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THE THIRD CENSUS IN BAHRAIN

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1. The Bahrain Government arranged for a population census to be taken in Bahrain during May, 1959. This was the third census, the first having been carried out on the 22nd January 1941, when the population numbered 89,970. The second was taken on the 3rd March 1950, when the population was 109,650. The 1959 census gave a total population of 142,213, an increase of 53,243 over the 1941 census and 33,563 over the 1950 census.

2. The methods used in the third census were different to those of the first two census. On those two occasions, people were asked to remain in their homes on one selected evening between 8 p.m. and 12 midnight, taxis were prohibited from working, and all cinemas, coffee-houses, and other public places were closed.

3. This did not happen in 1959, as the taking of the census was spread over 28 nights between the hours of 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., in order that people should not be put to any inconvenience.

4. The 1959 census was directed by Sayed Mahmood Alawi, the Bahrain Government Director of Finance, assisted by Mr. Ebrahim Khalfan, The Director of the Labour Exchange. In the first place, Bahrain was divided into statistical areas under the supervision of responsible individuals.

5. Shaikh Atiyatulla A. Rehman Alkhalifa, the Director of Rural Affairs, Mr. Saleh Almahmeed and Mr. Mirza Arrayadh, were responsible for the operation in the villages of Bahrain. Mr. Abdulla Shurooqi, Assistant Secretary of Manama Municipality, and Mr. Yacoob Al Quz, Assistant Director of Education, were responsible for Manama Town. Mr. Isa Alhadi, Secretary of Muharraq Municipality, and Mr. Ebrahim Almahmeed, were responsible for the towns of Muharraq and

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Hidd, and Shaikh Rashid bin Ebrahim bin Mohamed Al-khalifah of the Finance Department was responsible for the villages of East and West Rifaa.

6. 165 clerks from various Government offices were employed as enumerators. Before starting work, they were supplied with a leaflet containing instructions to be followed when asking for the information required, in order to ensure that each one was fully aware of the nature of his duties.

7. In the meantime, Bahrain Radio explained the purpose of the census to the general public, and the island was divided by the Municipalities and the Rural Affairs Department into statistical areas consisting of not more than 200 houses in each area. Then, as soon as the enumerators had been trained, and the preliminary arrangements completed, an announcement was made regarding the methods to be used in taking the census, together with the date of the commencement of the census.

8. On the evening of the 2nd May 1959, the enumerators commenced visiting the houses within their sections. No difficulty was experienced in obtaining the necessary information, with the exception of ages, as most people in Bahrain do not know their actual dates of birth, because there is no system of registration of births and deaths in Bahrain. People were asked to give their estimated age, and one enumerator went so far as to try and obtain the actual date of birth by making detailed enquiries.

9. The task of the enumerators was facilitated by the good spirit of cooperation displayed by the citizens of Bahrain who appreciated the objects of the census, because of the widespread publicity given to it by prominent individuals, and in particular by His Highness the Ruler of Bahrain.

10. The main questions asked on the census form were as follows:-

1. Name:
2. Sex:
3. Age:
4. Marital Status (i.e. married, single, widow, widower or divorced)
5. Place of Birth:
6. Nationality:
7. Religion irrespective of sect.
8. Whether the individual is literate or illiterate, and in the case of children, whether they go to school or not.
9. Nature of employment.
10. Type of establishment in which employed.

11. When the census had been completed, 14 employees of the Bahrain Government Education Department classified, by code symbol, the categories on the census form, each group of forms being forwarded daily, after classification, to the I.B.M. Department of the Bahrain Petroleum Company Ltd., where the data was extracted and tabulated on I.B.M. machines. A total of 23,000 forms were coded in this way, and this part of the census operation lasted about 80 days.

12. The Government of Bahrain wishes to place on record here its grateful thanks and appreciation for the great spirit of cooperation shown by the Company in undertaking this work.

13. Details of the information collected in the 1959 census are shown in the following pages:-

HOUSE TYPE

Stone	17,295
Barasti	3,978
Other	757
Total Houses	22,030

FAMILIES PER HOUSE

One	20,148
Two	1,348
Three	330
Four	114
Five	49
Six	21
More than six	20
Total Houses	22,030

MARITAL STATUS

BAHRAINI

	Males	Females	Total
Single	35,952	28,300	64,252
Married	22,379	23,911	46,290
Widowed	771	5,423	6,194
Divorced	811	1,187	1,998
Totals	59,913	58,821	118,734

MARITAL STATUS

NON BAHRAINI

	Males	Females	Total
Single	8,297	2,266	10,563
Married	8,854	3,828	12,682
Widowed	222	461	683
Divorced	336	137	473
TOTALS	17,709	6,692	24,401

MARITAL STATUS

BAHRAINI AND NON BAHRAINI

	Males	Females	Total
Single	44,249	30,566	74,815
Married	31,233	27,739	58,972
Widowed	993	5,884	6,877
Divorced	1,147	1,324	2,471
Totals	77,622	65,513	143,135

POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS

BAHRAINI

	Males	Females	Total
Under 1 Year	2,351	2,393	4,744
1 Year	1,805	1,835	3,640
2 Years	2,395	2,467	4,862
3 Years	2,342	2,413	4,755
4 Years	2,224	2,364	4,588
5 to 9 Years	9,398	9,058	18,456
10 to 14 Years	6,718	5,980	12,698
15 to 19 Years	4,418	4,567	8,985
20 to 29 Years	8,685	9,660	18,345
30 to 39 Years	7,879	7,509	15,388
40 to 49 Years	5,470	4,581	10,051
50 to 59 Years	3,212	2,937	6,149
60 to 75 Years	2,619	2,611	5,230
Over 75 Years	397	446	843
TOTALS	59,913	58,821	118,734

POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS

NON BAHRAINI

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Under 1 Year	186	207	393
1 Year	145	153	298
2 Years	184	180	364
3 Years	169	172	341
4 Years	183	167	350
5 to 9 Years	601	678	1,279
10 to 14 Years	498	346	844
15 to 19 Years	923	422	1,345
20 to 29 Years	6,082	1,764	7,846
30 to 39 Years	4,921	1,314	6,235
40 to 49 Years	2,210	607	2,817
50 to 59 Years	1,018	384	1,402
60 to 75 Years	531	254	785
Over 75 Years	58	44	102
TOTALS	17,709	6,692	24,401

POPULATION BY AGE GROUPS

BAHRAINI AND NON BAHRAINI

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Under 1 Year	2,537	2,600	5,137
1 Year	1,950	1,988	3,938
2 Years	2,579	2,647	5,226
3 Years	2,511	2,585	5,096
4 Years	2,407	2,531	4,938
5 to 9 Years	9,999	9,736	19,735
10 to 14 Years	7,216	6,326	13,542
15 to 19 Years	5,341	4,989	10,330
20 to 29 Years	14,767	11,424	26,191
30 to 39 Years	12,800	8,823	21,623
40 to 49 Years	7,680	5,188	12,868
50 to 59 Years	4,230	3,321	7,551
60 to 75 Years	3,150	2,865	6,015
Over 75 Years	455	490	945
TOTALS	77,622	65,513	143,135

LITERACY

BAHRAINI

		Males	Females	Total
Not at School	A	3,791	7,540	11,331
At School	A	9,362	4,499	13,861
Literate	B	9,916	2,678	12,594
Illiterate	B	21,832	28,712	50,544
TOTALS		44,901	43,429	88,330

A Between 7 and 15 Years of Age.

B Over 15 Years of Age.

LITERACY

NON BAHRAINI

		Males	Females	Total
Not at School	A	390	266	656
At School	A	596	526	1,122
Literate	B	6,378	2,145	8,523
Illiterate	B	9,132	2,579	11,711
TOTALS		16,496	5,516	22,012

A Between 7 and 15 Years of Age.

B Over 15 Years of Age.

RELIGION

BAHRAINI

LITERACY

BAHRAINI AND NON BAHRAINI

		Males	Females	Total
Not at School	A	4,181	7,806	11,987
At School	A	9,958	5,025	14,983
Literate	B	16,294	4,823	21,117
Illiterate	B	30,964	31,291	62,255
TOTALS		61,397	48,945	110,342

A Between 7 and 15 Years of Age.

B Over 15 Years of Age.

RELIGION

BAHRAINI

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Muslims	59,775	58,627	118,402
Christians	40	42	82
Jews	60	89	149
Others	38	63	101
TOTALS	59,913	58,821	118,734

RELIGION

NON BAHRAINI

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Muslims	13,406	3,912	17,318
Christians	2,931	1,882	4,813
Jews	23	119	142
Others	1,349	779	2,128
TOTALS	17,709	6,692	24,401

INDUSTRIAL STATUS

BAHRAINI

RELIGION

BAHRAINI AND NON BAHRAINI

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Muslims	73,181	62,539	135,720
Christians	2,971	1,924	4,895
Jews	83	208	291
Others	1,387	842	2,229
TOTALS	77,622	65,513	143,135

INDUSTRIAL STATUS

BAHRAINI

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Inactive	30,038	57,786	87,824
Employer	229	5	234
Self Employed	8,932	181	9,113
Employees	17,263	751	18,014
Unpaid Family Workers	967	9	976
Unemployed	1,292	11	1,303
Disabled	905	6	911
Retired	97	32	129
Not stated	190	40	230
TOTALS	59,913	58,821	118,734

INDUSTRIAL STATUS

NON BAHRAINI

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Inactive	2,079	6,277	8,356
Employer	102		102
Self Employed	2,212	23	2,235
Employees	12,751	369	13,120
Unpaid Family Workers	237	1	238
Unemployed	141	3	144
Disabled	78	2	80
Retired	13		13
Not stated	96	17	113
TOTALS	17,709	6,692	24,401

INDUSTRIAL STATUS

BAHRAINI AND NON BAHRAINI

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Inactive	32,117	64,063	96,180
Employer	331	5	336
Self Employed	11,144	204	11,348
Employees	30,014	1,120	31,134
Unpaid Family Workers	1,204	10	1,214
Unemployed	1,433	14	1,447
Disabled	983	8	991
Retired	110	32	142
Not stated	286	57	343
TOTALS	77,622	65,513	143,135

OCCUPATIONS

BAHRAINI

	Males	Females	Total
Admin and Clerical	2,837	163	3,000
Storekeepers	22	5	27
Salesmen	2,379	38	2,417
M/T Drivers	1,883	6	1,889
Metal and Mechanical	997	7	1,004
Electricians	209	1	210
Oil Field Workers	3,866	11	3,877
Refinery Operators	4		4
Wood Workers	1,320	2	1,322
Other Building Trades	1,631	8	1,639
Marine Trades	1,942	19	1,961
Stevedores	34	1	35
Labourers	5,147	144	5,291
Tailors	210	79	289
Bakers	177	4	181
Laundrymen	38	7	45
Medical	50	16	66
Catering	196	25	221
Private Domestic	364	373	737
Fishing	549	10	559
Agriculture	3,057	12	3,069
Seamen	5	2	7
Other	2,412	97	2,509
Inactive	30,038	57,786	87,824
Merchants	546	5	551
TOTALS	59,913	58,821	118,734

OCCUPATIONS

NON BAHRAINI

	Males	Females	Total
Admin and Clerical	1,993	115	2,108
Storekeepers	75		75
Salesmen	702	3	705
M/T Drivers	206		206
Metal and Mechanical	835	1	836
Electricians	226	1	227
Oil Field Workers	555	2	557
Refinery Operators	26		26
Woodworkers	152		152
Other Building Trades	864	2	866
Marine Trades	443	1	444
Stevedores	105	1	106
Labourers	5,006	19	5,025
Tailors	528	29	557
Bakers	177	1	178
Laundrymen	92	1	93
Medical	131	56	187
Catering	561	4	565
Private Domestic	654	102	756
Fishing	159	1	160
Agriculture	351	1	352
Seamen	76	3	79
Other	1,439	71	1,510
Inactive	2,079	6,277	8,356
Merchants	274	1	275
TOTALS	17,709	6,692	24,401

OCCUPATIONS

BAHRAINI AND NON BAHRAINI

	Males	Females	Total
Admin and Clerical	4,830	278	5,108
Storekeepers	97	5	102
Salesmen	3081	41	3,122
M/T Drivers	2,089	6	2,095
Metal and Mechanical	1,832	8	1,840
Electricians	435	2	437
Oil Field Workers	4,421	13	4,434
Refinery Operators	30		30
Woodworkers	1,472	2	1,474
Other Building Trades	2,495	10	2,505
Marine Trades	2,385	20	2,405
Stevedores	139	2	141
Labourers	10,153	163	10,316
Tailors	738	108	846
Bakers	354	5	359
Laundrymen	130	8	138
Medical	181	72	253
Catering	757	29	786
Private Domestic	1,018	475	1,493
Fishing	708	11	719
Agriculture	3,408	13	3,421
Seamen	81	5	86
Other	3,851	168	4,019
Inactive	32,117	64,063	96,180
Merchants	820	6	826
TOTALS	77,622	65,513	143,135

INDUSTRY

BAHRAINI

	Males	Females	Total
Agriculture and Fishing	3,899	19	3,918
Manufacturing	812	5	817
Construction	2,669	73	2,742
Oil	6,108	19	6,127
Mining and Quarrying	154		154
Wholesale	292	7	299
Banking	133	10	143
Retail	3,018	43	3,061
Transport and Communications	1,117	2	1,119
Government	3,895	233	4,128
Other	7,475	556	8,031
Not Stated	303	68	371
TOTALS	29,875	1,035	30,910

INDUSTRY

NON BAHRAINI

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Agriculture and Fishing	544	2	546
Manufacturing	207		207
Construction	1,994	3	1,997
Oil	2,709	75	2,784
Mining and Quarrying	312	4	316
Wholesale	205		205
Banking	122	8	130
Retail	1,184	17	1,201
Transport and Communications	510	2	512
Government	2,236	128	2,364
Other	5,450	164	5,614
Not Stated	157	12	169
TOTALS	15,630	415	16,045

INDUSTRY

BAHRAINI AND NON BAHRAINI

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Agriculture and Fishing	4,443	21	4,464
Manufacturing	1,019	5	1,024
Construction	4,663	76	4,739
Oil	8,817	94	8,911
Mining and Quarrying	466	4	470
Wholesale	497	7	504
Banking	255	18	273
Retail	4,202	60	4,262
Transport and Communications	1,627	4	1,631
Government	6,131	361	6,492
Other	12,925	720	13,645
Not Stated	460	80	540
TOTALS	45,505	1,450	46,955

NON BAHRAINIS BY NATIONALITY

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Iranians	3,188	1,015	4,203
Indians	2,698	1,345	4,043
Pakistanis	1,471	812	2,283
Goanese	324	112	436
Other Asians	9	3	12
Saudi Arabs	1,104	501	1,605
Omanis/Muscatis	6,146	1,168	7,314
Qataris	150	92	242
Kuwaitis	27	28	55
Yemenites	467	25	492
Iraqis	108	61	169
Jordanians	62	55	117
UAR/Syria	29	14	43
UAR/Egypt	43	28	71
Lebanese	81	63	144
Other Arabs	207	88	295
Americans	74	77	151
British	1,409	1,105	2,514
Other Europeans	82	78	160
Other Africans	30	22	52
TOTALS	17,709	6,692	24,401

