

# Enhancing the use of administrative data for census purposes: Intro to ESCAP initiatives

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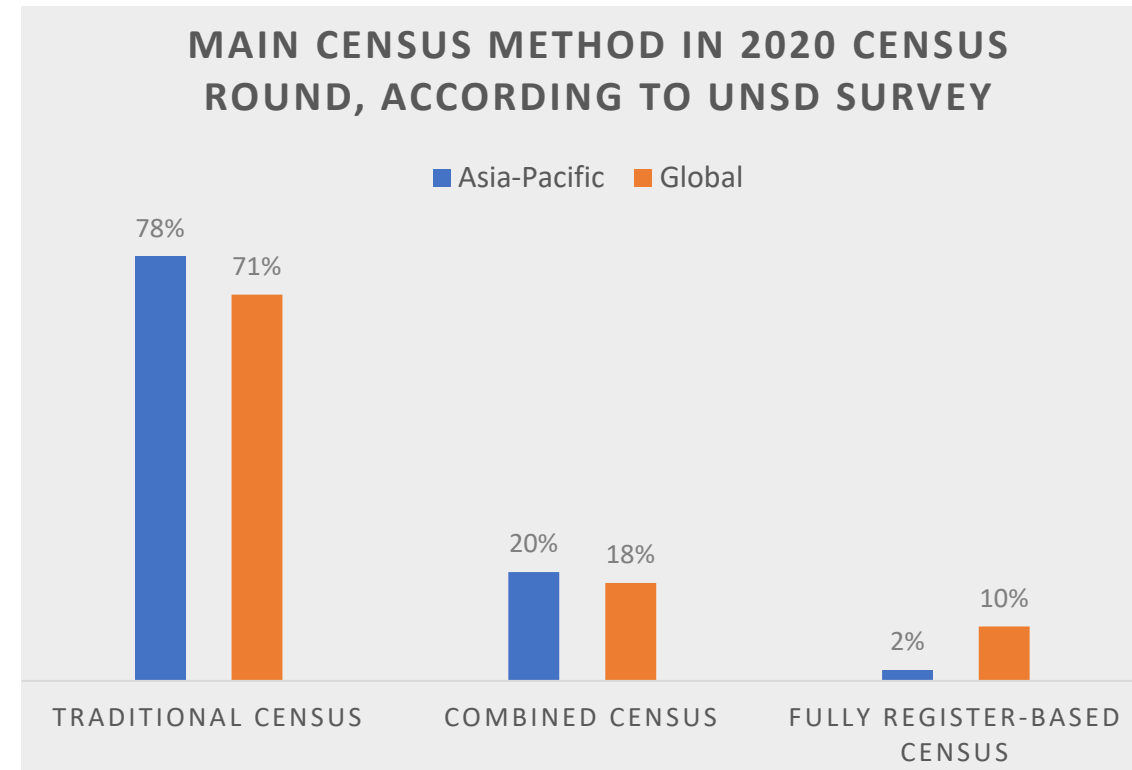
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- [Collective vision and framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community](#) endorsed by the Committee on Statistics at its fifth session in 2016 under Action areas C (Integrated statistics for integrated analysis) and D (Modernizing statistical business processes), advocates the integration of different data sources to improve the availability of disaggregated data and official statistics.

[ESCAP/CST/2022/INF/3](#)

- [Regional Steering Group on Population and Social Statistics](#) at its third meeting in 2021, recognised the significance of modernising census-taking and expressed the need for regional capacity-building activities on register-based censuses.



# Knowledge products

- [Emerging trends in census approaches in Asia and the Pacific \(with country examples\)](#)
- [Stats Brief, April 2022 \(Issue no. 31\): Tapping into administrative data in census-taking: an emerging trend in Asia and the Pacific](#)
- [Stats Brief: Population Registers: A Key Resource for Producing Vital Statistics](#) (in collaboration with SPC)
- [Stats Brief: Are population censuses in Asia and the Pacific evolving?](#)

Starting from  
late 2021



# Capacity building (concluded)



- Regional Training Workshop on Transition to Register-based Approaches for Population and Housing Censuses, Ankara, Türkiye, 12-15 June 2023, co-organized by ECE, SIAP, UNFPA, UNSD plus ECO, SESRIC and TurkStat.
- Virtual training on Moving Towards Register-based Population and Housing Censuses (PHC), October 2022, co-organized by the SIAP and ECO, with contributions from ESCAP, ECE and UNSD.
- Stats Café and DI-CoP sessions on the census





- [Regional Workshop on the Use of Administrative Data Sources for Population and Housing Censuses](#), Suzhou, China, 23-27 September 2024, in collaboration with UNFPA, National Bureau of Statistics China, UNSD and SPC)
- In-country capacity-building and technical support to develop a roadmap for their enhanced use of administrative data for the census
  - [Series of events on Increasing the use of administrative data sources for producing official statistics in Indonesia](#), Jakarta, Indonesia, 22-26 July 2024 in partnership with UNSD and Statistics Norway (concluded)
  - Other countries TBD



# Self-Assessment Tool on the Readiness to Use Administrative Data for Census (SATRAC)



- **Objective:** to assist countries in self-assessment of their current institutional and technical capacity for utilizing administrative data sources in their censuses.
  
- **The tool:**
  - highlights different institutional and technical aspects that should be considered before/while using administrative data for the census
  
  - assists countries in:
    - identifying their areas of strength, weakness and shortcomings,
    - evaluating their progress made over time
    - improve communication between the NSO and relevant administrative data holders
  
  - Provides valuable information for developing/updating the roadmap

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## Development steps:

- **2023:** initial draft, pilot with countries participating in [Regional Training Workshop on Transition to Register-based Approaches for Population and Housing Censuses](#), Ankara, 12-15 June 2023
  
- **2024:**
  - revise based on the feedback received from the above-mentioned workshop
  - pilot with participating countries in two Regional Workshops (ESCAP and ECE region) in late September and early October
  - revise and conduct a global consultation
  
- **Early 2025:** Launch of the tool

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## NSO Module ( $\approx$ 50 Qs)

To be completed by a cross-functional team comprised of different relevant units of NSOs

- Political support and legal framework
- Collaboration with administrative data holders
- Availability of administrative data sources
- Unified identification system
- Human and IT Resources
- Methodological matters and quality assessment
- Data confidentiality

## Admin Data Holders Module ( $\approx$ 30 Qs)

NSO to coordinate with key administrative data holders to complete

- Institutional arrangements
- Data sharing
- Database and availability of Unique identifier
- Data quality
- Coverage
- Consistency and comparability

Multiple choice (“yes”, “no”, “partially”, “don’t know”) with the option to include comments or explanations



# Way forward



- Build on previous efforts and successful experiences; call for joining the force by partners to co-support countries at the global/regional/sub-regional and national levels
- Adapt Ankara and China workshops and conduct for other regions/sub-regions
- Offer in-country capacity-building activities and technical assistance to enhance the capacity of countries to develop and implement a roadmap for increased use of administrative data for census purposes, tailored to their country context
- Launch of the self-assessment tool

A photograph of a long, straight asphalt road stretching into the distance towards a bright sunset. The road is marked with a white dashed line in the center. Large, white, 3D-style numbers representing years are painted on the road surface, starting from '2023' in the foreground and receding into the distance: '2023', '2024', '2025', '2026', '2027', '2028', and '2029'. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with scattered white clouds. The background shows dark silhouettes of hills or mountains.

2029  
2028  
2027  
2026  
2025  
2024  
2023



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A graphic featuring the words "Thank you" in a dark blue, rounded, cursive-style font. The text is set against a white background with a subtle drop shadow. A yellow smiley face with a wide, curved mouth and two vertical lines for eyes is positioned above the letter 'h' in "Thank". The entire graphic is centered within a white square, which is itself centered on a dark blue horizontal band.

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