

An aerial photograph of Victoria Falls, Zambia. The Zambezi River flows from the top of the frame, forming a wide, shallow pool before plunging over a massive, flat-topped cliff. The water falls in numerous cascades, creating a thick mist that rises from the base of the falls. In the foreground, a large, arched steel truss bridge spans across the river, carrying a road and railway tracks. The surrounding landscape is lush green with dense vegetation. The text '1964 - 2014' is overlaid in large, bold, orange letters with a white outline.

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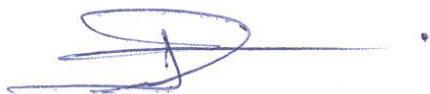
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Foreword

To celebrate the jubilee year of Zambia's independence, the Central Statistical Office (CSO) has compiled a summary of selected Demographic, Economic and Agricultural Statistics from 1964 to 2014.

This data depicts how the economy has evolved socially and economically since 1964 from a statistical point of view. The data contained in this report are from the censuses and surveys that CSO has conducted since independence.

Statistics are important as they help to guide users in the development, review and evaluation of development plans. This report is, therefore, useful to Government, planners, policy makers, non-governmental organization, researchers and all stakeholders in general. It is my sincere hope that the statistics in this report will be used effectively by all stakeholders.



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Introduction

Zambia is a landlocked country in Southern Africa. It is located between latitudes 8° and 18° south and longitudes 22° and 34° east and covers a total area of 752,612 square kilometers. Zambia is bordered by, The Democratic Republic of Congo to the north, Tanzania to the north-east, Malawi to the east, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia to the South, and Angola to the west.

Administration

Zambia gained independence from Britain on 24th October 1964. It has experienced three major phases of governance, the multiparty system from 1964 to 1972, one party system from 1972 to 1991 and multiparty system since 1991.

Administratively, the country is divided into ten provinces, namely Central, Copperbelt, Eastern, Luapula, Lusaka, Muchinga, Northern, North-Western, Southern and Western provinces. These provinces are further subdivided into about ninety (90) districts. Lusaka is the capital city of Zambia and seat of government.

Natural Resources

Zambia is situated on the great plateau of Central Africa. Its vegetation is mainly made up of savannah woodlands and grassland. It has a tropical climate with three distinct seasons, the cool and dry season, the hot and dry season and the hot and wet season.

The country has abundant natural resources. It has five main rivers, namely Zambezi, Kafue, Luangwa, Luapula, and Chambeshi Rivers. In addition to these rivers, the country also has major lakes such as Tanganyika, Mweru, Mweru Wa Ntipa, Bangweulu and the man-made lakes Kariba and Itezhi Tezhi. Other interesting features include the Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Zambia has some of nature's best wildlife and game reserves affording the country with abundant tourism potential for earning foreign exchange. The magnificent Luangwa and Kafue National Parks have one of the most prolific animal populations in Africa. It is also endowed with various minerals and precious stones such as copper, emeralds, zinc, lead and cobalt.

Table 1: Population Size by Provinces ('000)

	1969	1980	1990	2000	2010
Zambia	4,057	5,662	7,383	9,886	13,093
Province					
Central	359	512	721	1,012	1,307
Copperbelt	816	1,251	1,428	1,581	1,972
Eastern	510	651	966	1,306	1,593
Luapula	336	421	525	775	992
Lusaka	354	691	987	1,391	2,191
Muchinga*	-	-	-	524	712
Northern	545	675	855	809	1,106
N-Western	232	303	388	583	727
Southern	496	672	907	1,212	1,590
Western	410	486	607	765	903

Source: CSO, 1969, 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2010 Censuses of Population and Housing

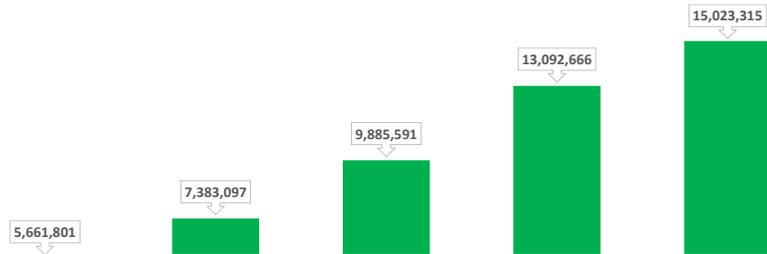
Note: *Muchinga Province was created in 2011

Table 2: Population Growth Rate

	1969-1980	1980-1990	1990-2000	2000-2010*
Growth Rate (%)	3.1	2.7	2.4	2.8

Source: CSO, 1969, 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2010 Censuses of Population and Housing

Figure 2: Zambia's Population (1969 - 2014)



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