

The population of Mafia Island from 1910-2002

1. Early 20th century: figures from the Mafia District Book

a) The German period

- The Germans made an assessment in each of the three years 1910-1912 and published the following figures for the total population of Mafia
1910 - 14,450, 1911 - 11,950, 1912 - 11,514
- After that date, very wild guesses were made at the numbers, but it appears that the population continued to decrease each year.
- In 1919 the total population was estimated as over 9,000 made up as follows:
Males – 4877, females- 4918; total 9795 of whom 2,900 were slaves

2. 1957 Census

Population of Mafia District by ethnicity

Europeans 31, Indians 195, Goans 6, Pakistanis 6, Arabs 622, Coloured 14, Other 18, Africans 11,307. Total 12,199

3. 1967 Census.

Preliminary Results of the Population Census 1967, pub. 1967.

p. 5. Mafia.

- Population density 83.7 per square mile.
- Increase of 34.6% in population since 1957 census, but it is considered that the latter had a considerable undercount.

Statistics for Enumeration Areas (Central Statistical Bureau, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development Planning, Dar 1969), vol. 1. p. 1. Summary for Mafia Island

households	4859
males	8481
females-	8267
total	16,748
sex ratio	103
average hh size	3.4

4. 1978 census

Mafia Island: Males 11,2883, Females 11,278. Total 23,104

5. 1988 census

Mafia Island: Males 16,940, females 16,116, total 33,056