THE 2020 POPULATION CENSUS IN THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

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LEGAL BASIS

Decree of September 7, 2016, of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the Population Census in the Republic of Azerbaijan. According to the decree:

- The next population census in the Republic of Azerbaijan will take place during October 1 – 10, 2019.
- The Cabinet of the Republic of Azerbaijan developed an action plan to prepare and implement the population census.
- The State Statistical Committee received the task of preparing and implementing the population census, and reviewing, publishing, and disseminating its results.
LEGAL BASIS

  - establishes the members of the Central Assisting Commission for the Population Census, led by the deputy prime minister;
  - establishes that the population census will collect data as from 00:00 hours of October 1, 2019.
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- Goscomstat and the local governments are responsible for the preparation and performance of the population census.
- Commissions led by executive authorities’ deputy chiefs were established in 85 administrative-territorial units to assist with the population census.
- Funds from the state budget for 2018 – 2022 were allocated for the population census; based on Goscomstat’s calculations, funds were allocated for the next year to prepare and implement the population census, to review, publish, and disseminate its results, and to pay salaries to census workers.
- The structure of the group for the preparation and implementation of the population census was established.
THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POPULATION CENSUS

The Cabinet

Central Assisting Commission for the Population Census

Group for the preparation and implementation of the population census

District (city’s) statistical directorates

Supervisor of enumeration district

Instructor-inspectors

Census takers

Oral interviews with respondents

District (city’s) assisting commissions for the population census

Chairperson of the State Statistical Committee

Central and local governments

Review of the census results
After census zoning, the following divisions were established:

- 720 census stations;
- 6,777 instructor stations;
- 33,907 enumeration stations.

The number of temporary census takers is established based on the average workload of 300 persons per worker.

The census cost per person will be 1.44 USD.

A decision of the RA Cabinet establishes a Goscomstat group responsible for preparing and carrying out the population census.

The group consists of 32 members.
CENSUS PERSONNEL CAPACITY

- 33,907 interviewers
- 6,777 supervisors
- 42,844 persons
- 720 deputy supervisors of census stations
- 720 supervisors of census stations
- 720 backup interviewers
PREPARATORY PHASES FOR THE POPULATION CENSUS

☑ Planning:


☑ The 2019 population census in the Republic of Azerbaijan will use traditional methods. The entry of data from paper questionnaires into the electronic information system will be manual.

☑ Preparation:

☑ The preparation and approval of census forms, survey forms, checklists, separate forms of the census documentation, and instructions on filling out
PREPARATORY PHASES FOR THE POPULATION CENSUS

- The determination of the list and boundaries of cities and small towns; the sorting of street names, building numbers, and apartment numbers
- The preparation of cartographic materials
- The listing of buildings and rooms for cities and small towns and the listing of rural localities
- The zoning of the country’s territory for the census
- The preparation of organizational plans
- Awareness raising
IMPLEMENTATION PHASES OF THE POPULATION CENSUS

- Population census:
  - The recruitment and training of census workers
  - Preliminary walkthrough
  - The polling of the population and the filling out of census forms
  - Checking walkthrough
  - The collection and receipt of census forms (files)

- Data processing:
  - The entry of personal data
  - The generation of the database
  - The generation of output tables

- The publication of materials:
  - The dissemination of the final data of the population census
THE MAIN FORMS OF THE CENSUS DOCUMENTATION

Considering the current reality, approximately 50 methodological documents were revised and approved.
Electronic schematic plans of every census division in the country were created on computers, printed in color, and offered to the supervisors of census stations.
Awareness Raising

Delegated officers’ presentations about the goals and importance of the population census at various meetings and public events in the cities and across the country.

Interviews and discussions on radio and TV.

Lectures and discussions at enterprises, organizations, educational institutions, etc.

Publication of newspaper and magazine articles about various aspects of the population census.
With the support from UNFPA, awareness raising posters and banners were installed in the streets and other public places in cities and regions.
During the 2000 population censuses round, census forms contained 21 questions, the 2010 round covered 35 questions, and, in 2019, census and survey forms will contain 52 questions (6 in the census form and 28 in the survey form, including 18 subquestions).

The questions included in the census and survey forms are in line with the main principles of the UNECE recommendations on population and housing censuses for 2020 and correspond to the list of social, economic, and demographic indicators adopted at the meeting of the Council of the Heads of Statistical Services of CIS States.
The question blocks request information on the following main characteristics of households and their members:

- Enumeration characteristics, household and family characteristics
- Demographic and ethnic-cultural characteristics
- Marital status (family status)
- Geographic and migration characteristics
- Education
- Economic characteristics
- Disability
- Living quarters and living conditions/dwellings
NEW QUESTIONS IN THE CENSUS FORM

- The question regarding nationality includes the answer “nationality unknown.”

- There is a question regarding numeracy.

- There are questions that help to identify workforce and potential workforce, employment (including self-employment), unemployment, economic inactivity, including to determine those who produce goods for their own consumption.

- There is a block of questions regarding disability.

- The block of questions regarding living and housing conditions was extended.
PILOT POPULATION CENSUS IN 2018
IN QABALA DISTRICT

- The pilot population census was carried out during October 1 – 10, 2018, in Qabala District.
- Lists of buildings in cities and villages were prepared, and data about their population was clarified.
- The organizational plan was prepared, and census zoning was carried out.
- Census personnel participated in workshops and trainings.
- Software was developed to encode and enter primary data, process results, and generate output tables.
PILOT POPULATION CENSUS IN 2018
IN QABALA DISTRICT

- To motivate the population,
  - meetings were held with the workers from district organizations and institutions;
  - local and republican newspapers published several explanatory articles;
  - billboards, banners, and posters were installed in the streets;
  - a press conference was held with representatives of the leading media outlets, and its materials were shown on local TVs and published on national online media portals.
The personnel of the 2018 pilot census in Qabala District

- 359 interviewers
- 70 supervisors
- 8 supervisors of census stations
- 8 deputy supervisors of census stations
- 445 persons
- 71% men
- 21% women
- 22% young people
The pilot census totals:

- District population is 1.8% larger than estimated for the time of census, including:
  - population in the cities and villages — 34.4%;
  - population in rural localities — 65.6%;
  - men — 51.2%;
  - women — 48.8%;
  - temporary residents (including displaced persons) — 2.1%;
  - temporary absent — 5.6%.
During the preparatory actions and the pilot census, the following issues were identified:

- Discrepancies between the schematic plans of the localities covered by the new address register and the address data from those localities
- Absence of addresses in most rural localities and incomplete addresses in cities and villages
- Discrepancies between the actual number of buildings and houses and the number indicated in the schematic plans of localities (especially for the buildings constructed or demolished after the preparation of the schematic plans)
Thank you!