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Introduction

This fonds consists of the original enumerators' forms of the 1991 Census.

While originally collected for statistical purposes, census records become in the long run important sources for historical, sociological, and genealogical research. However, as the base data collected by the census are person-related and confidential, they will not be released after the statutory period for government records of 30 years, but will remain restricted for a considerably longer period which will have to be determined by a future Namibian privacy legislation. It can be assumed that the restricted period will extend to approximately 100 years.

The present listing is not an archival finding aid and is based on basic transfer list provided by the creating office.

It should be noted that this census took place before the administrative re-organisation of independent Namibia, and before the re-integration of Walvis Bay. Therefore, the administrative units are the magisterial districts and the Bantustans, and data of Walvis Bay is lacking.

The extent of the material, which is not yet adequately sorted and packaged, is estimated at 55 linear meters.

Werner Hillebrecht, May 2017

Base material from the 1991 Population and Housing Census

District	Number of books
Bethanien	29
Bushmanland	18
Caprivi	413
Damaraland	226
Gobabis	347
Grootfontein	154
Hereroland East	144
Hereroland West	73
Kaokoland	203
Karasburg	38
Karibib	42
Kavango	561
Keetmanshoop	122
Luderitz	107
Maltahöhe	32
Mariental	230
Namaland	80
Okahandja	130
Omaruru	46
Ondangwa	911
Oshakati	1 930
Otjiwarongo	165
Outjo	101
Rehoboth	205
Swakopmund	152
Tsumeb	133
Windhoek	991
Other	109
Total	7 706

Post-Enumeration Survey

District	Number of books
Kaokoland	61
Luderitz	10
Okahandja	15
Okavango	28
Ondangwa	95
Oshakati	126
Windhoek	63
Total	398
Chief Enumerator's manual and record book	1 300

