Second trial census in Poland and plans for the census in 2021

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The aim: Maximum simplification of the method of census implementation while maintaining high quality of obtained results.
Dates of trial censuses

First trial census in 2019
• was carried out in the period from October 1-31 in two selected municipalities (each in a different region of Poland)

Second trial census in 2020
• was carried out in the period from April 1 to 30 in 16 selected municipalities (each in a different region of Poland) in the conditions of the Covid pandemic
Second trial census

Took place in the following circumstances:

• concerns of respondents and employees of statistics about health and life

• eliminating physical contacts

• selfenumeration widely publicized, but at the local level – in the municipalities included in the census

• without the enumerators in the field

• telephone enumerators working remotely

• without access to the rooms equipped with computer with software installed (in municipalities’ offices) sufficient to conduct an online self-enumeration
Conclusion

Taking into account that:

• the Covid pandemic made it necessary to adapt the already established organization of the census and the mode of work to the conditions of a total reduction of face to face contacts

• it was necessary to adapt the census systems to work remotely

• employees had to learn a new way of working

• the changes were implemented within only 1 month

The implementation of the second trial census proved that it is possible to conduct a census in this way.
Plans for the 2021 census

- All data collection methods (CAxI) will be obligatory
- Training of enumerators to work in both CAPI and CATI - universal enumerators
- Adaptation of mobile devices to work in both CAPI and CATI mode
- Flexible use of CAPI and CATI depending on the risk of a Covid pandemic
- Census "on demand"
- Adequate publicity
Thank you for your attention

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