The U.S. Census Bureau's Diverse, Expanding International Subnational Data Resources

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International Mapping at the Census Bureau

Global mapping linked to population, housing, and agricultural data

Mapping by administrative areas (ADMs) and 100-meter grid cells

Free, online data products for 60 countries on 3 websites

- 20 countries new or updated in past year
- Additional countries in 2024

Global Population Mapping

Subnational administrative and statistical areas: millions of polygons

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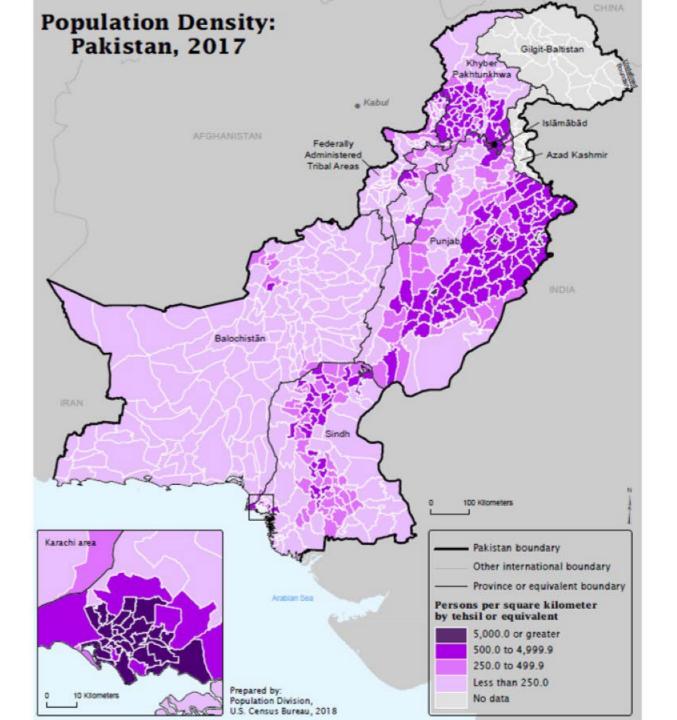
Large Scale International Boundaries dataset (U.S. State Department)

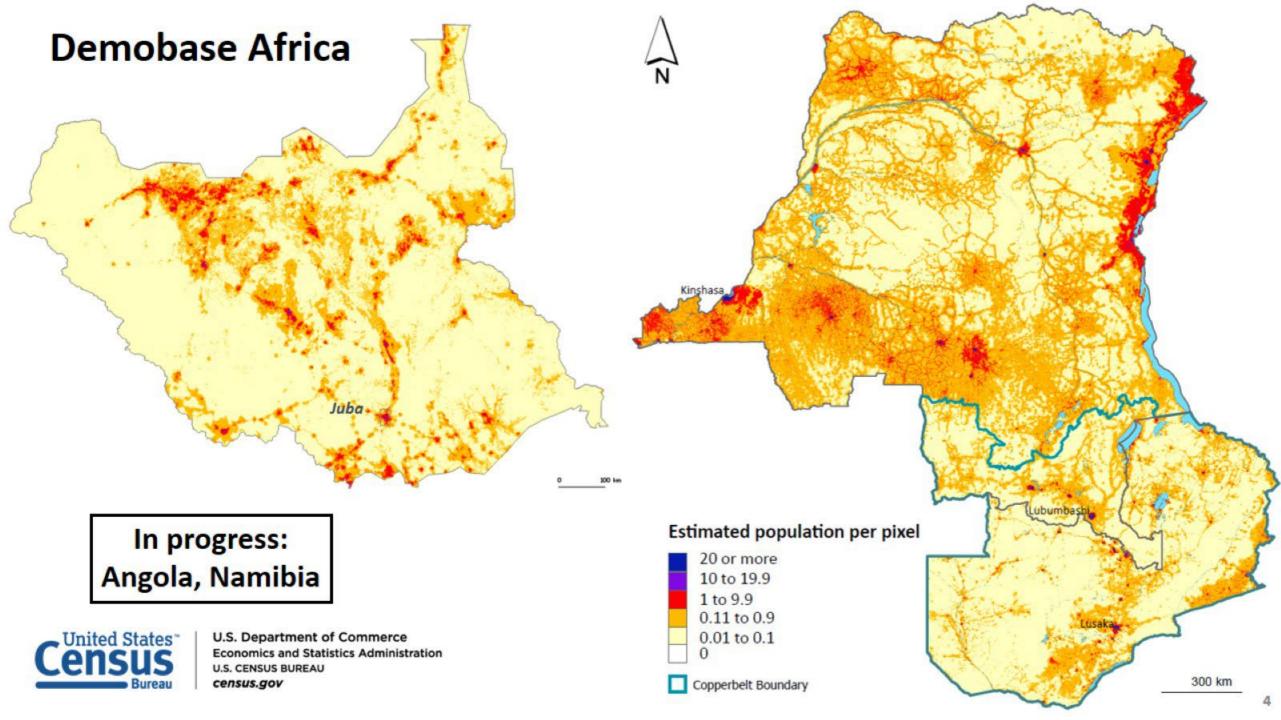
National census data

Census Bureau International Database national population estimates



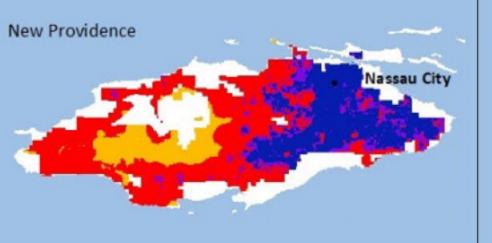
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Demobase Caribbean

The Bahamas



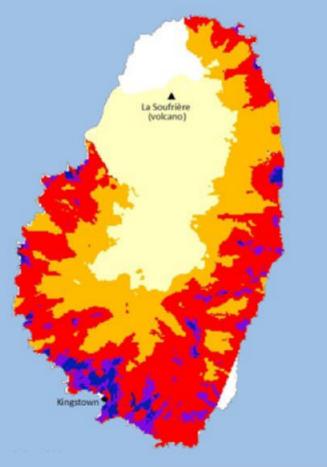
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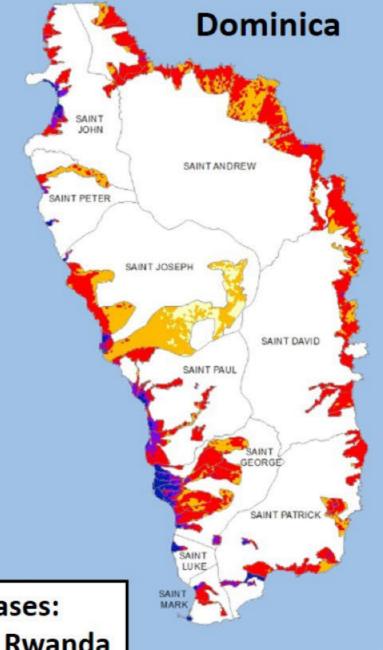
20 or more 10 to 19.9 1 to 9.9 0.11 to 0.9 0.01 to 0.1



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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines





Earlier releases: Haiti, Pakistan, Rwanda

Subnational Boundaries and Population Data

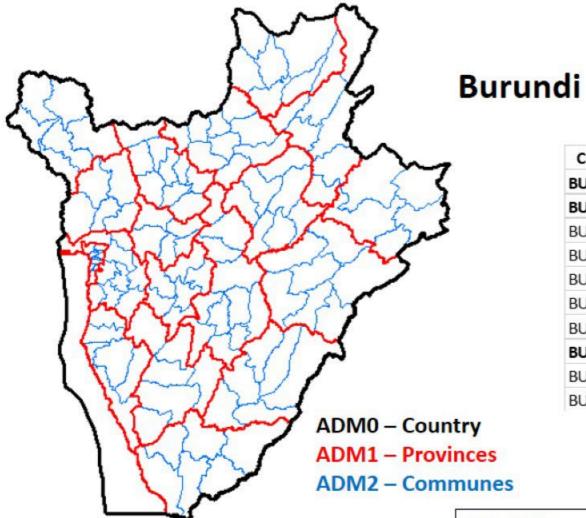
Prepared for the public and:

- U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
- U.S. Agency for International Development

Variables	Examples		
Total population	Age/sex in 5-year bands		
Population	Language spoken, disability status		
Housing	Access to utilities, roof material		
Agriculture	Crops harvested		



Sample Boundaries and Data



CNTRY_NAME	ADM1_NAME	ADM2_NAME	ADM_LEVEL	BTOTL_2020
BURUNDI			0	12,631,974
BURUNDI	BUBANZA		1	519,112
BURUNDI	BUBANZA	BUBANZA	2	123,697
BURUNDI	BUBANZA	GIHANGA	2	90,376
BURUNDI	BUBANZA	MPANDA	2	99,503
BURUNDI	BUBANZA	MUSIGATI	2	120,857
BURUNDI	BUBANZA	RUGAZI	2	84,679
BURUNDI	BUJUMBURA MAIRIE		1	1,003,408
BURUNDI	BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	BUTERERE	2	70,006
BURUNDI	BUJUMBURA MAIRIE	BUYENZI	2	78,549

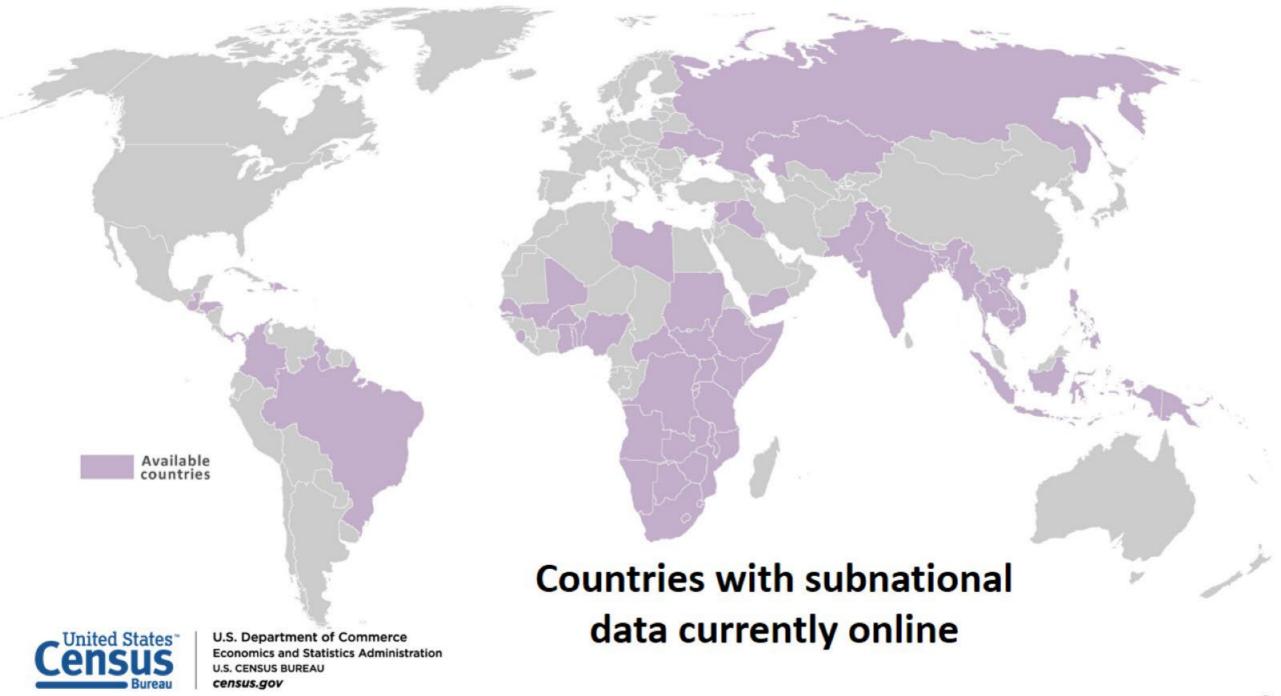
Table from Burundi public data product prepared for PEPFAR

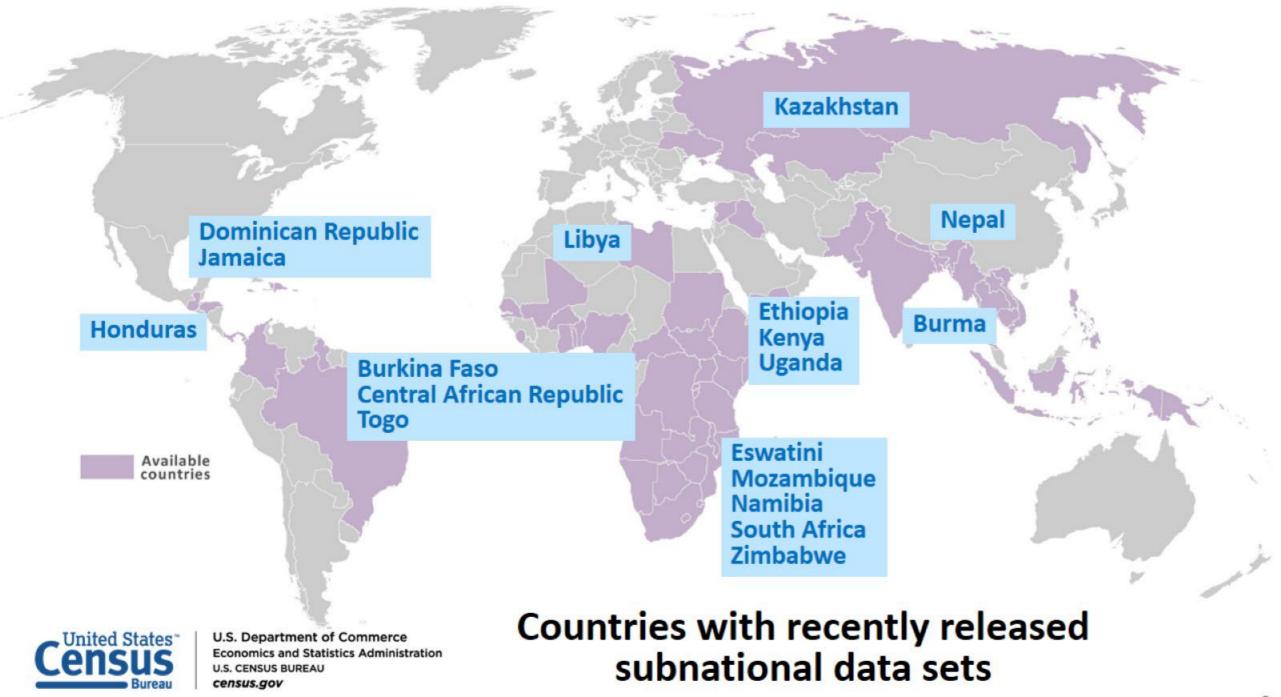
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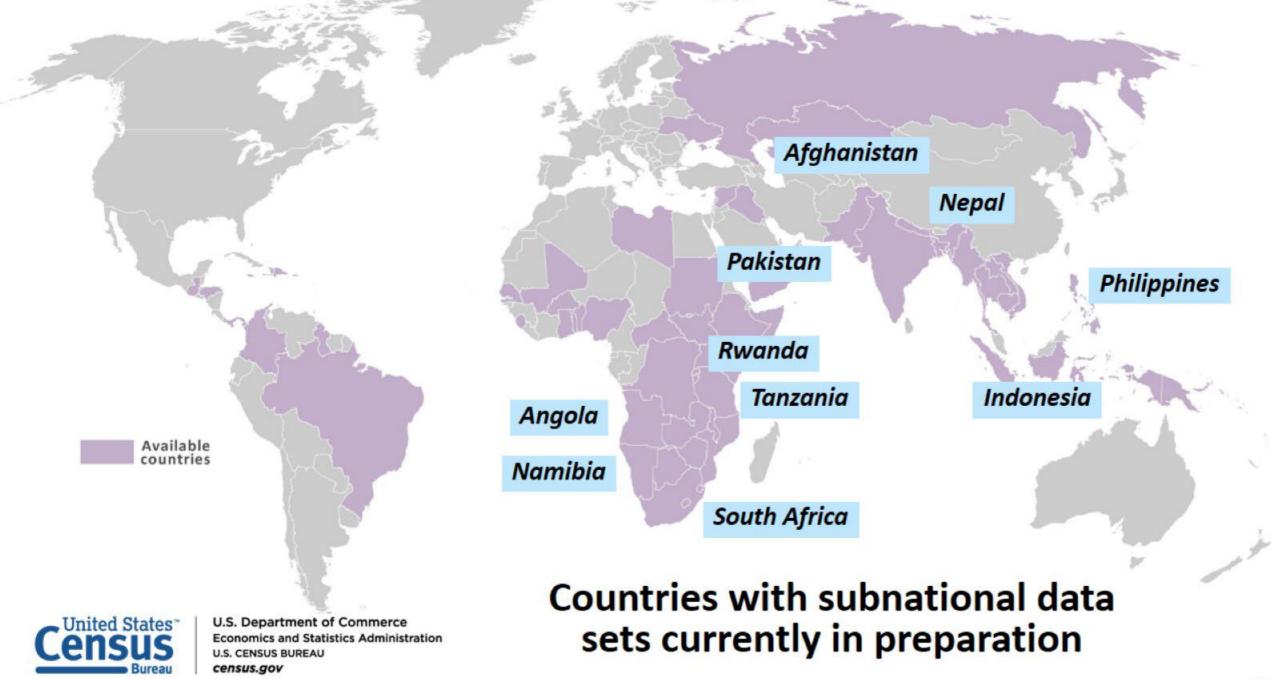
U.S. ADMs

ADM1 = states

ADM2 = counties or equivalents







Questions or comments?

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Accessing Data

Census.gov PC: Census.gov/InternationalPrograms, click on Global Population Mapping

Mobile: Census.gov, search for Global Mapping

HDX – Humanitarian Data Exchange data.humdata.org/organization/us-census-bureau

USAID – Spatial Data Repository spatial data.dhsprogram.com/population-estimates

