Women and Men in Vanuatu - Provincial Factsheet: Torba

Women and Men in Torba Province
Analysis of the 2009 Population and Housing Census

Torba has the smallest population of the six provinces, with less than 10,000 residents. The islands of Vanualava and Gaua are the most populous with around 2,500 residents each.

Torba has less men than women aged in their early 20s
Population by sex and age, Torba 2009

Population of whole of Vanuatu, 2009
Population by sex and age, Vanuatu 2009

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**Women marry younger than men**

Mean age at first marriage by sex and province, Vanuatu, 2009

![Graph showing the average age at first marriage for men and women in different provinces of Vanuatu, with Torba having the lowest average age for both men and women.]

**Much greater proportion of older women are widowed**

Marital status of widowed by age and sex, Torba 2009

![Graph showing the proportion of men and women who are widowed by age group in Torba. The proportion of women who are widowed increases with age, especially among older age groups.]

**Men's health at risk through smoking**

Smoking prevalence by sex and urban/rural, ages 15+, Torba, 2009

![Bar chart showing the smoking prevalence among men and women aged 15 and above in Torba. Men have a much higher smoking rate (52%) compared to women (3%).]

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Alcohol consumption relatively low in Torba
Alcohol prevalence by sex and urban/rural, ages 15+, Torba, 2009

Almost two thirds of men in Torba drink kava
Kava prevalence by sex and urban/rural, ages 15+, Torba, 2009

Employment in different occupations, by sex, Vanuatu 2009
Main occupations for men

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Torba has a high proportion of young people who have never been to school

Proportion of the population that has never been to school, by age and sex, Torba 2009

More boys than girls have never been to school in Torba

Literacy rates: ability to read and write in at least one language

Youth literacy (age 15-24) by sex and province, 2009

Adult literacy (aged 15+) by sex and province, 2009

Adolescents aged 15-24 with secondary school as highest level of education, by province and sex, Vanuatu, 2009

Gender gap is biggest in the Penama and Malampa provinces
More than one in 10 have some form of disability
Prevalence of disability by severity, province and sex, Vanuatu 2009

Note: Census asked about ability to see, hear, walk/climb stairs and remember/concentrate.
People may have one or more different types of disabilities.

More men than women use the internet
Population aged 15 and above that uses the internet, by sex and province, Vanuatu 2009

On average, 0.8% of people in Vanuatu reported a severe disability
National average with some difficulty

More women migrate within the country than men
Number of people who were born in a village/place other than the one they were on census night, by sex, 2009

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