SOLOMON ISLANDS
Pre-COVID-19 baseline metrics

SDD
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All data is taken from the Solomon Islands 2012–13 Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) unless otherwise Indicated.

Demographics:

615,771
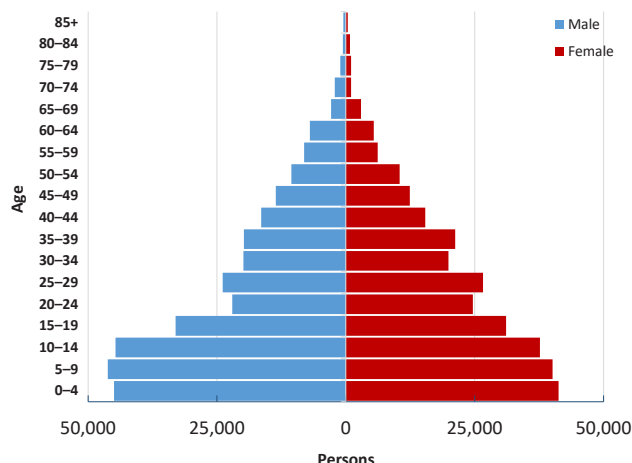*Population (2013)*

19%
urban population

Dependency ratio 84 (children 0–14 years (76) plus elderly 60⁺ years (8) as a proportion of persons 15–59 years)

Average household (HH) size is
5.7 persons

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Population pyramid

Education:

Age group	Enrollment rate		
	Urban	Rural	Total
0–4	17%	16%	16%
5–9	77%	83%	82%
10–14	90%	93%	93%
15–19	69%	68%	68%
20–24	35%	21%	25%
25–29	10%	4%	6%
30+	1%	0%	0%
Total	**34%**	**36%**	**36%**

68%
enrollment rate for persons aged 15–19

82% enrollment rate for persons aged 5–9, and
93% enrollment rate for persons aged 10–14

Rural residents aged 5–9 and 10–14 have a higher enrollment rate compared to urban residents.

Urban residents aged 20–24, 25–29 and 30+ have a higher enrollment rate compared to rural residents.

Health:

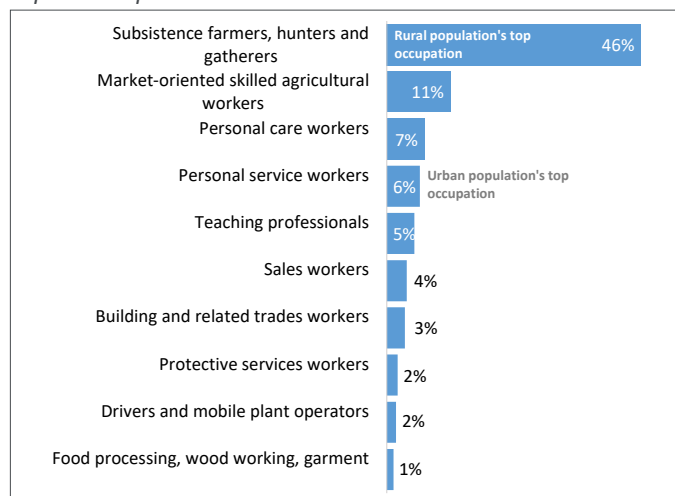**72%** have access to private water for hand washing

67% of rural residents have access to private water for hand washing

92% of urban residents have access to private water for hand washing

Economic activities:

Type of occupation varies with the area of residence.

Top 10 occupations

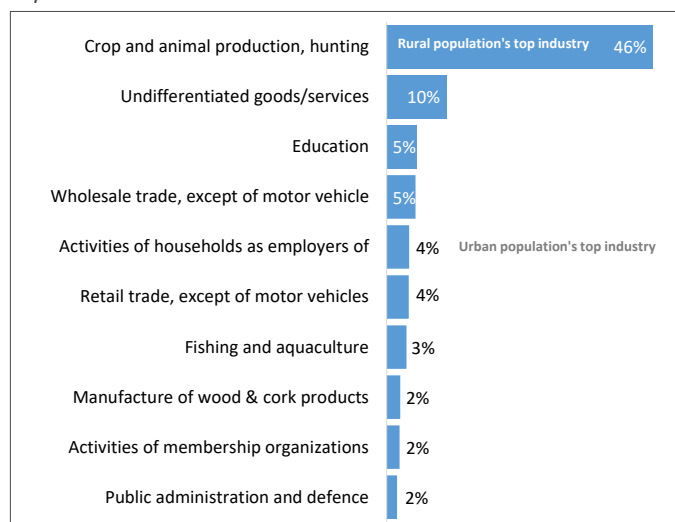| Occupation	%
Subsistence farmers, hunters and gatherers	46% (Rural population's top occupation)
Market-oriented skilled agricultural workers	11%
Personal care workers	7%
Personal service workers	6% (Urban population's top occupation)
Teaching professionals	5%
Sales workers	4%
Building and related trades workers	3%
Protective services workers	2%
Drivers and mobile plant operators	2%
Food processing, wood working, garment	1%

Note: occupations (ISCO) of 270,189 weighted individuals.

Type of top occupation varies with the area of residence

'Subsistence farmers, hunters and gatherers' is the top occupation for those living in rural areas

'Personal service workers' is the top occupation for all employed people living in urban areas

Top 10 industries

Industry	%
Crop and animal production, hunting	46% (Rural population's top industry)
Undifferentiated goods/services	10%
Education	5%
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicle	5%
Activities of households as employers of	4% (Urban population's top industry)
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles	4%
Fishing and aquaculture	3%
Manufacture of wood & cork products	2%
Activities of membership organizations	2%
Public administration and defence	2%

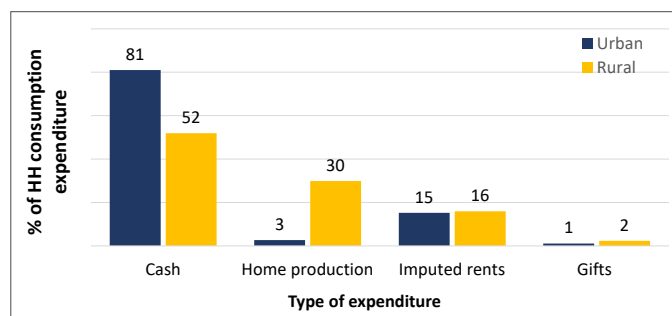*Note: industry (ISIC) of 270,189 weighted individuals.*

46% of the employed people work in the 'Crop and animal production, hunting' industry

'Retail trade, except of motor vehicles' is the top industry with the most employed population in urban areas.

'Crop and animal production, hunting' is the top industry with the most employed population for rural areas.
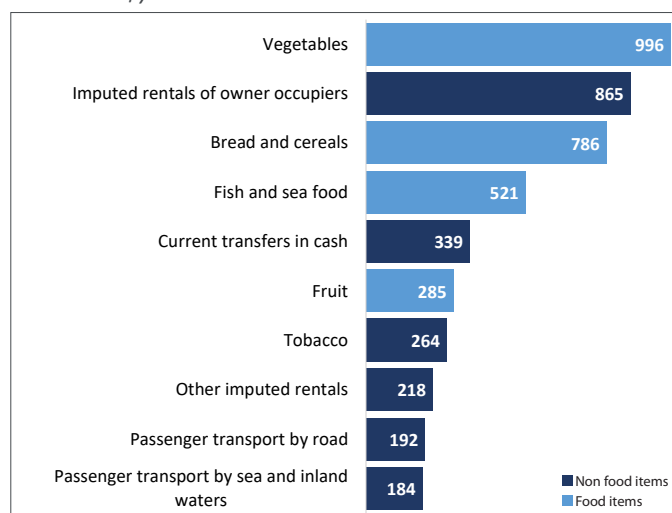
Household expenditure:

Composition of HH expenditure, by expenditure type and strata

Type of expenditure	Urban	Rural
Cash	81	52
Home production	3	30
Imputed rents	15	16
Gifts	1	2

People living in urban areas have a higher expenditure through 'Cash' compared to people living in rural areas.

People living in rural areas have a higher expenditure through 'Home production' and 'Imputed rents' compared to people living in urban areas.

Top 10 annual HH expenditure items, by COICOP class (in millions SB$)

Item	Value
Vegetables	996
Imputed rentals of owner occupiers	865
Bread and cereals	786
Fish and sea food	521
Current transfers in cash	339
Fruit	285
Tobacco	264
Other imputed rentals	218
Passenger transport by road	192
Passenger transport by sea and inland waters	184

Non food items / Food items

The top HH expenditure item is 'Vegetables'.

6 out of the top 10

HH expenditure items are

non-food items

Highest non-food expenditure items included in the top 10 are: 'Imputed rentals of owner' followed by 'Current transfers in cash'.

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Household food consumption:

Top 10 items consumed by HHs by COICOP Division 1 and the top 3 items consumed by expenditure quintile and strata

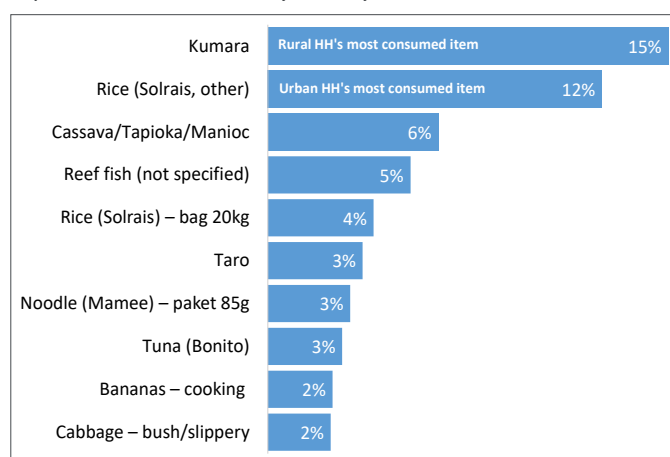| Rank	Top 10 items consumed by HHs	National	Urban	Rural	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5
1	Kumara	15%		17%	21%	19%	17%	15%	9%
2	Rice (Solrais, other)	12%	12%	12%	12%	13%	14%	12%	10%
3	Cassava/Tapioka/Manioc	6%		7%	8%	7%	7%	7%	
4	Reef fish (not specified)	5%							
5	Rice (Solrais) – bag 20kg	4%	6%						5%
6	Taro	3%							
7	Noodle (Mamee) – paket 85g	3%							
8	Tuna (Bonito)	3%							
9	Bananas – cooking	2%							
10	Cabbage – bush/slippery	2%							

Note: Expenditure quintiles where Q1 represents the lowest wealth and Q5 the highest wealth.

'Kumara' is the top item consumed by HHs across all expenditure quintiles

All expenditure quintiles who live in urban areas show 'Rice (Solrais, other)' as the top consumed item.

Rice (Solrais, other) is the most consumed item by those who live in urban areas and who belong to expenditure quintile 5.

Top 10 items consumed by HHs by COICOP Division 1

Top 10 cash expenditure items consumed by HHs by COICOP Division 1 and the top 3 items consumed by expenditure quintile and strata
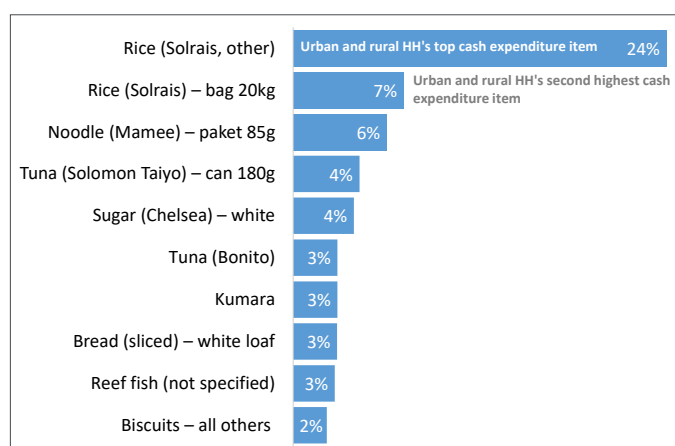
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3	Noodle (Mamee) – paket 85g	6%		7%	9%	7%	7%	6%	5%
4	Tuna (Solomon Taiyo) – can 180g	4%							
5	Sugar (Chelsea) – white	4%							
6	Tuna (Bonito)	3%							
7	Kumara	3%							
8	Bread (sliced) – white loaf	3%	6%						
9	Reef fish (not specified)	3%							
10	Biscuits – all others	2%							

'Rice' is the top cash expenditure item consumed by HHs across all expenditure quintiles and for both strata

'Canned corned beef' is the second highest cash expenditure item consumed by those who belong to quintiles 3–4, and for both strata.

Those who belong to expenditure quintiles 1–2 show 'Noodle (Mamee) – paket 85g' as the second highest cash expenditure consumed item.

Top 10 cash expenditure items consumed by HHs by COICOP Division 1

Item	%
Rice (Solrais, other) — *Urban and rural HH's top cash expenditure item*	24%
Rice (Solrais) – bag 20kg — *Urban and rural HH's second highest cash expenditure item*	7%
Noodle (Mamee) – paket 85g	6%
Tuna (Solomon Taiyo) – can 180g	4%
Sugar (Chelsea) – white	4%
Tuna (Bonito)	3%
Kumara	3%
Bread (sliced) – white loaf	3%
Reef fish (not specified)	3%
Biscuits – all others	2%

Top 10 home-produced items consumed by HHs by COICOP Division 1, by strata and expenditure quintile

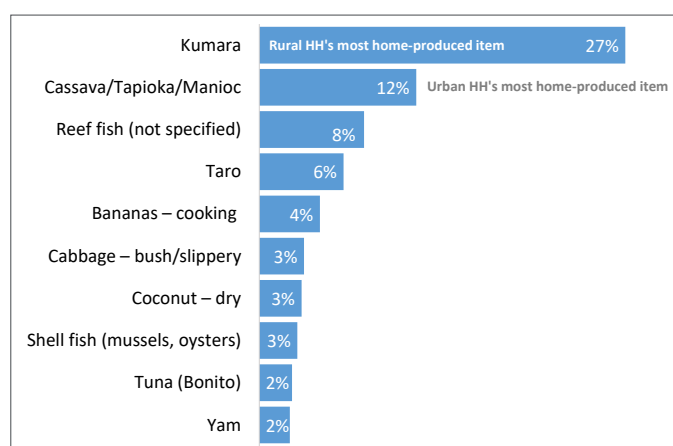| Rank	Top 10 home-produced items consumed by HHs	National	Urban	Rural	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5
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3	Reef fish (not specified)	8%	6%	8%		8%	8%	8%	8%
4	Taro	6%			7%				
5	Bananas – cooking	4%							
6	Cabbage – bush/slippery	3%							
7	Coconut – dry	3%							
8	Shell fish (mussels, oysters)	3%							
9	Tuna (Bonito)	2%							
10	Yam	2%							

'Kumara' is the top home-produced item consumed by HHs across all expenditure quintiles and for rural HHs

'Cassava/Tapioka/Manioc' is the top home-produced item consumed among COICOP Division 1 for those living in urban areas.

'Cassava/Tapioka/Manioc' is the second highest home-produced item consumed among COICOP Division 1 across all expenditure quintiles and strata except for those living in urban areas.

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Top 10 home-produced items consumed by HHs by COICOP Division 1

Item	%
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Cassava/Tapioka/Manioc — *Urban HH's most home-produced item*	12%
Reef fish (not specified)	8%
Taro	6%
Bananas – cooking	4%
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