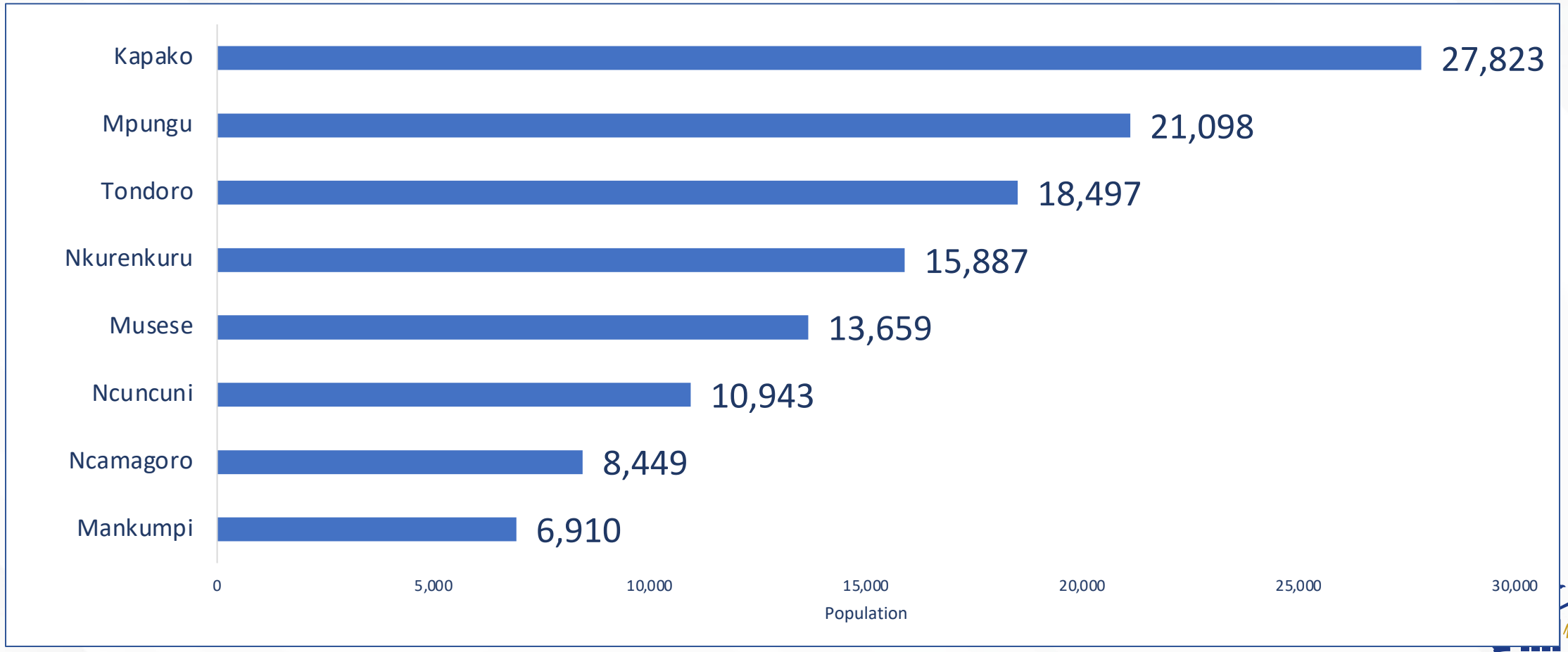
Region Population: 218,421



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Population by Constituency: Kavango West region

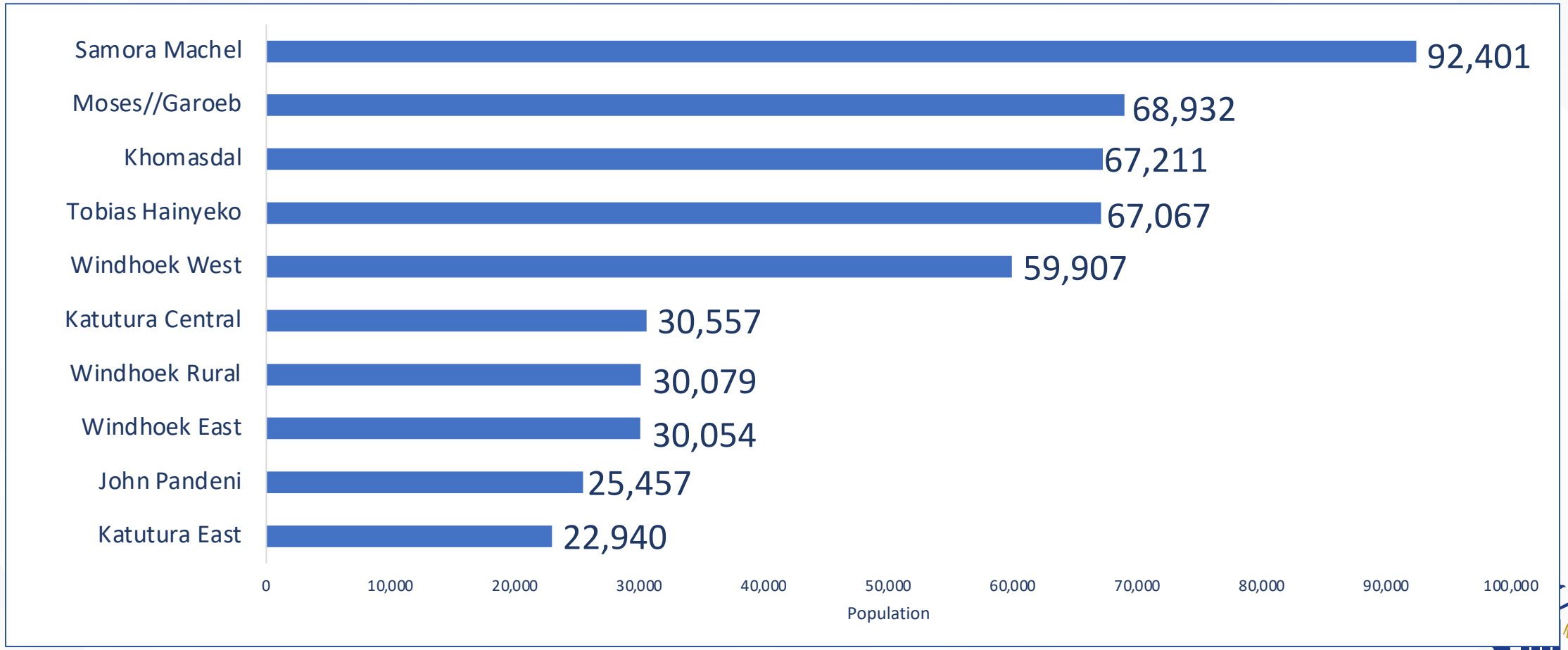
Region Population: 123,266



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Population by Constituency: Khomas region

Region Population: 494,605

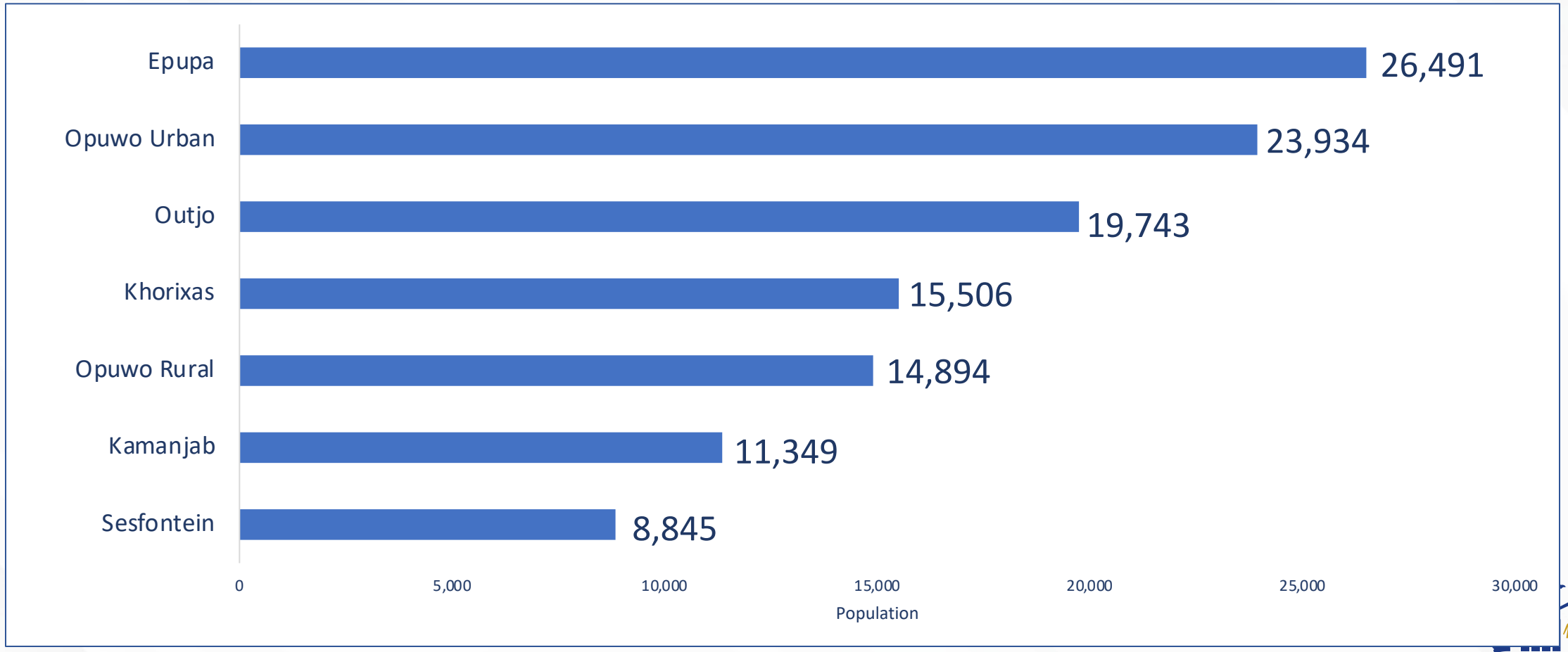


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Population by Constituency: Kunene region

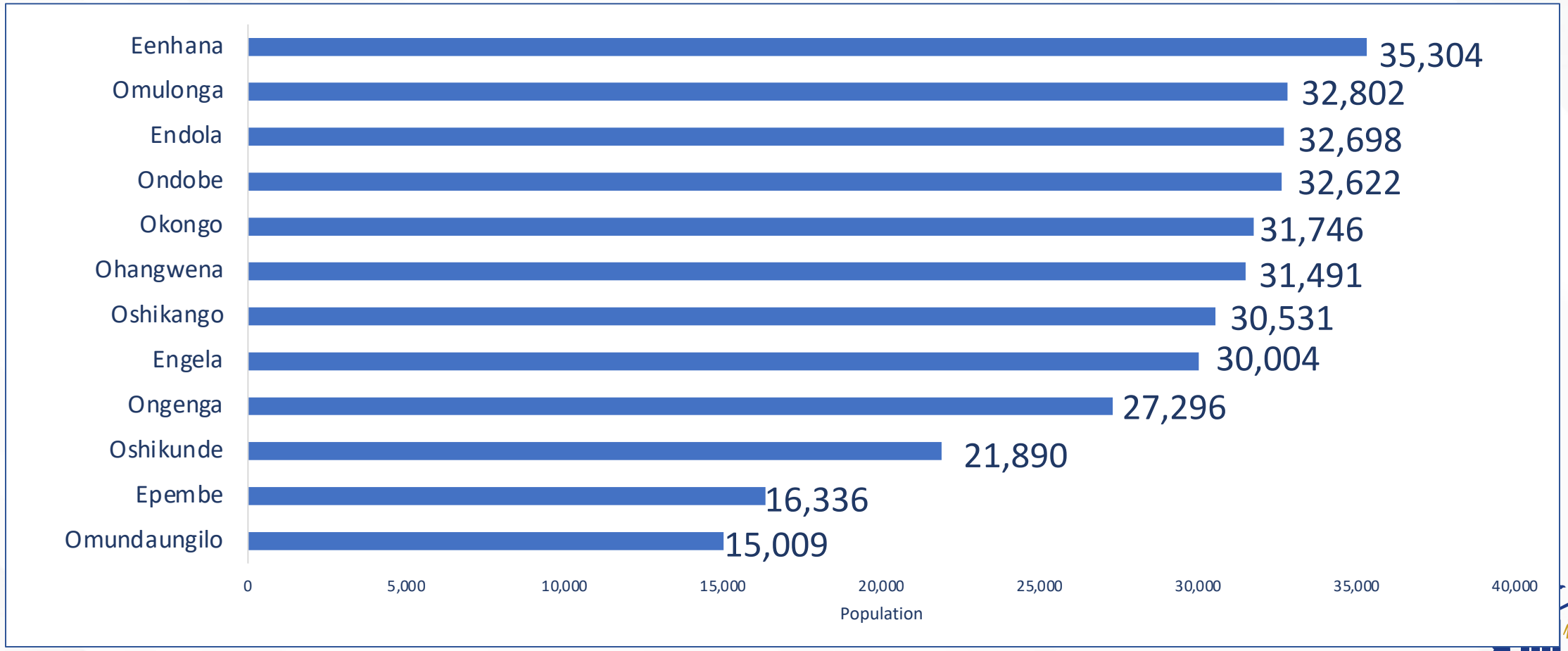
Region Population: 120,762



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Population by Constituency: Ohangwena region

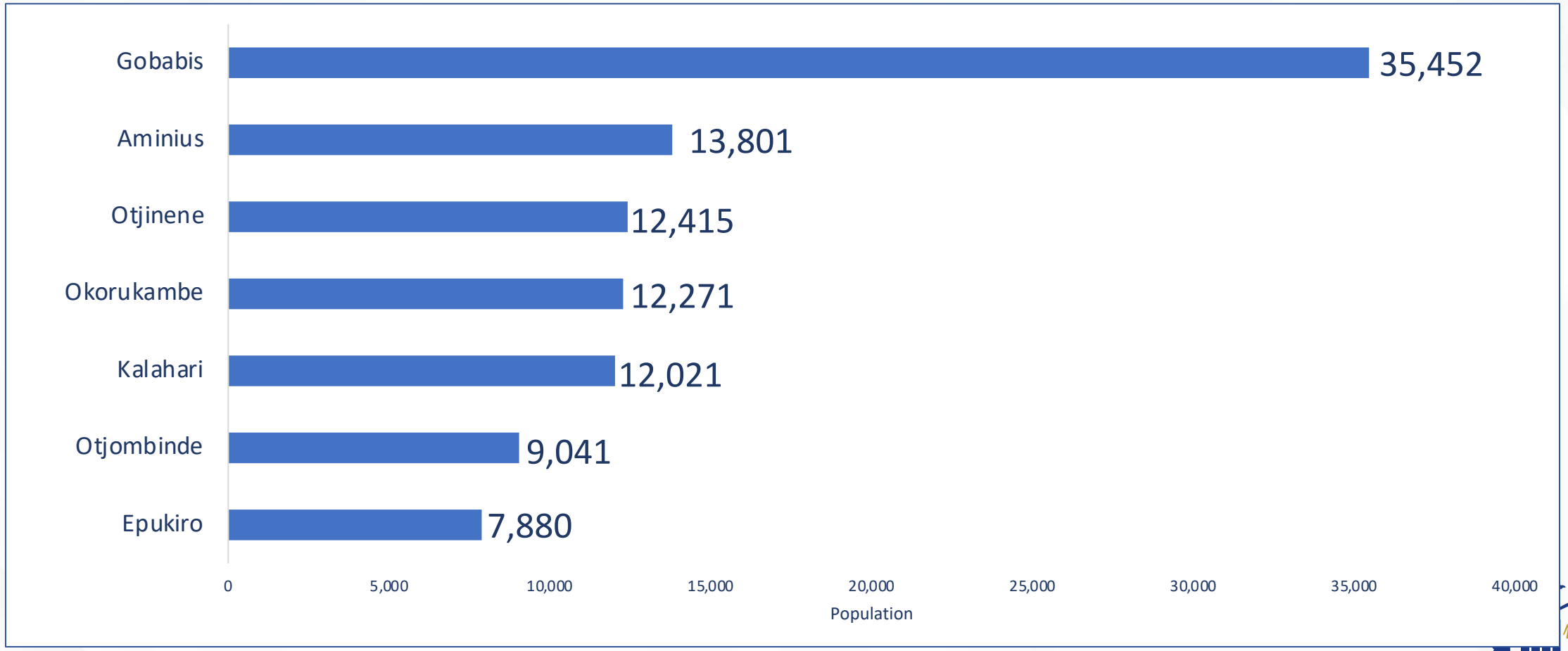
Region Population: 337,729



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Population by Constituency: Omaheke region

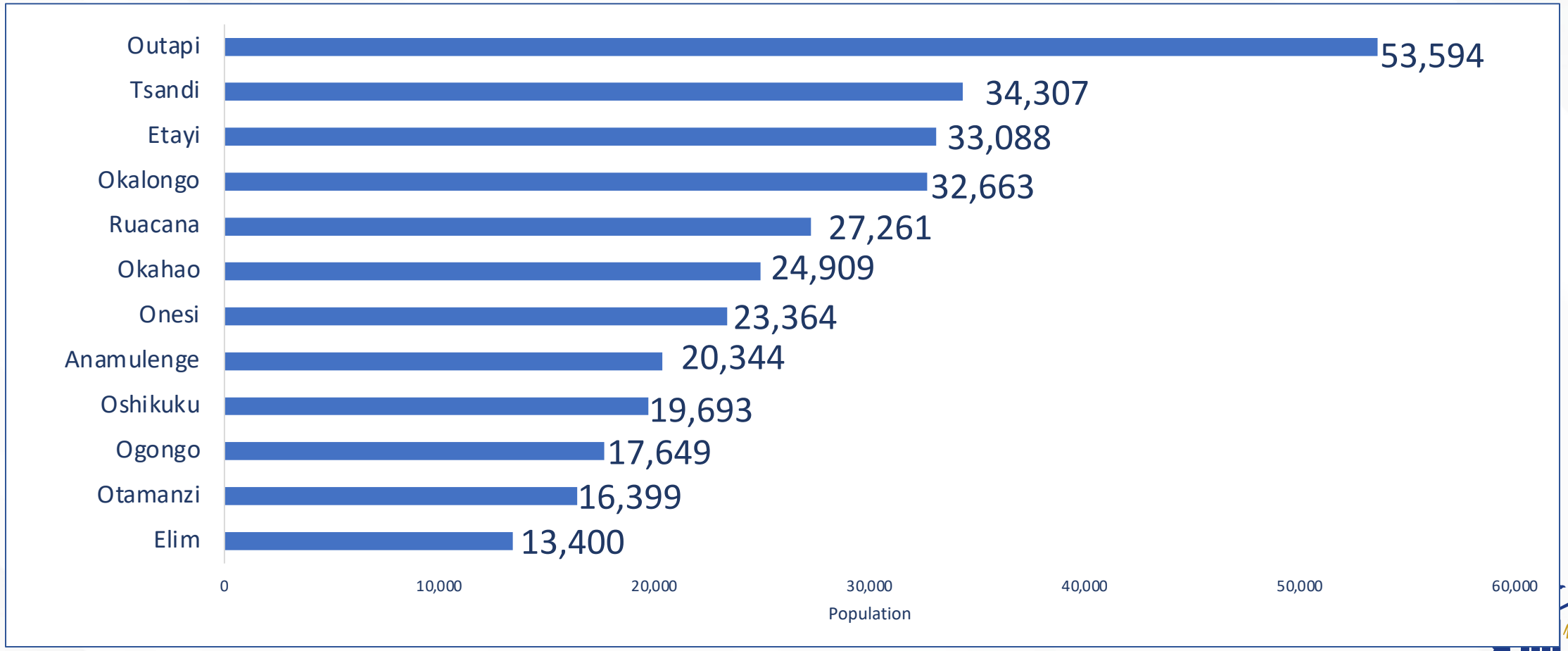
Region Population: 102,881



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Population by Constituency: Omusati region

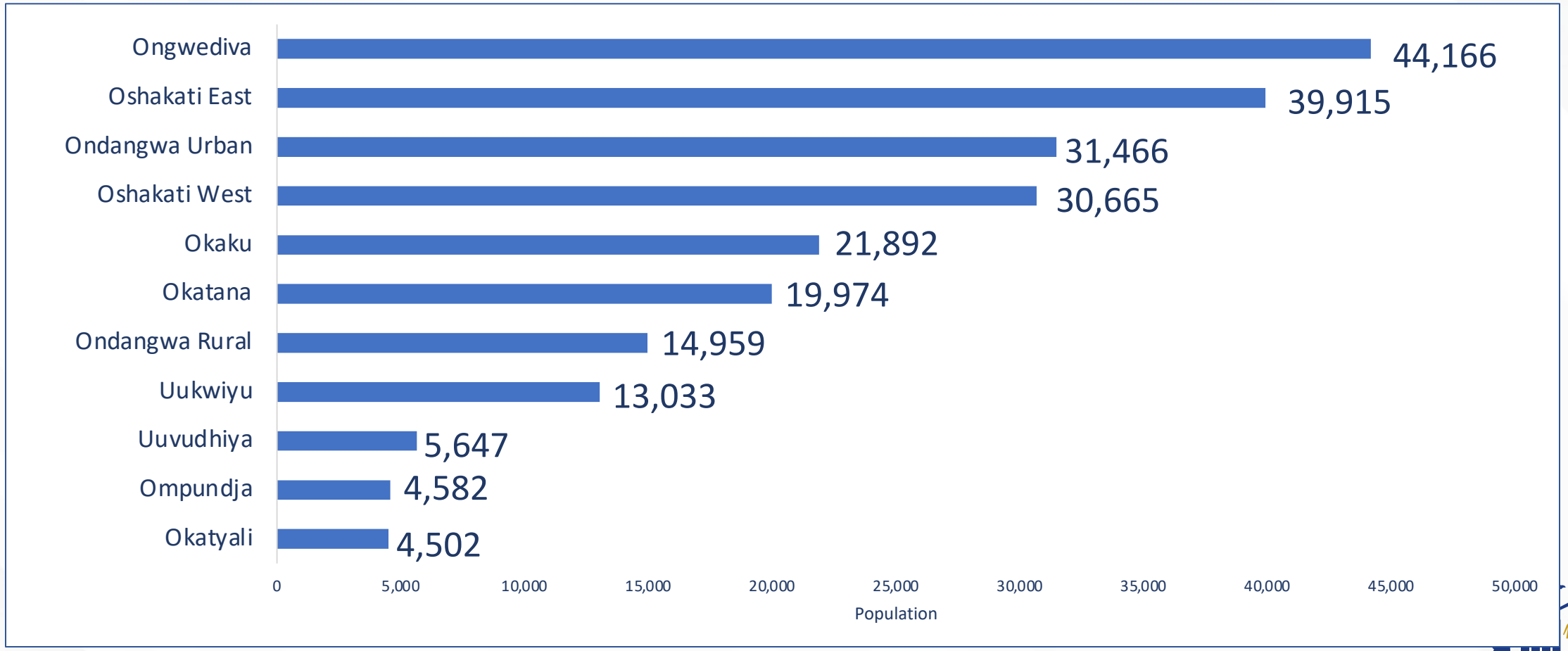
Region Population: 316,671



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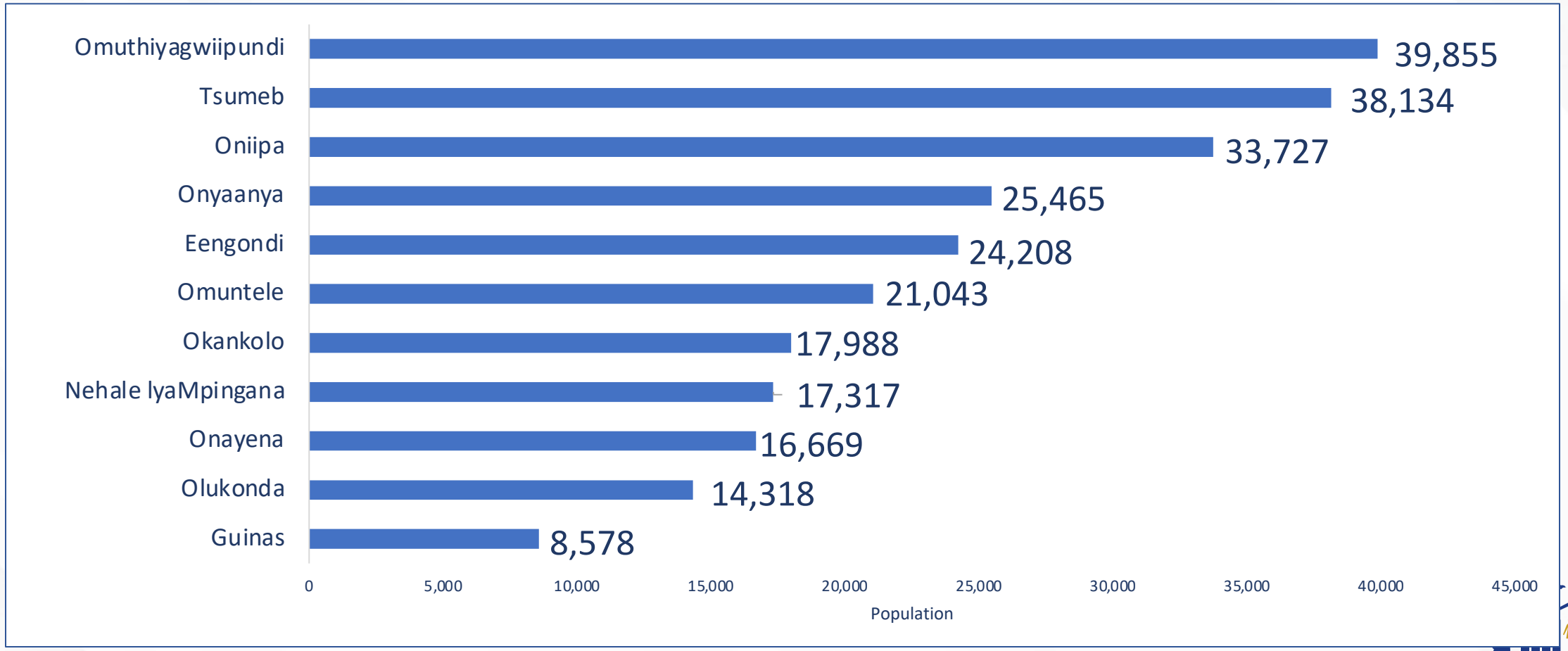
Population by Constituency: Oshana region

Region Population: 230,801



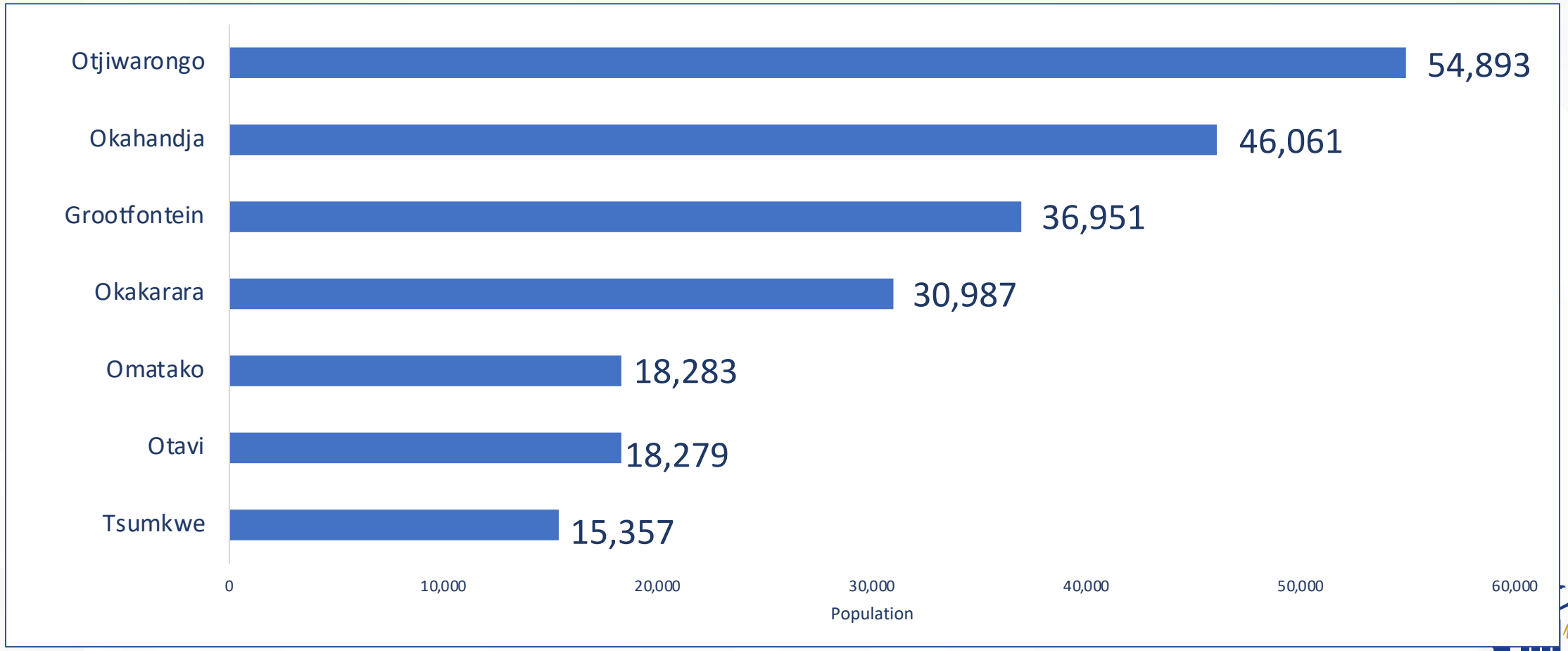
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Population by Constituency: Oshikoto region



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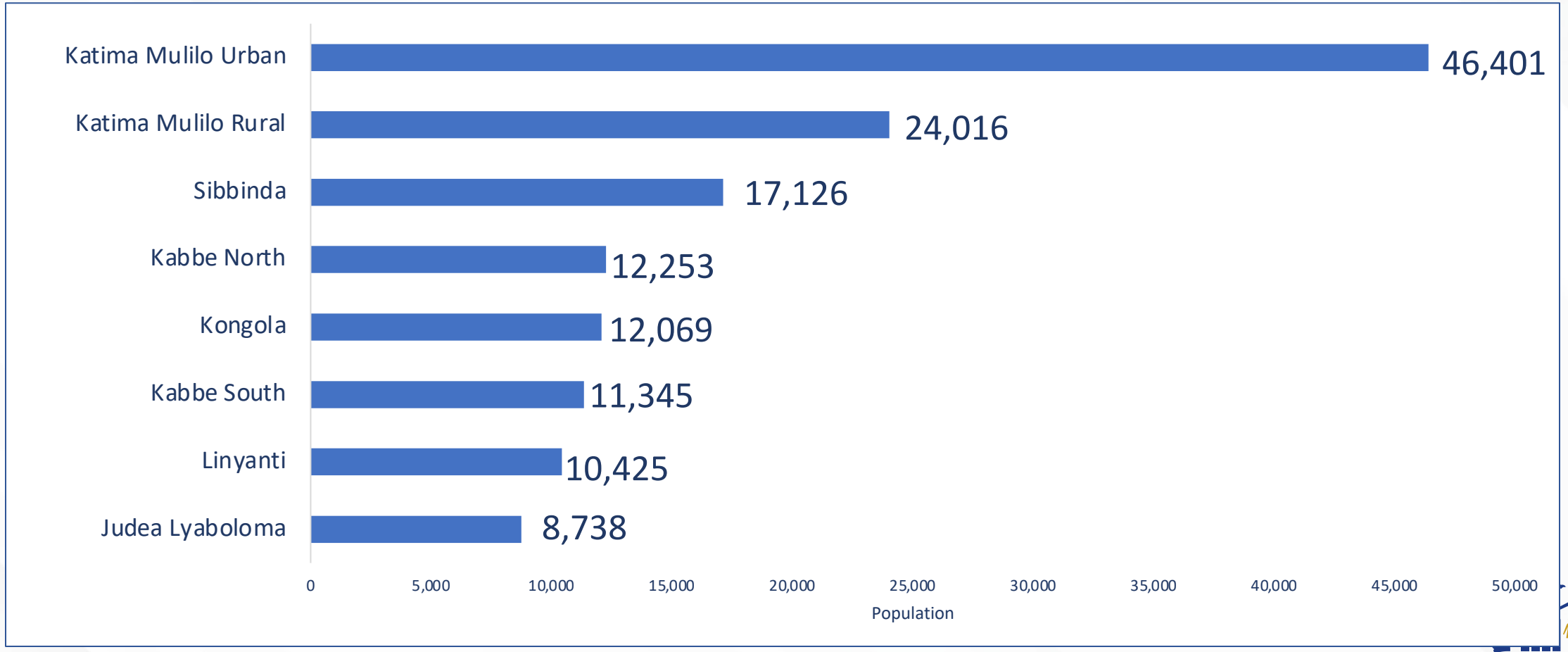
Population by Constituency: Otjozondjupa region



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Population by Constituency: Zambezi region

Region Population: 142,373



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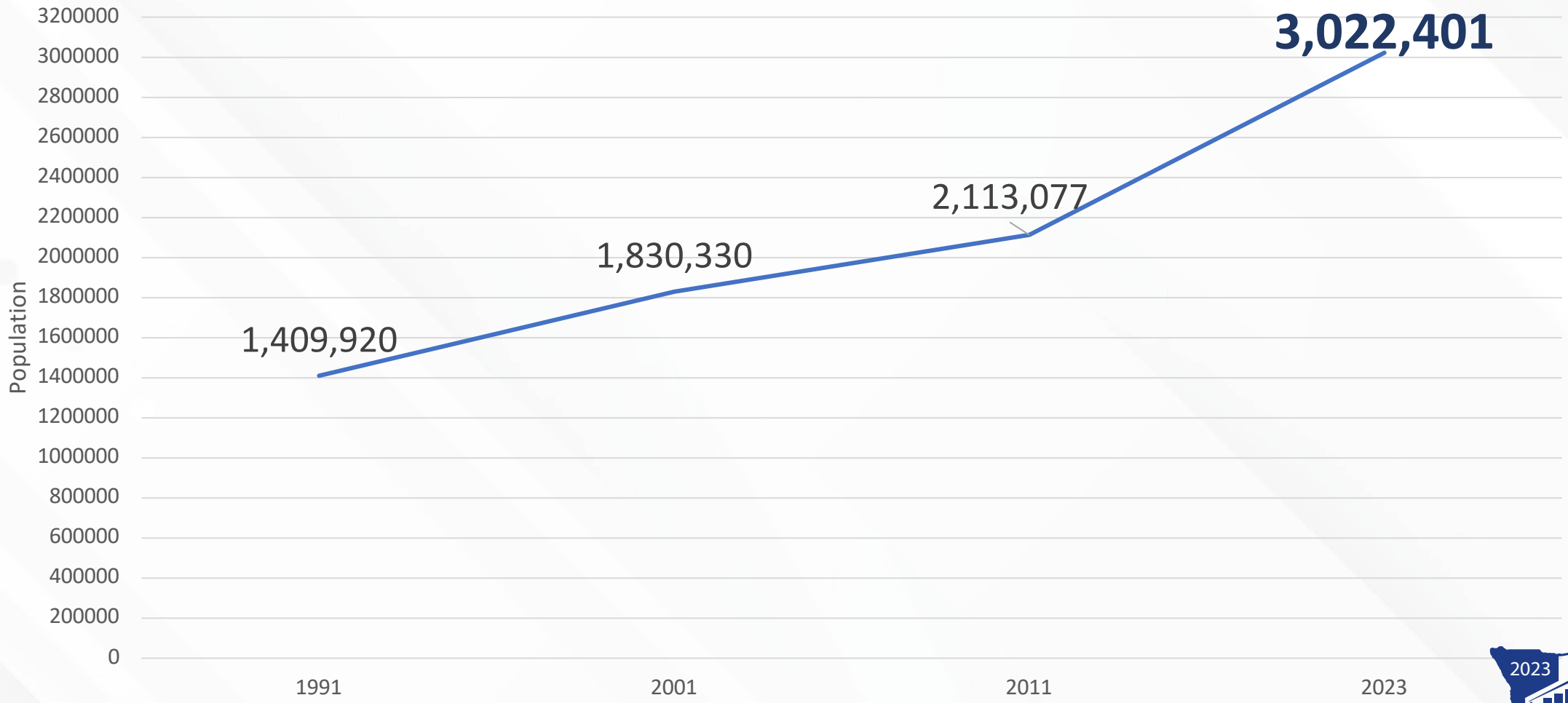
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Total Population of Namibia on 24 Sept 2023

3,022,401

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Population Over the Years

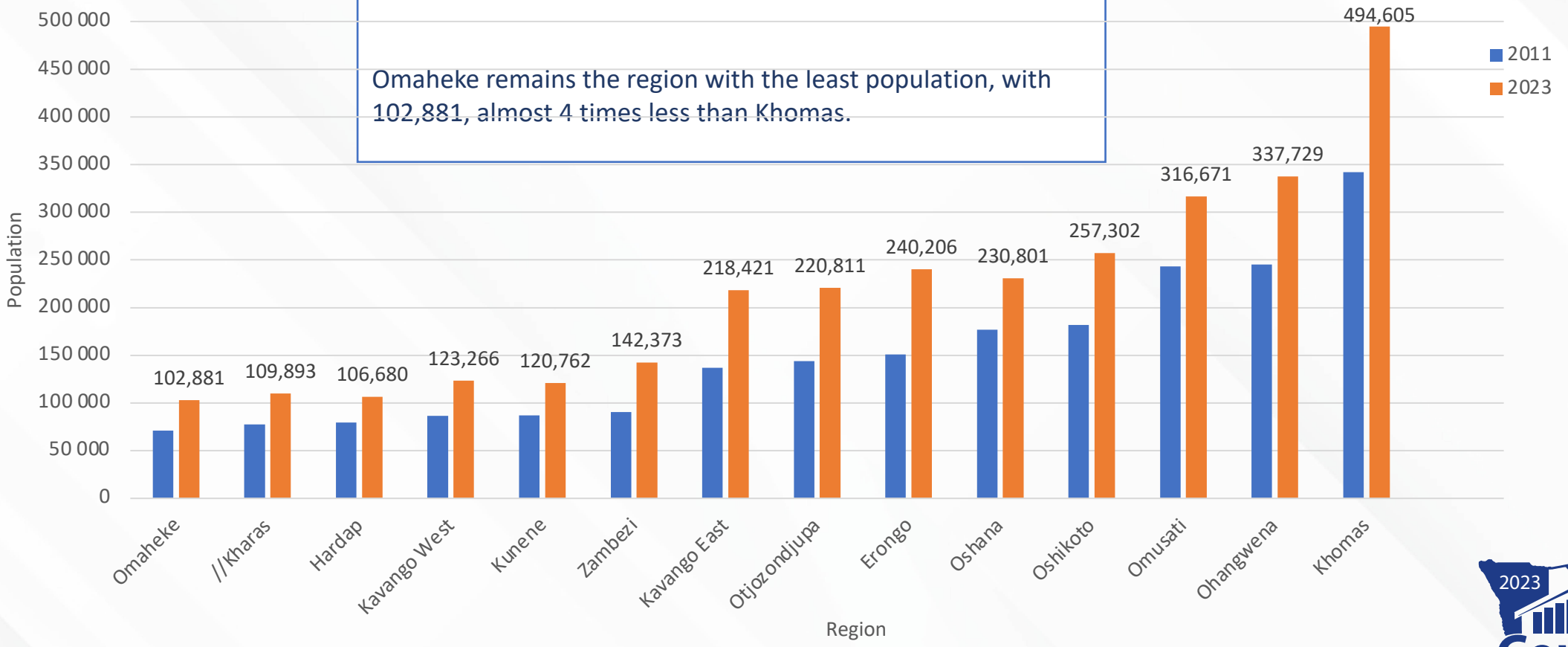


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Regional Populations (2011 vs 2023)

Khomas region's population grew by 152 464 persons and remains the largest region with 494 604 population.

Omaheke remains the region with the least population, with 102,881, almost 4 times less than Khomas.



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Population Percentage Change

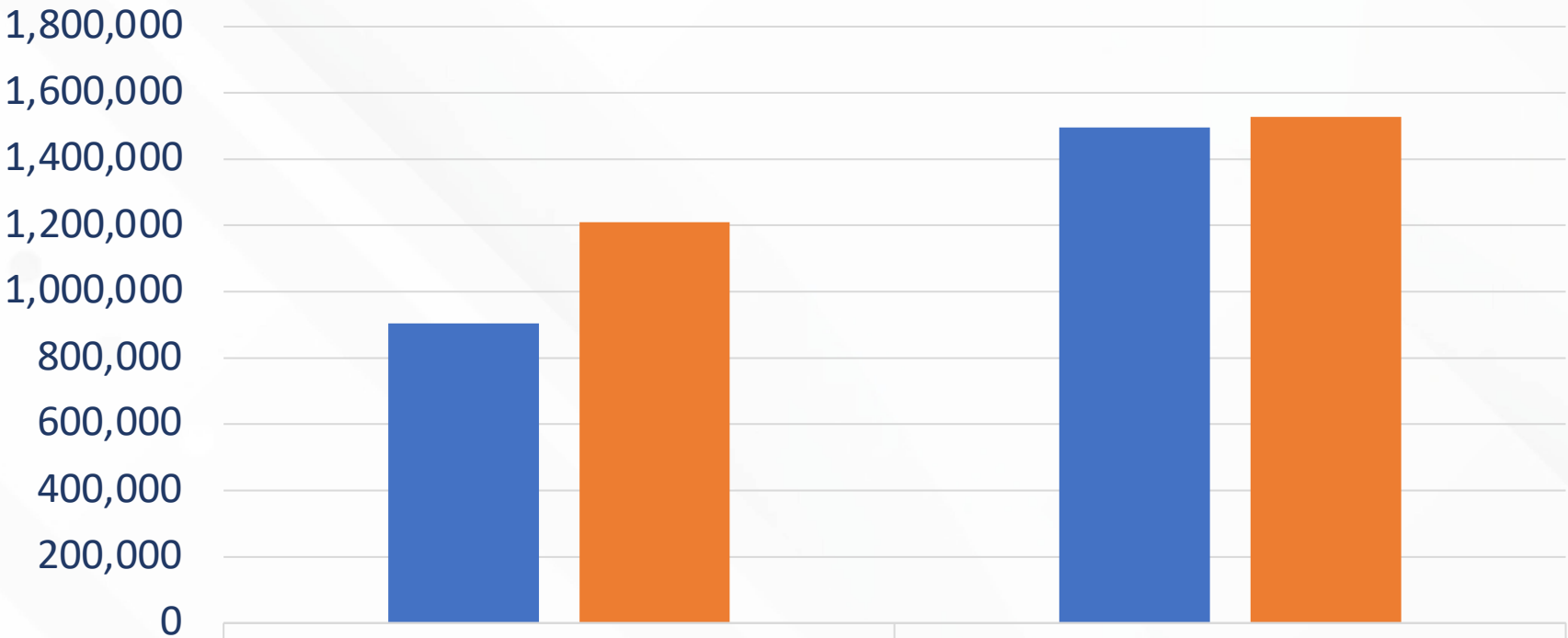
Region	2011 Population	2011 Population share	2023 Population	2023 Population share	2011-2023 Percentage change
Namibia	2 113 077	100.0	3 022 401	100.0	43.0
//Kharas	77 421	3.7	109 893	3.6	41.9
Erongo	150 809	7.1	240 206	7.9	59.3
Hardap	79 507	3.8	106 680	3.5	34.2
Kavango East	136 823	6.5	218 421	7.2	59.6
Kavango West	86 529	4.1	123 266	4.1	42.5
Khomas	342 141	16.2	494 605	16.4	44.6
Kunene	86 856	4.1	120 762	4.0	39.0
Ohangwena	245 446	11.6	337 729	11.2	37.6
Omaheke	71 233	3.4	102 881	3.4	44.4
Omusati	243 166	11.5	316 671	10.5	30.2
Oshana	176 674	8.4	230 801	7.6	30.6
Oshikoto	181 973	8.6	257 302	8.5	41.4
Otjozondjupa	143 903	6.8	220 811	7.3	53.4
Zambezi	90 596	4.3	142 373	4.7	57.2

The highest percentage change between the two censuses was in Erongo and Kavango East.

While the lowest was in Omusati and Oshana regions.

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Urban/Rural Population



	2011	2023
Urban	903,434	1,494,992
Rural	1,209,643	1,527,409

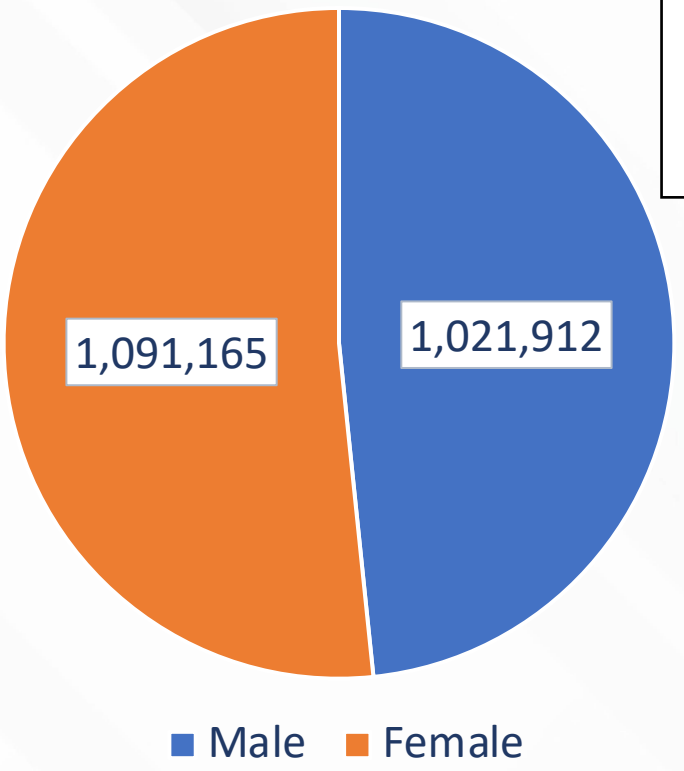
The population in urban areas increased by 65.5 percent between the 2011 and 2023 census.

While the rural population increased by 26.3 percent between the two Census years.

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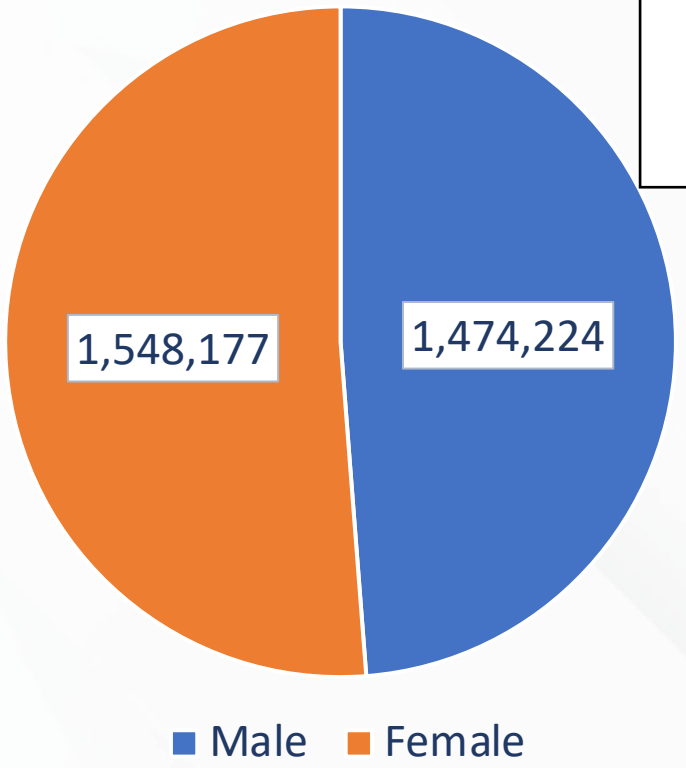
Sex Ratio: Number of Males per 100 Females

2011



Sex Ratio:
94 Males per
100 Females

2023

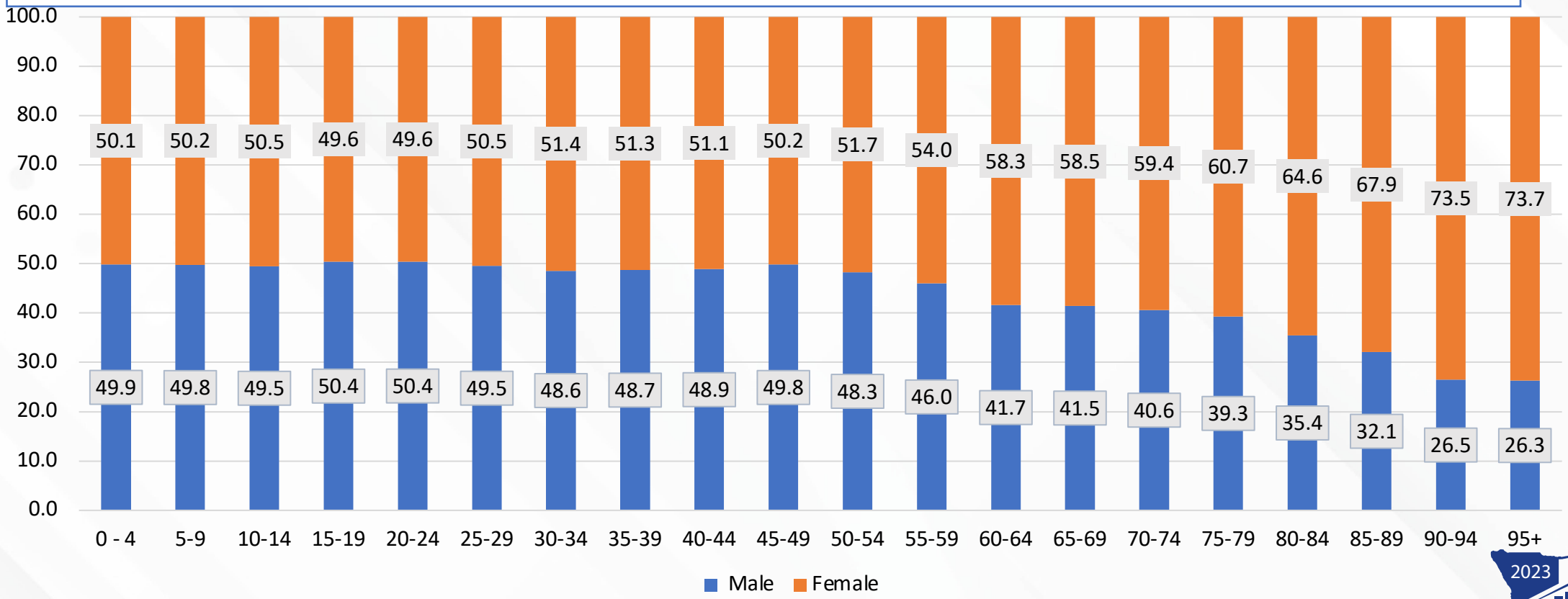


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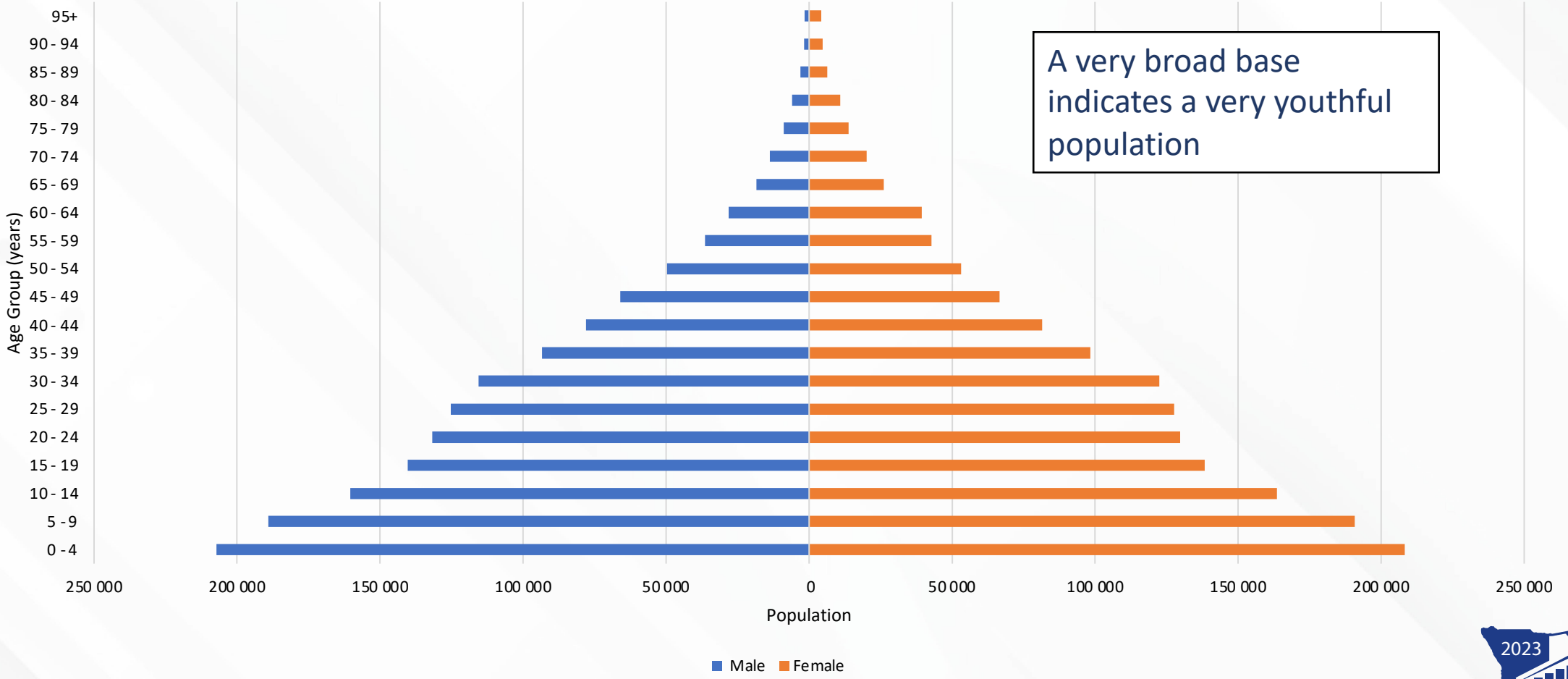
Population by Sex and Five-year Age Groups

Females constitute 51.2% of the total population while 48.8% were males.
As age increases Females outlived the males.



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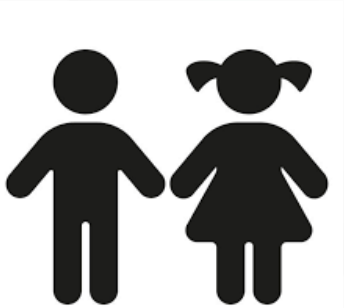
Population Pyramid



A very broad base indicates a very youthful population

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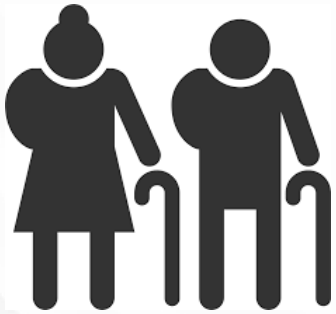
Population Proportions by Selected Age-groups



Population aged 0-14 years:
37.0%



Population aged 15-59 years (working-age):
56.1%



Population aged 60+ years:
6.8%

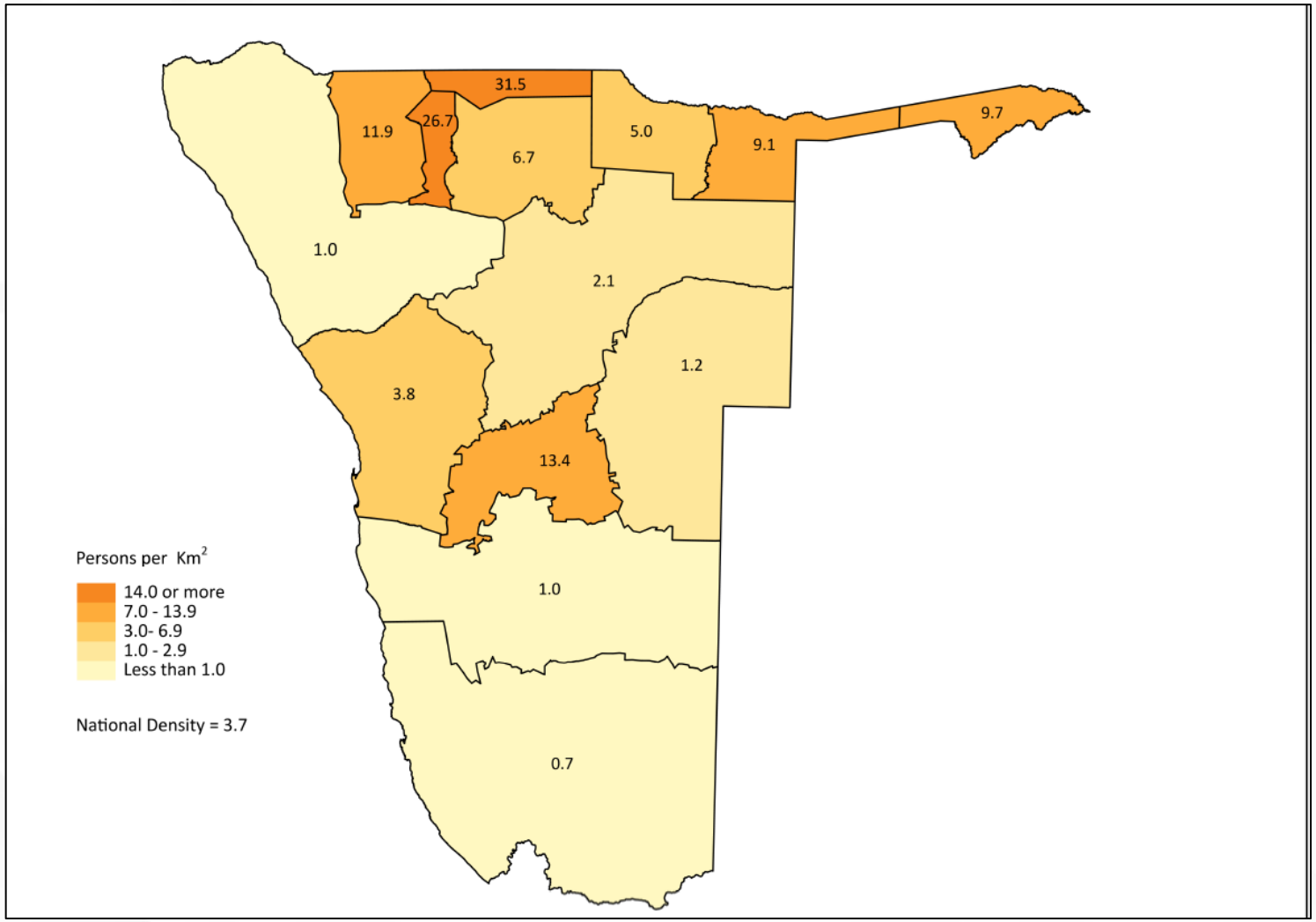
71.1 percent of Namibia's population is under the age of 35 years



Population aged 15-34 years (youth):
34.1%

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Population Density



Ohangwena (31.5 persons per km^2) and Oshana (26.7 persons per km^2) were the most densely populated regions in Namibia.

On the other hand, //Kharas is the most sparsely populated region.

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Number of Households

2011



464,839

2023



756,339

An increase of 291,500 Households (62.7% increase)

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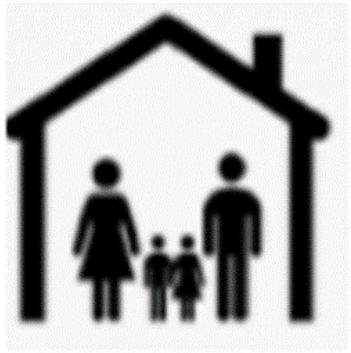
Average Household Size

2011



4.4

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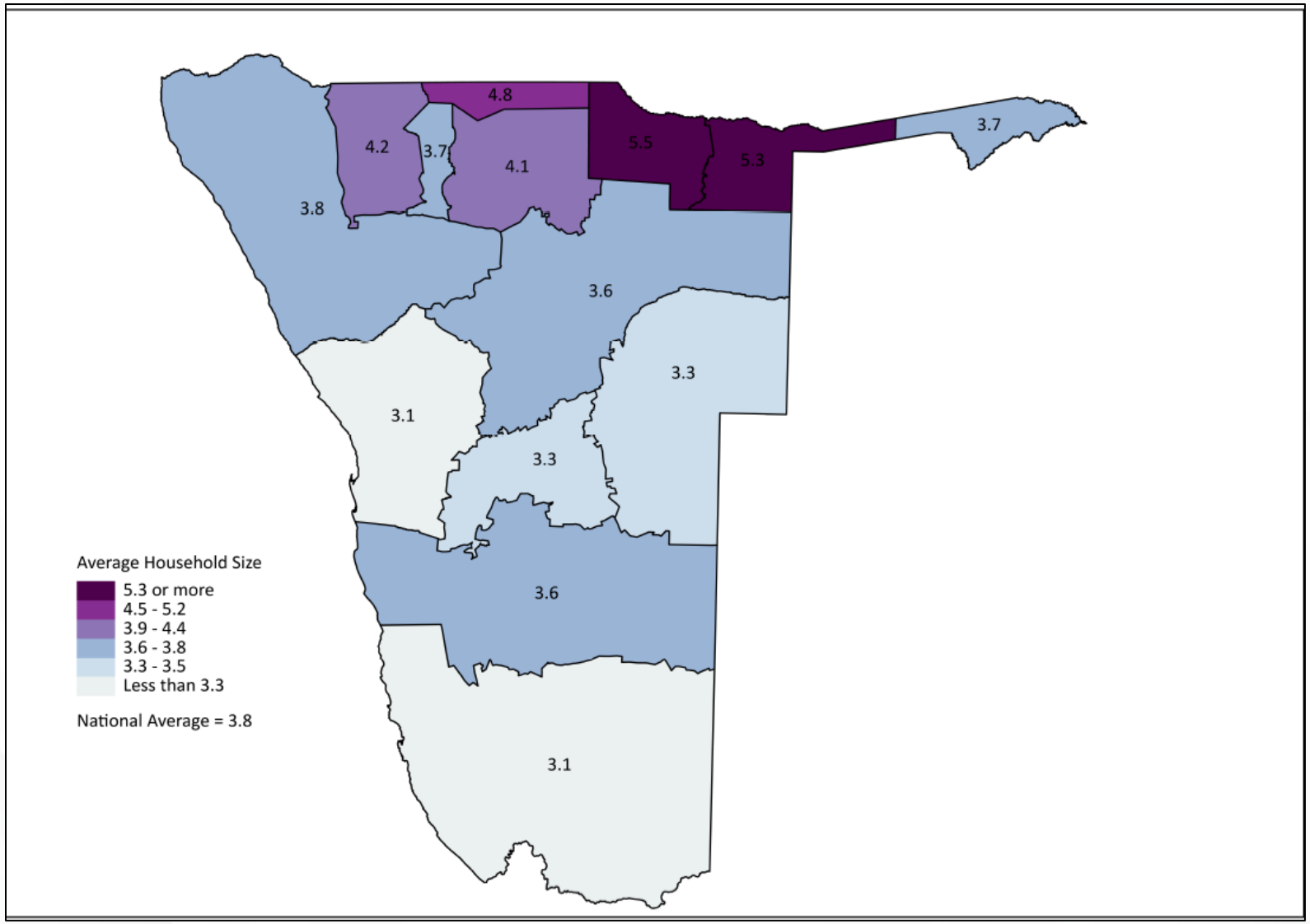


3.8

On average, there were 3.8 persons per household in 2023.
A decrease in the household size from 4.4 persons per household recorded in 2011.

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Average Households Size by Region



Kavango East (5.3 persons per household), and Kavango West (5.5 persons per household) regions have the highest average household size.

The lowest average household sizes were recorded in Erongo and //Kharas each recording 3.1 persons per household.

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Expected Products from the PHC

- **Preliminary Report** – A summary of the population count by age and sex at regional and constituency levels. **(Released today)**

- **Basic Report** – Presentation of **final results** on population size and sex ratio, population density, and structures, at regional level. This report will contain additional statistics generated from the different modules of the 2023 PHC questionnaires **(Expected by October 2024)**

- **Regional Reports (14)** - Presentation of all variables collected in the Census at the regional and constituency levels **(Expected by October 2024)**

- **Labour Force Report** – In-depth analysis of economic activity **(Expected by October 2024)**

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Expected Products from the Census PHC

- **Population Atlas and Basic Spatial Analysis Atlas**
- **Fertility, Mortality and Migration Report**
- **Population Projections** – Future estimation of the expected population by age and sex, at national and regional levels
- **Other specific reports** such as; Disability (Difficulties in performing activities), Agriculture, Education and Literacy, Housing Conditions, Amenities and Assets, Water and Sanitation, Information, Communication Technology, Gender dimensions, Young People (Youth), Urbanization, Children, Elderly (ageing)

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Conclusion

- Focused on key demographic variables in order to provide a basis for planning while the final results are being finalized.

- These preliminary results are analyzed and released in line with national and international standards and best practices.

- Therefore, the population that will be presented in the Census Basic Report is not expected to yield any significant differences from these results.

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