

## Population Demographics

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Embu county is located approximately 120 KM north east of Nairobi towards Mt.Kenya. It borders Tharaka Nithi county to the north, Kitui county to the east, Machakos to the south, Muranga to the south west, Kirinyaga to the west and Meru to the North West. The population of Embu county stands at 586,783 with a population density of 183 persons per KM.

The county has an annual growth rate of 1.4% in Embu and 3% in Mbeere. the county has 4 constituencies namely: Runyenjes, Manyatta, Gachoka, Siakago. The main features in the county are, seven folks dam, Mt. Kenya, the main economic activities include, cash crops: coffee, tea, cotton, and food crops: maize, beans, cassava, arrowroots, sorghum, livestock keeping includes, cows goats, sheep, chicken among others. The county experiences biannual rainfall of approximately 1495 mm. The temperatures range from 12 - 17 degrees centigrade.

### 1.1.1 Catchment population for the county

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Embu County makes up one of the Counties in Eastern Province. It borders Kitui County to the East & to the southeast, Kirinyaga County to the west and Tharaka Nithi County to the North. The County lies approximately between latitude 0 0 8” and 35”south, and longitude 37 0 19” and 37 0 42’East.

It occupies a total area of 708 squares kilometers. The County is characterized by highlands, midlands and other topographic features which include hills and valleys. The altitude range for the highlands is 1500 – 4500m, while the midland ranges from 1200 – 1500m. It is drained by four major rivers namely: -

Thuci

Kii

Rupingazi

Ena

## County Population and Demographics

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### 1.1.1. Health Sector Catchment Population for the County

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	<b>Sub-county/Constituency</b>	<b>Population at beginning of FY</b>	<b>Number of new outpatients (past twelve months)</b>	<b>Outpatient utilization per person</b>
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D = C/B *100)
1	MANYATTA	175771	972904	5.5
2	MBEERE NORTH	101207	243221	2.4
3	MBEERE SOUTH	147983	339112	2.3
4	RUNYENJES	161822	616908	3.8
	<b>EMBU</b>	<b>586 783</b>	2172145	3.7