

CONSTITUENCY FACT SHEET | KWENENG DISTRICT, BOTSWANA

Mogoditshane East

Botswana's newest urban constituency, in the country's largest village, ten kilometres from the capital.

Recorded figures come from a named published source. **Derived** figures are calculated from recorded figures using the method stated in this document. Derived figures are planning estimates sound enough to size an opportunity, and are not a substitute for a ward-level survey or a formal appraisal.

The constituency at a glance

Constituency	Mogoditshane East
District	Kweneng District, Kweneng East sub-district
Created	2024, from the former Mogoditshane constituency
Coverage	Eastern half of Mogoditshane town, Greater Gaborone
Character	Entirely urban, no rural localities
Population (recorded)	43,155
Area (recorded)	20 square kilometres
Density (derived)	2,158 people per square kilometre
Wards	Six, each with an elected councillor
Distance to Gaborone CBD	About 10 kilometres
Coordinates	24 38 S, 25 52 E, elevation 1,022 metres
Member of Parliament	Hon. Letlhogonolo Barongwang, elected 2024

Recorded figures from the 2022 Delimitation Commission Report, Independent Electoral Commission of Botswana.

Population record

Mogoditshane is the largest village in Botswana. The 2022 Population and Housing Census placed it ahead of Maun at 85,293 and Molepolole at 74,719. Counting cities and towns as well, it is the country's third largest urban settlement after Gaborone at 246,325 and Francistown at 103,417.

2001	14,246		
2011	57,637	+43,391	15.0% a year
2022	88,098	+30,461	3.93% a year
National comparison, 2011 to 2022	2,359,609	+334,705	1.40% a year

Mogoditshane grew at roughly 2.8 times the national rate over the last census decade.

Demographic profile

Population (recorded)	43,155
Households (derived)	13,077
Average household size	3.3, national 2022, down from 3.7 in 2011
New households a year (derived)	About 514
Aged under 15 (derived)	13,180, or 30.5 per cent
Aged 15 to 35 (derived)	16,272, or 37.7 per cent
Working age 15 to 64 (derived)	30,813, or 71.4 per cent
Aged over 65 (derived)	2,399, or 5.6 per cent
National unemployment	27.6 per cent, Q1 2024

The six wards

Ward names and councillors are as declared in the local government election of 31 October 2024. Ward populations are derived by apportioning the constituency total in proportion to each ward's council poll, and sum exactly to 43,155.

Kgosing	More Keobokile	12.1 %	5,205	1,577	Heritage, civic and small-format retail
Selemene	Pule Kagiso	17.2 %	7,420	2,248	Corridor retail and light commercial
Ledumadumane North	Tom Kemiso	12.1 %	5,230	1,585	Residential development and services
Ledumadumane South	Simon Moipolai	27.3 %	11,770	3,567	Affordable housing and primary healthcare
Senthumole	Donald Enose	16.4 %	7,095	2,150	Logistics, transport and mixed use
Tlhapalanoga	Tsheko Lefoko	14.9 %	6,435	1,950	Education, childcare and recreation

The 2024 general election

The seat was contested for the first time on 30 October 2024 and declared on 1 November.

Letlhogonolo Barongwang	UDC	4,433	45.38%
Lilian Moremi	BDP	3,330	34.09%
Sedirwa Kgoroba	BCP	1,873	19.17%
Otukile Ramogaladi	BMD	132	1.35%
Margin	1,103 votes, 11.29 percentage points		
Valid votes	9,768		
Rejected ballots	241		
Turnout	10,009 of 12,710 registered voters, 78.75 per cent		

Source: Botswana Press Agency, published by Daily News, 1 November 2024.

Service position

The constituency's representative has told Parliament that an area of more than 80,000 people is served by three public health facilities, of which only one operates around the clock, and that overcrowding in schools is affecting performance. A motion has been tabled in the National Assembly calling for a forensic audit of the Mogoditshane Sub-Land Board covering allocations made over the past fifteen years.

These are the constituency's own statements of where capacity is short. They are reproduced here because they are the clearest available guide both to residents' priorities and to where investment meets real demand.

Methodology for derived figures

Households. Recorded population divided by the national average household size of 3.3 from the 2022 census.

New households a year. Household count multiplied by the observed settlement growth rate of 3.93 per cent.

Age bands. National 2022 census proportions applied to the recorded population: 30.54 per cent under 15, 5.56 per cent over 65, and the urban working-age share of 71.4 per cent. The 15 to 35 share is derived from the Kweneng East youth count of 124,561 against that district's population.

Growth rates. Compound annual rates calculated from census returns.

Ward populations. Constituency total apportioned in proportion to each ward's 2024 council poll. A proxy for relative ward size, not a ward-level enumeration.

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