



Update on current and planned activities at the global level

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Resolution

- ❑ UN Statistical Commission endorsed the draft Resolution on 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme and submitted it to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations for adoption

- ❑ On 10 June 2015 ECOSOC adopted the Resolution



Resolution

- ❑ Endorses the 2020 World Programme
- ❑ Urges each member state to conduct at least one population and housing censuses in the period 2015-2024
 - ❑ Based on international recommendations
 - ❑ Advance planning
 - ❑ Cost efficiency
 - ❑ Coverage
 - ❑ Timely dissemination
- ❑ Underscores the need for quality standards and assurance and compliance with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics



Resolution

- ❑ Emphasizes the importance of the 2020 Programme for implementing and monitoring the sustainable development agenda
- ❑ Requests the United Nations to:
 - ❑ Prepare international standards, methods and guidelines
 - ❑ Ensure coordination of activities among stakeholders in assisting Member States in the implementation of the 2020 Programme
 - ❑ Monitor and regularly report on the implementation of the 2020 World Programme



2020 Round

- ❑ **UNSD mandate**
 - ❑ Developing and promoting methodological framework
 - ❑ Monitoring the implementation of the 2020 Programme
 - ❑ Reporting on the implementation
 - ❑ Provide support to national capacities



UNSD Methodological framework

Principles and
Recommendations, Rev. 3 (2015)

Handbook on Census Management,
Rev 2. (2016)

Technical
Report on
Post
Enumeration
Surveys
(2010)

Handbook on
Measuring
International
Migration
through
censuses
(2017)

Guidelines on
the Use of
Electronic
Data
Collection
Technologies
in Population
and Housing
Censuses
(2019)

Guidelines on
the use of
registers and
administr-
ative data for
population
and housing
censuses
(ECE 2018)

Handbook on
Editing for
Population
and Housing
Censuses
Draft
(2019)

Handbook on
GIS in
support of
Census
Activities
(2009)
Under review

Handbook on
Measuring
Economic
Activity
(2010)
Revised
under E-
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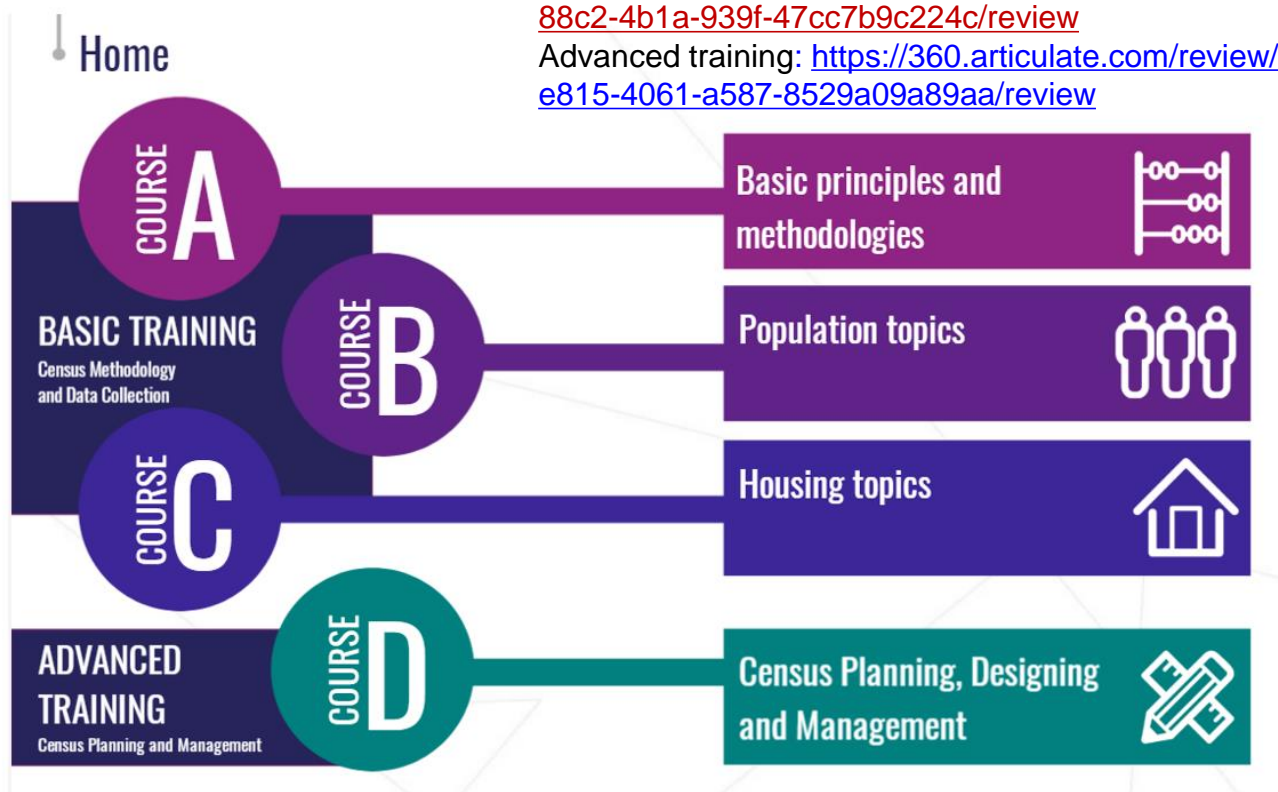


Resources

Population and Housing Census e-learning course

Basic training: <https://360.articulate.com/review/content/cdd741ee-88c2-4b1a-939f-47cc7b9c224c/review>

Advanced training: <https://360.articulate.com/review/content/f8d2a4b6-e815-4061-a587-8529a09a89aa/review>





E-learning course

Course A – Basic Principles and Methodologies

A1: Introduction
A2: Definitions and essential features
A3: Uses of population and housing censuses
A4: Data collection methodology
A5: Overview of the census operational phases
A6: Confidentiality and security
A7: Measuring the quality of data
A8: Self-assessment



E-learning course

□ Course B – Population Topics





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Course C – Housing Topics

C1: Introduction
C2: Concepts and definitions
C3: Characteristics of living quarters
C4: Amenities and other housing-related characteristics
C5: Availability of household goods and consumables
C6: Characteristics of buildings
C7: Self-assessment



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Course D – Census Planning and Management





Resources

❑ Census topics database at:

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/sconcerns/migration/census/index.html#/home>

Demographic and social

- ❑ Age (181 countries)
- ❑ Ethnicity (147 countries – including race)
- ❑ Indigenous People (30 countries)
- ❑ Language (110 countries)
- ❑ Marital Status (180 countries)
- ❑ Religion (118 countries)
- ❑ Sex (180 countries)

International migration

- ❑ Country of Birth (157 countries)
- ❑ Citizenship (142 countries)
- ❑ Year or period of arrival (83 countries)
- ❑ Country of birth of parents (17 countries)
- ❑ Emigration of household members (70 countries)
- ❑ Ever lived abroad (46 countries)
- ❑ Reason for migration (35 countries)
- ❑ Resident status including refugee status (14 countries)
- ❑ Remittances (13 countries)
- ❑ Acquisition of citizenship (27 countries)



Mid 2020 round survey

- ❑ UNSD launched a Survey on the implementation of the 2020 World Programme
- ❑ July – August 2019
- ❑ Still ongoing
- ❑ Short list - 11 questions in total
- ❑ Available at: <https://tinyurl.com/y4es2mo7>.
- ❑ At this moment – 138 replies



Mid 2020 round survey – major findings

Table 1. Number of responding countries on the census method

Census method	Number	Percent
Total	138	100
Traditional census	95	69
Register based	42	30
Fully register based	15	11
Combined 1 (registers and full field enumeration)	19	14
Combined 2 (registers and Sample surveys)	8	6
Rolling census	1	1



Mid 2020 round survey – major findings

Table 2. Number of responding countries on the enumeration method		
Enumeration method	Number	Percent
Total	123	100
PAPI	52	42
CAPI	88	72
Self-response paper questionnaire (mail in/mailed back)	12	10
Self-response paper questionnaire (delivered/collected by enumerator)	18	15
CAWI Internet self-response	47	38
Telephone interview (paper questionnaire)	2	2
CATI – Telephone interview, electronic questionnaire	15	12
Not decided	2	2

Note: The sum of categories exceeds the total as one response could include more than one category; countries were asked to select all that apply.



Mid 2020 round survey – major findings

Table 3. Number of responding countries on the collection of GPS coordinates		
GPS coordinates	Number	Percent
Total	138	100
Not collecting coordinates	21	15
Enumeration area (centroid and/or boundary)	105	76
Building and housing unit location	97	65
Roads and other features (such as railroads, water bodies, landmarks, facilities...)	29	21
Other	12	9

Note: The sum of categories exceeds the total as one response could include more than one category; countries were asked to select all that apply.



Mid 2020 round survey – major findings

Table 4. Number of responding countries on the challenges in conducting censuses

Challenges	Number	Percent
Total	138	100
Implementing new technologies	103	75
Financial resources	97	70
Improving coverage and data quality	99	72
Managing public trust/perception about the census	91	66
Improving data dissemination	90	65
Timeliness	90	65
Implementing new methodologies	88	64
Keeping the budget	86	62
Recruiting and training field staff	78	57
Privacy and confidentiality concerns	71	51
Identifying residential addresses	63	46
Legal authority/Government support	48	35
Other	14	10



Mid 2020 round survey – major findings

Table 5. Number of responding countries on the postponing census date

Countries postponing census date	Number	Percent
Total	29	100
Lack of budget	21	72
Problems/delays with preparative phases	11	38
Lack of legal authority/Government support (e.g. decree/proclamation for census not issued yet)	9	31
Political or civil disturbance	7	24
Lack of technical skills/capacity	2	7
Other	7	24

Note: The sum of categories exceeds the total as one response could include more than one category; countries were asked to select all that apply.



Mid 2020 round survey – concluding remarks

- ❑ Will all the countries conduct a population and housing censuses or otherwise generate small area census statistics by 2024?
 - ❑ Difficult to say at this moment – however, postponements, fragile security situation in a number of areas
- ❑ Majority of countries – traditional census – approaching each household in the country with request for information
 - ❑ However, the number of countries using registers is visibly increasing
- ❑ Majority – combination of enumeration methods – tablets, internet self-enumeration, paper questionnaires
 - ❑ Significant challenge – developing in parallel applications for different media, costs
- ❑ Use of GPS and geo-referencing
- ❑ Overall, censuses are acquiring a modern and contemporary look



Programme of work for 2019 – partial overview

- ❑ Promoting the *Principles and Recommendations*, the *Handbook* and the draft *Guidelines*
- ❑ Series of workshops in partnership with international and regional organizations
- ❑ Finalizing the *editing and GIS handbooks*
- ❑ Regular activities related to monitoring the implementation of the 2020 round of censuses
- ❑ Regular activities in providing assistance to countries