

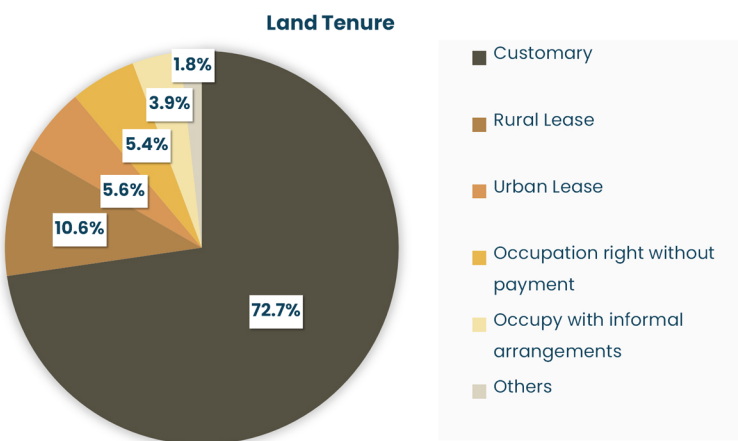


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# Land Tenure Infographics



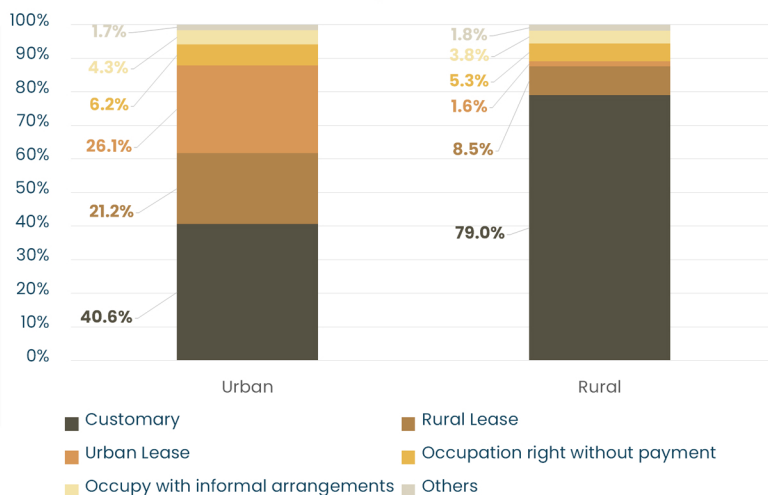
## Ownership Status



The majority of households in Vanuatu, **72.7%**, resided on customary land. Additionally, **10.6%** lived on rural land leases, **5.6%** lived on urban land leases, and the remaining **11.1%** lived on land occupied without payment or in informal arrangements.

## Urban vs. Rural

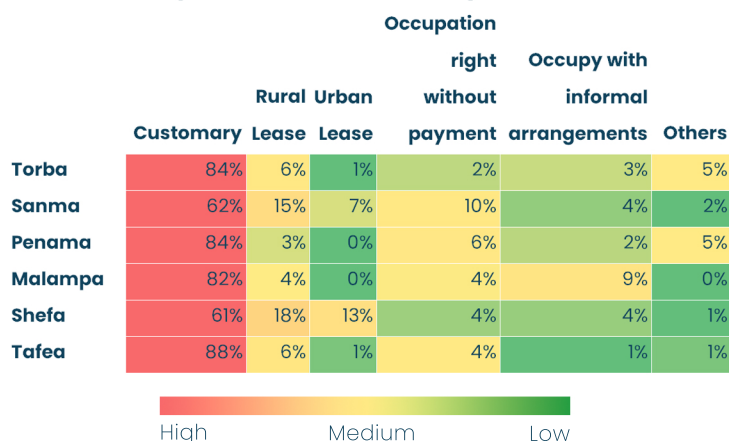
Land Tenure by Urban and Rural



In urban areas, **26.1%** of households had urban leases, while **21.2%** of the land was occupied based on a rural lease. Rural areas had **79%** of households living on customary land, **8.5%** with a rural lease, and the remaining **12.5%** with other arrangements.

## Provincial Comparison

Proportion of Land Tenure by Province



Shefa and Sanma provinces had similar patterns of land tenure distribution, with Shefa having a higher prevalence of urban leases and Sanma having a higher percentage of informal arrangements.

## Customary Right Dominance



The Customary Right tenure maintains a **strong presence across all provinces**, underscoring its enduring importance in land ownership. This traditional form of tenure remains prevalent, even in areas with alternative land tenure systems. Notably, in both urban and rural areas, Customary Right holds substantial sway, particularly in provinces such as Tafea, Torba and Penama. This table highlights the enduring influence of cultural practices on land ownership in these regions, emphasizing the community's commitment to preserving their cultural heritage within land management and tenure.

Source: 2020 National Population and Housing Census

