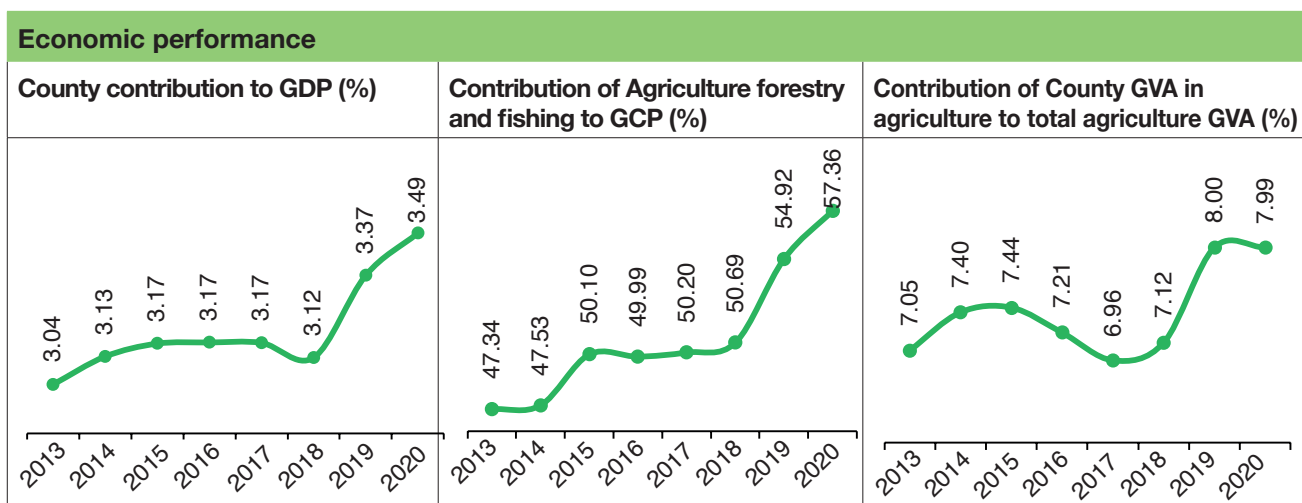
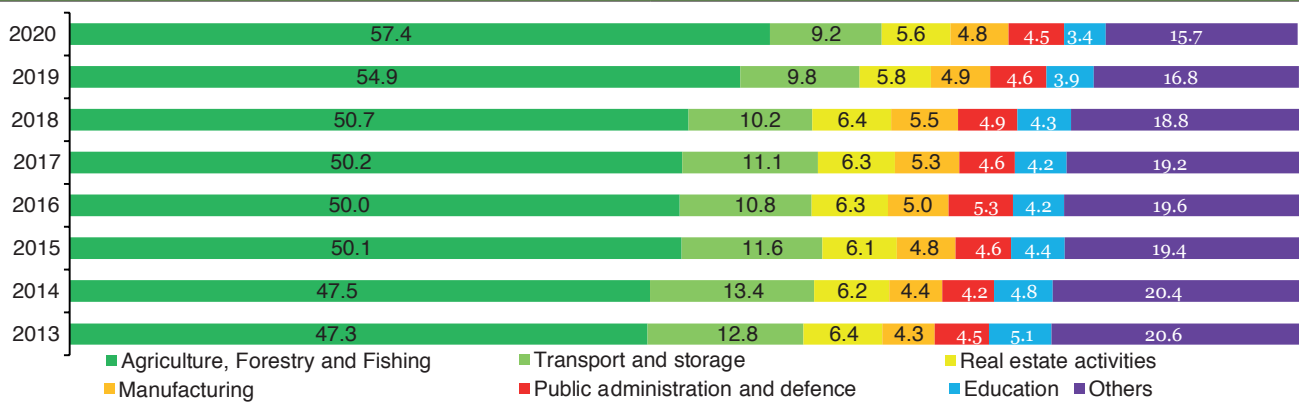


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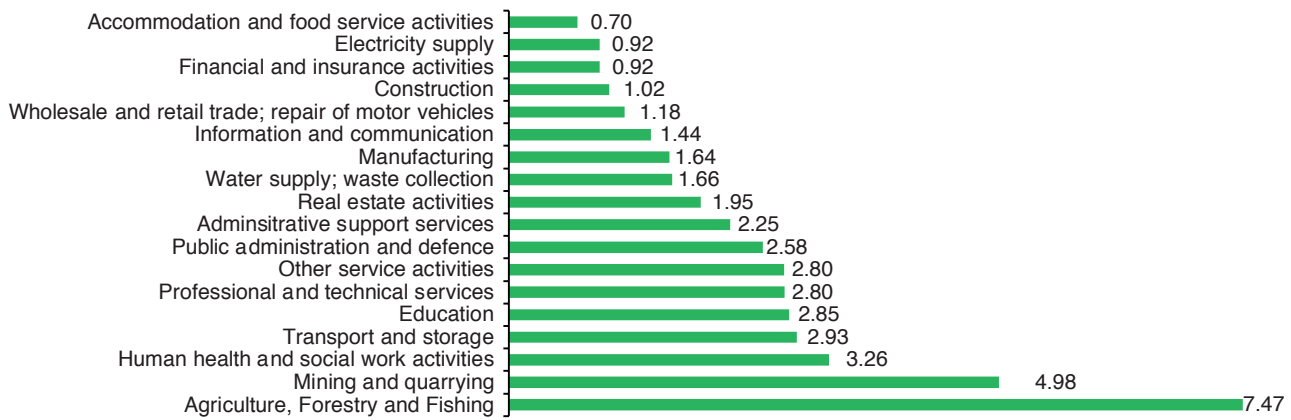
General Information				
County Headquarter	Meru			
Regional bloc	Mt. Kenya & Aberdares Regional Economic Bloc			
Demographic data	2009	Rank	2019	Rank
Population	1,356,301	6	1,545,714	6
Rural	1,249,445	2	1,406,796	3
Urban	106,856	25	138,918	20
Population Distribution (2019 Census)	Cohorts	Female	Male	Total
	0-5	101,724	103,007	204,731
	6-14	167,302	168,201	335,503
	15-35	284,097	277,151	561,248
	36-60	164,557	170,239	334,796
	61+	60,281	49,084	109,365
	2009	Rank	2019	Rank
Households	321,020	5	426,360	5
Rural	287,265	2	375,450	2
Urban	33,755	19	50,910	12
Households size	4.2	32	3.6	33
Surface area (Sq. km)	6,933		6,933	
Population Density (people per sq. km)	196	23	221	24
Sub counties	13			
Constituencies	9			
Wards	45			
Dominant economic activity	Agriculture, forestry and fishing		Khat (Miraa), Avocado, Tea	
Poverty Levels	2005/06	Rank	2015/16	Rank
Poverty headcount	28.3	43	19.4	45
Poverty gap	6.2	45	4.9	43
Poverty severity			1.8	43
Food poverty	2015/16		Rank	
Poverty headcount	15.5		46	
Poverty gap	3.8		45	
Poverty severity	1.4		45	
Child Poverty	2015/16		Rank	
0-5 Years	15.2		46	
6-13 Years	23.9		46	
14-17 Years	19.8		46	
0-17 Years	20.3		47	
Gini Coefficient	34		30	
Age Dependency Ratio	69		40	
Old Age Dependency Ratio	7.8		22	
Child Dependency Ratio	61.1		40	



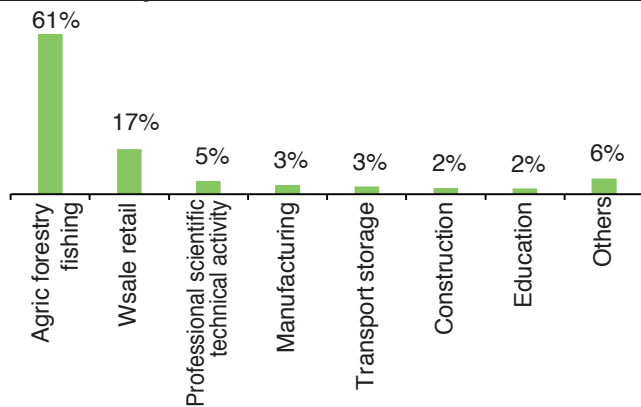
Sector Contribution to Total County GCP (%)



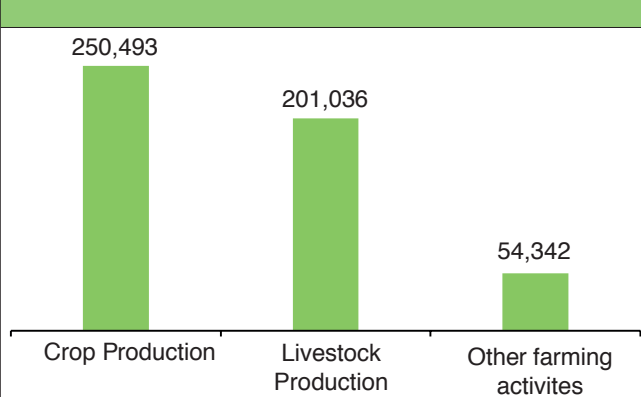
Average County Sector Contribution to overall sector Gross value Added (GVA) (%)



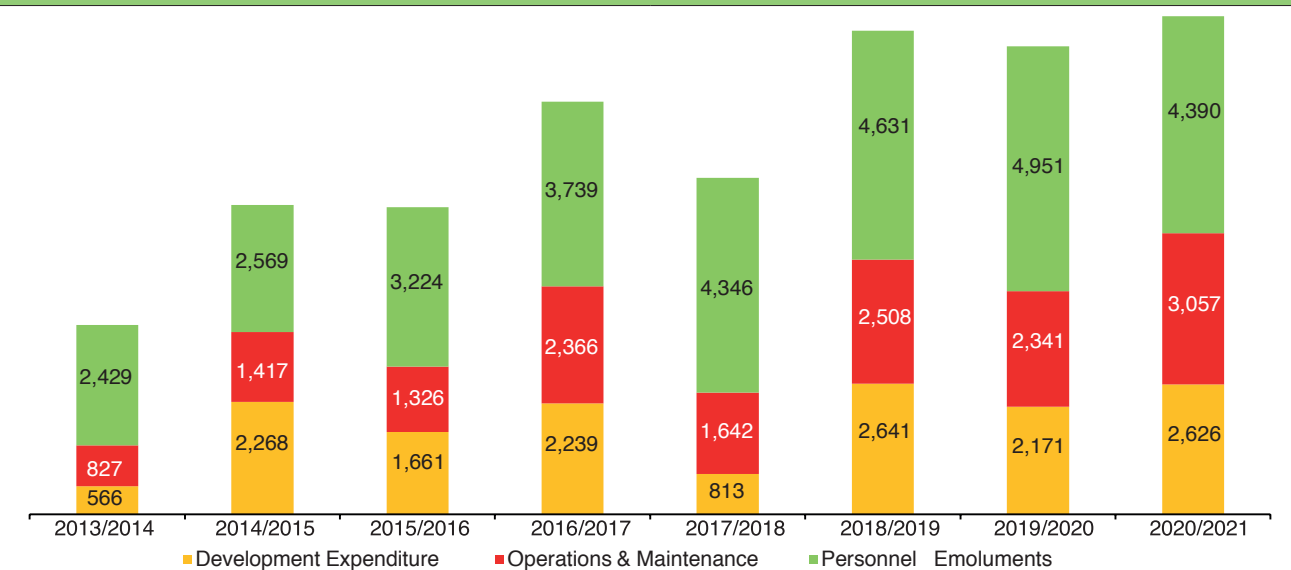
Percent of Population Engaged in Economic Activities by Sector as at 2015/16

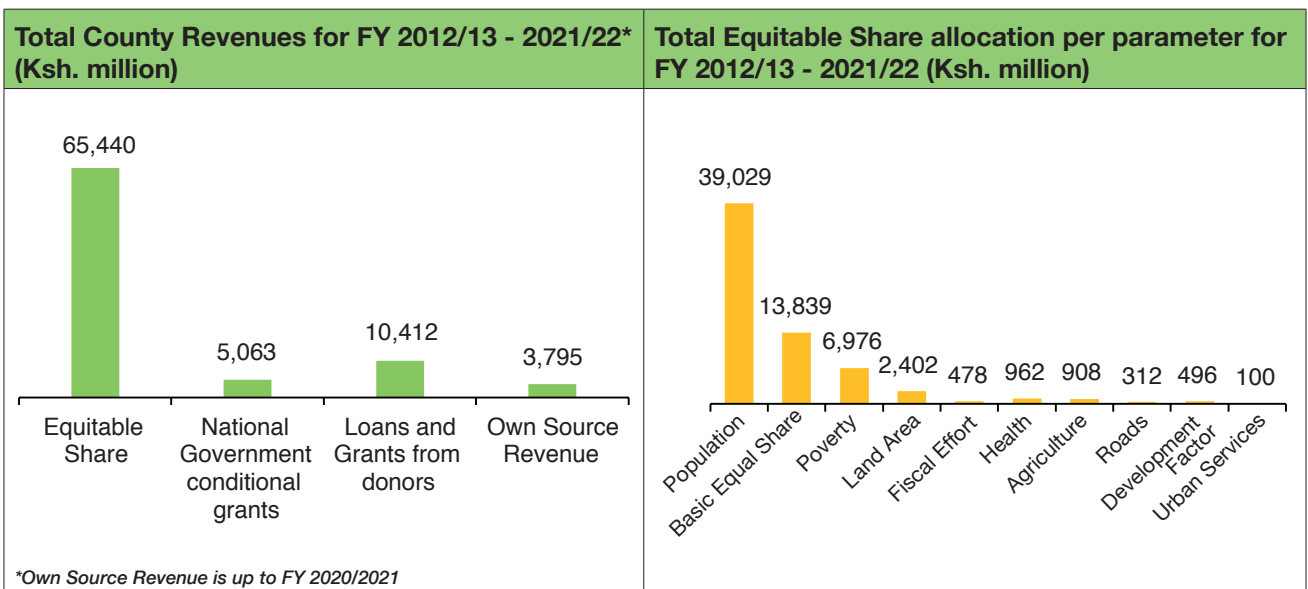
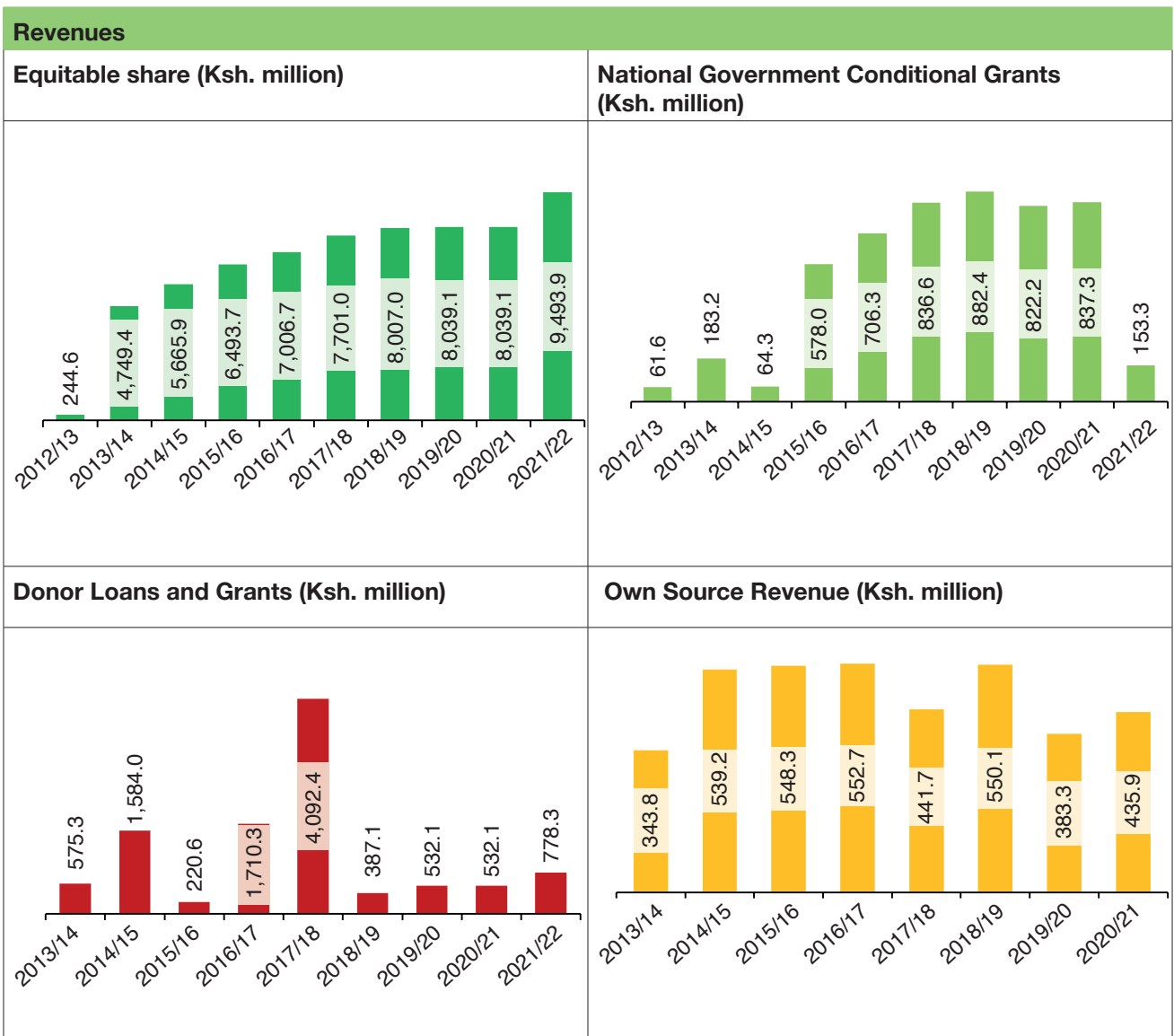


Households engaged in farming activities



County Expenditures (Ksh. million)





Socio-economic outcomes				
Health				
Health outcomes	2012/13	Rank	2019	Rank
Child immunization (%)	46.9	40	96.7	10
People Living with HIV	29,100	17	26,019	20
Deliveries at health facility (%)	69.5	4	94.5	11
	2019		Rank	
Total Fertility Rate	2.9		36	
Infant Mortality Rate (Per 1,000 Live Births)	33.4		20	
Under five Mortality Rate (Per 1,000 Live Births)	53.9		20	
Maternal Mortality Rate (100,000 Live Births)	291		30	
	Male	Rank	Female	Rank
Life Expectancy at Birth (Years), 2019	62.2	12	68.2	15
Life Expectancy at 60 (Years), 2019	16.4	10	18.7	12
	2015/16		Rank	
Morbidity (sick/injured) (%)	25.5		14	
Health facilities (2020)	Public		Private	
No. of health facilities Level 5 / 6	1		0	
No. of health facilities Level 4	14		18	
No. of health facilities Level 3	23		33	
No. of health facilities Level 2	149		321	
Health infrastructure and Personnel	2019		Rank	
Bed density per 10,000 population	15		20	
Health-workers per 10,000 population	19		12	
Health Expenditure	2019		Rank	
Average out of pocket outpatient expenditure (Ksh.)	2,451		8	
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Health Insurance	2015/16		Rank	
Insurance coverage (%)	17.4		24	
Education				
Education Outcomes	2009	Rank	2019	Rank
Population with primary education (%)	61.9	9	56.9	5
Population with secondary education (%)	17.5	28	20.5	30
Population with complete Primary or Higher education (%)			72.3	28
Pre-Primary School Net Enrolment Rate (%)			78.6	18
Primary School Net Enrolment Rate (%)			84.5	17
Secondary School Net Enrolment Rate (%)			43.5	22
	2009	Rank	2015/16	Rank
Literacy levels (%)	59.7	34	91	12
School Outcomes	2009	Rank	2015/16	Rank
Primary school net attendance rates (%)	84.8	20	87.1	20
Secondary school net attendance rates (%)	21.8	22	35.9	22
School Infrastructure, 2019				
No of schools	Public		Private	
ECDE centres	750		430	
Primary schools	729		444	
Secondary schools	388		12	
No. of teachers	Public		Private	
ECDE centres	2,255		1,295	
Primary schools	8,610		3,500	
Secondary schools	3,887		91	
Pupils Teachers Ratio (PTR)	Public		Private	
ECDE centres	23		17	
Primary schools	29		19	
Secondary schools	29		29	

	2019		Rank	
Public Primary schools connected to electricity (%)	97.5		18	
Water & Sanitation	2009	Rank	2019	Rank
Households accessing safe drinking water (%)	61.4	15	63.4	22
Households accessing improved sanitation (%)	78.1	8	89.8	11
Energy	2009	Rank	2019	Rank
Households accessing electricity (%)	13.6	18	40.6	20
Roads	2019		Rank	
Rural Access Index (RAI)-%	78		20	
ICT	2019		Rank	
Population accessing internet (%)	10.5		21	
Population owning mobile phones (%)	50.3		16	

Selected Social Services Access Rates and Poverty Levels by Constituency

