



TF-5 progress report: Population Concepts and Related Definitions

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Scope

- Reviewing Chapter V of the 2020 Recommendations
- Core focus – ongoing relevance and feasibility of the usual residence definition in context of move to the use of administrative data sources
- Need to ensure compatibility with other areas of the Recommendations:
 - Migration
 - Household and family characteristics
- Review of methods applied for the estimation of usually resident population when using administrative registers
- Consider additional population bases – eg. day-time population

Organisation of work

- Input to the questionnaire
- Review of the 2020 recommendations relating to population definitions and concepts
 - Proposals for revisions
- The wider context
 - New EU legislation on population statistics
 - Widespread growth in the use of administrative data sources

Place of usual residence

- The 'place of usual residence' is the geographic place where the enumerated person usually spends their daily rest, assessed over a defined period of time including the census reference time.
 - Not changed despite considerable discussion

Usually resident population

- The 'usually resident population' of a country is composed of those persons who have their place of usual residence in the country at the census reference time and have lived, or intend to live, there for a continuous period of time of at least 12 months. A 'continuous period of time' means that absences (from the country of usual residence) whose durations are shorter than 12 months do not affect the country of usual residence.
 - Not changed. Discussion about inclusion of 'assumed to have lived'

Registered place of residence

- As part of the estimation process in registers-based censuses, whenever reference is made to actual geographic places for the usually resident population base, it could be replaced by the registered place of residence.
 - Removal of the qualification

‘ where the criterion of residence is similarly defined with reference to a qualification period of 12 months.’

Groups about which there may be uncertainty about residence

- List separately
 - illegal, irregular or undocumented migrants provided that they meet the criteria for the usual residence in the country ;
 - asylum seekers and persons who have applied for, or been granted, refugee status or similar types of international protections,

regardless of the type of living quarters in which they are living, provided that they meet the criteria for the usual residence in the country.

Addition: The intention is not to distinguish these persons separately, but rather to ensure that they are not missed from the enumeration;

Clarifications and updates to wording

- Removing reference to merchant seamen and fishermen
 - Possible replacement with 'seafarers'
- Clearer examples of institutional households and their members
 - Also ensuring coherence with related definitions

Further work

- Retain and clarify definitions for additional / option populations
 - Population present
 - Daytime population
 - Workplace population

Conclusions

- Task Force discussions so far have reviewed options for changes to the main population definitions and different population groups to be included / excluded
- Overall proposals are for minor updates and clarifications without major amendments to the core definitions

Thank you



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