

# Commissioner Census Shows Big Increase

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Guam's population has jumped 18.5 per cent in the three years since the 1970 census, according to a district commissioner's census conducted last June through December.

Four districts lost population, while two gained more than 200 per cent and the island's total population, excluding military base occupants, rose to 100,785.

The door-to-door effort was supervised --and in many cases conducted personally--by the commissioners. During the summer vacation, they were aided by high school students.

Military dependents living off base were included, said Herman Sablan, special assistant to the Governor. Alien contract worker totals were obtained from the Department of Immigration.

Sablan estimated that a full breakdown of the census information will be available by April 1.

Piti reported the biggest gain more than 328 per cent more residents than in 1970. Agat followed with an increase just above 200 per cent.

Yigo lost the biggest percentage in population--a 62 per cent drop from 1970. Others reporting losses were: Mongmong-Toto-Maite, 47 per cent; Agana, 40 per cent; and Asan, 18 per cent.

POPULATION OF DISTRICTS

Area	1973	1970	Per cent Change
Agana	1,259	2,119	-40.6
Agana Heights	4,075	3,156	+29.1
Agat	13,000	4,308	+201.76
Asan	2,146	2,629	-18.3
Barrigada	6,456	6,356	+1.6
Chalan Pago-Ordot	3,209	2,931	+9.5
Dededo	15,000	10,780	+39.1
Inarajan	2,000	1,897	+17.6
Mangilao	6,000	3,228	+85.9
Merizo (includes Cocos Island)	2,042	1,579	+33.6
Mongmong-Toto-Maite	3,177	6,057	-47.5
Piti	5,550	1,284	+328.3
Santa Rita	4,094	8,109	-49.5
Talofof	1,965	1,935	+1.6
Tamuning	10,340	10,218	+59.91
Umatac	1,222	813	+50.31
Yigo	4,300	11,542	-62.74
Yona	3,000	2,599	+15.43
Guam:	100,785	84,996	+18.5

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