UBOS set to release key national surveys



Mr Didacus Okoth, the principal public relations officer for Ubos addressing journalists in Kampala. PHOTO/D. WALUGEMBE

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The Uganda Bureau of Statistics (Ubos) is preparing to release a new wave of major statistical reports expected to shape policy discussions, business planning and national development priorities in the months ahead, as the country increasingly turns to data to guide decision-making.

According to the revised release calendar issued by Ubos on April 30, the Bureau will publish the Uganda Business Inquiry 2019/2020 and the Uganda Harmonised Indicator Survey (UHIS) reports for Wave I, II and III on May 21. The Baseline Education Census (BEC) Report 2025 will follow on May 28. The Uganda Aquaculture Census (UAC) Report 2025 was already released on April 30.

The upcoming publications come at a time when Uganda is witnessing growing public interest in official statistics, particularly on employment, poverty, education, business performance and household welfare. The reports are also expected to provide updated indicators needed for monitoring implementation of the Fourth National Development Plan (NDP IV).

The Ubos executive director and chief statistician, Mr Chris Ndatira Mukiza, previously emphasised the importance of timely statistics in guiding national transformation.

"Reliable and timely statistics are essential for evidence-based planning, policy formulation and decision-making," Mr Mukiza said during the release of the Labour Market Survey 2025. In recent months, Ubos has released several high-profile reports, including the Labour Market Survey 2025, the National Human Resource Survey 2023/24, the Multidimensional Poverty Index Census Monograph and the National Population and Housing Census 2024 Community Module.

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UGANDANS EMPLOYED IN PRIVATE SECTOR

The Labour Market Survey 2025 painted a detailed picture of Uganda's labour dynamics, showing that informal employment continues to dominate the economy. According to the survey findings, informal employment accounts for 89.2 percent of total employment nationally, highlighting continued dependence on small-scale enterprises and self-employment.

The National Human Resource Survey 2023/24 further revealed the growing role of the private sector in job creation, with more than 1.7 million Ugandans employed in private establishments compared to just over 500,000 in the public sector.

The report estimated that Uganda's workforce now stands at approximately 9.3 million people.

Speaking during dissemination of the manpower survey findings in Kampala, officials called for stronger investment in private enterprise to absorb the country's rapidly growing labour force.

"We must empower private sector businesses and improve the working environment to enable them create more jobs, since government jobs are limited," said Mr Stephen Mukitale, the deputy chairperson of the Executive Board of the National Planning Authority.

The forthcoming Uganda Business Inquiry report is expected to provide updated information on the structure and performance of businesses across sectors, while the UHIS reports are anticipated to offer deeper insights into household welfare, income levels, service delivery and socio-economic conditions across the country.

Analysts say the reports will help government and development partners understand the changing realities facing Ugandan households amid rising urbanisation, unemployment pressures and shifting economic trends.

The Baseline Education Census Report 2025 is also expected to attract attention from education stakeholders seeking updated data on school infrastructure, staffing, enrolment and learning conditions.

UBOS added that all disseminated reports are available to the public and that it continues to release regular economic indicators such as the Consumer Price Index, Construction Input Price Index, Producer Price Index for Manufacturing and Utilities, Residential Property Price Index and quarterly gross domestic product estimates.

For policymakers, investors, researchers and ordinary citizens alike, the forthcoming Ubos releases are expected to provide an important snapshot of Uganda's social and economic realities.

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REVISED RELEASE CALENDAR FOR COMPLETED SURVEYS AND CENSUS REPORTS

Kampala – Thursday, 30th April 2026: The Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) informs the public that the release calendar for completed Surveys and Censuses communicated on 02nd April 2026 has been further revised as follows:

1. **30th April 2026.** *Uganda Aquaculture Census (UAC) Report 2025.*
2. **21st May 2026:** *Uganda Business Inquiry 2019/2020. The report will be published online at* ***8:00 am.***
3. **21st May 2026:** *Uganda Harmonized Indicator (UHIS) Survey Reports - Wave I & Wave II (2021 – 2024) and Wave III 2025.*
4. **28th May 2026:** *Baseline Education Census (BEC) Report 2025.*

The Bureau is also grateful to the Users for embracing the already published reports, mentioned below, and utilizing them in planning and public debate.

1 *Uganda Malaria Indicator (UMIS) Survey Report 2025 published on* **12th March 2026.**
2 *Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children (OVC) Census Monograph 2024 – Volume 4 Published on* **19th March 2026.**
3 *Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index (MPI) Census Monograph 2024 – Volume 5 Published on* **26th March 2026.**
4 *National Population and Housing Census 2024 Community Module - Volume 6 Published on* **9th April 2026.**
5 *Labour Market Survey Report 2025 published on* **16th April 2026.**
6 *National Human Resource (Manpower) Survey Report 2023/24 published on* **23rd April 2026.**

All the disseminated products are available on the UBOS Website: https://www.ubos.org.

There are other regular statistical products, such as; Consumer Price Indices (CPI), Construction Input Price Index (CIPI), Producer Price Index for Manufacturing and Utilities (PPIM & U) that are published every last working day of the month. The Residential Property Price Index (RPPI) and Quarterly estimate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) are published on Quarterly basis.

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