

Identifying best practices for risk assessment, contingency planning and emergency response in Population and Housing Census in Poland

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Covid-19: Good practices in the Polish census

- Training of enumerators to work via Internet
- Enumerator as multitasking enumerator (to work in both CAPI and CATI)
- Adaptation of mobile devices to work in both CAPI and CATI mode
- CATI Census „on demand”
- Personal protective equipment for enumerators and for the respondent while directly collecting data
- Communication and outreach activities about censuses and the method of censuses
- No use of paper.

Amendment the Census Act

Taking into account the Covid-19 pandemic, we amended the Act of Population and Housing Census twice, in 2020 and 2021:

- the 1st amendment concerned adapting 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,
- the 2st amendment concerned changing the time during which the respondent can take a census by adding extra three months from April 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 and determining one rate for enumerators.

Census activities

- rooms for self-enumeration in the offices of municipal offices,
- Census helpline: +48 22 279 99 99,
- assistance of a consultant on duty at the census hotline,
- census bar charts, daily / weekly plans
- contests with prizes and lottery
- intensive census promotional campaign.

Methods in Population and Housing census

- CAWI – April 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021
- „on demand” census - April 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021
- CATI - May 4, 2021 – September 30, 2021
- CAPI – (depending on the Covid-19 pandemic) July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021

Census in Poland is fully implemented using an electronic interactive census form

Workload for enumerators (tasks)

- The regional dispatcher (NUTS2 level - voivodship), directing the apartment to be listed in CORstat_census, defines the mode of the interview - by phone or direct
- The regional dispatcher assigns the apartments from his area of operation to the census enumerator
- The dispatcher decides on the allocation of apartments for the telephone interview method taking into account the following criteria:
 - a) availability of telephone number to people in the apartments handed over to the enumerator for census,
 - b) availability of telephone and external enumerators.

Information dashboard

The progress of the census is monitored on an ongoing basis by the regional dispatcher using the CORstat census management system tools - reports and dashboard.

The dashboard is a tool for calculating daily targets, i.e. the number of apartments that should be listed by enumerators in municipalities, provinces and for Poland in general, and for presenting (monitoring) the census progress.

Two versions of the dashboard:

- full - for whole Poland and 16 NUTS2 regions
- limited - for about 2.500 municipalities

Census for homeless people

- Homeless people in collective accommodation facilities, such as hostels or night shelters, will be listed in the census application by the facility manager.
- Self-enumeration point in the Municipal Census Bureau.
- Census "on demand" via the hotline.
- Cooperation with governmental and non-governmental organizations supporting homeless people.

Reality for the Census 2021

- All data collection methods (CAxI) are 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 the Covid-19 pandemic
- Census "on demand"
- Adequate popularization

Conclusion

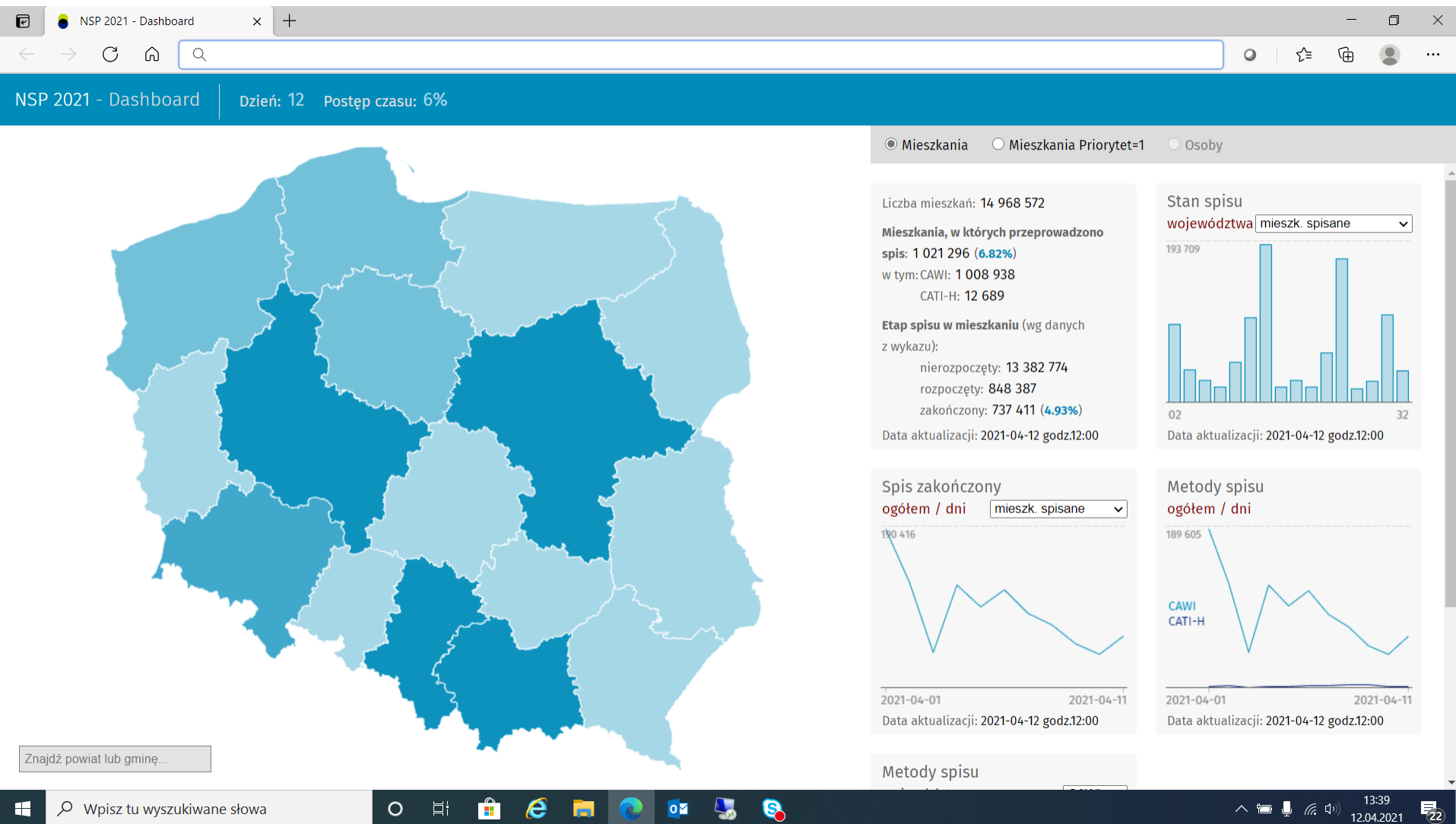
The tasks specified in the Population and Housing Census schedule are taking place according to the indicated dates.

Amendments to the Act of Population and Housing Census made it possible to conduct a census during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Adequate popularization of Population and Housing Census.

Good experiences from the Agricultural Census, which took place in 2020 with an impressive success (98% coverage)

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Thank you for your attention

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