

RETURN  
OF THE  
NATIVE POPULATION OF NATAL.

1891.

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This Return is an estimated one arrived at by the enumeration of all the inhabitants in several kraals of the various Tribes in each Magisterial Division of the Colony. A kraal is a small village or collection of huts varying in number from 3 up to 17.

The number of huts in which this enumeration was made in the Colony was 2418, in which it was found that there were 10,002 souls; this gave an average of 4.13647 to each hut.

The number of huts counted in each Division varied from 10 to 297.

A Copy of the instructions on the subject to the Administrators of Native Law is appended.

H. C. SHEPSTONE,

S.N.A., NATAL.

Secretary for Native Affairs Office,

Pietermaritzburg, Natal,

5th August, 1891.

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6TH JANUARY, 1891.

SECRETARY FOR NATIVE AFFAIRS, NATAL,

TO

ADMINISTRATORS OF NATIVE LAW.

In view of the Census of the whole of the population of the British Empire which is to be made this year, and of the practical impossibility of having an actual numbering of the Natives in the Colony taken, I have, by direction of His Excellency, to request that you will be so good as to cause the actual number of souls living in two or three kraals of the various Tribes in your Division to be counted for the purpose of obtaining a fair average of the number living in or belonging to each Hut, so as to be able to arrive at a fair and approximate estimate of the Native Population of the Colony.

For this purpose it will be necessary that you should keep a record of the number of Huts in each Kraal in which you have had the number of souls counted.

By Command,

H. C. SHEPSTONE,

Secretary for Native Affairs.

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DIVISIONS.	Male Adults.	Female Adults.	Male Children.	Female Children.	Total Males.	Total Females.	Total Adults.	Total Children	Total in Division.
Umgeni ... ..	7,528	8,537	7,205	7,805	14,733	16,342	16,065	15,010	31,075
Lion's River ... ..	4,046	4,397	3,914	4,255	7,960	8,652	8,443	8,169	16,612
Umlazi ... ..	5,520	6,149	5,308	5,757	10,828	11,906	11,669	11,065	22,734
Klip River ... ..	7,407	8,407	7,102	7,703	14,509	16,110	15,814	14,805	30,619
Newcastle ... ..	3,146	3,327	3,063	3,335	6,209	6,662	6,473	6,398	12,871
Inanda ... ..	6,207	6,966	5,956	6,457	12,163	13,423	13,173	12,413	25,586
Lower Tugela ... ..	12,093	13,965	11,520	12,460	23,613	26,425	26,058	23,980	50,038
Umvoti ... ..	10,279	11,804	9,804	10,616	20,083	22,420	22,083	20,420	42,503
Weenen ... ..	13,012	15,058	12,389	13,400	25,401	28,458	28,070	25,789	53,859
Alexandra ... ..	6,053	6,781	5,810	6,303	11,863	13,084	12,834	12,113	24,947
Alfred ... ..	4,608	5,065	4,445	4,828	9,053	9,893	9,673	9,273	18,946
Upper Umkomanzi ... ..	4,355	4,765	4,206	4,570	8,561	9,335	9,120	8,776	17,896
Ixopo ... ..	9,083	10,386	8,673	9,393	17,756	19,779	19,469	18,066	37,535
Umsinga ... ..	5,648	6,302	5,427	5,888	11,075	12,190	11,950	11,315	23,265
Ipolela ... ..	3,545	3,802	3,440	3,743	6,985	7,545	7,347	7,183	14,530
Lower Umzimkulu... ..	4,054	4,408	3,921	4,264	7,975	8,672	8,462	8,185	16,647
Dundee ... ..	3,975	4,315	3,847	4,183	7,822	8,498	8,290	8,030	16,320
TOTALS IN COLONY ...	110,559	124,434	106,030	114,960	216,589	239,394	234,993	220,990	455,983
					455,983	455,983	455,983		Grand Total.

