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# Activities on revising international recommendations regarding Migration statistics

## ✓ The revision of the “1998 Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration“

- Secretary-General report on migration statistics in the fifty second session "Migration Statistics" (E/CN.3/2021/11).  
core elements in the upcoming revision of the United Nations Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration;

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/52nd-session/documents/2021-11-MigrationStats-EE.pdf>

## ✓ UNSD (2023): “International Recommendations on Statelessness Statistics (IROS)”.

[https://egrisstats.org/wp-content/uploads/International\\_Recommendations\\_on\\_Statelessness\\_Statistics\\_Jan\\_2023\\_final.pdf](https://egrisstats.org/wp-content/uploads/International_Recommendations_on_Statelessness_Statistics_Jan_2023_final.pdf)

## ✓ UN and EUROSTAT, 2018. International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics (IRRS), Expert Group on Refugee and Internally Displaced Persons Statistics – International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics (mainly chapter 3: Defining refugee and refugee related populations for the purpose of statistical measurement).

<https://egrisstats.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/International-Recommendations-on-Refugee-Statistics.pdf>

# The revision of the “1998 Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration”

## Alignment The definition of “International Migration”:

1998 Recommendations	Revised recommendations
It defines two types of migrants: a. Long-term migrant - a person who moves to his/her usual residence for a period of at least 12 months b. Short-term migrant - a person who moves to his/her usual residence for at least 3 months but less than 12 months, except for holiday, visits, business, so on.	An international migrant is defined as a person who has changed her/his country of residence and established new residence in the country.

(c) International migrants: The Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration define an international migrant as “a person who has changed his or her country of usual residence and established a new residence in another country”. According to this definition, the stock of international migrants present in a country is defined based on duration-of-stay criteria, using one of the following criteria: a) the place where the person has lived continuously for most of the preceding 12 months (that is, for at least 6 months and one day), regardless of temporary absences for holiday or work assignment, or intends to live for at least 6 months and one day; b) the place where the person has lived continuously for at least the preceding 12 months, regardless of temporary absences for holiday or work assignment, or intend to live for at least 12 months This group includes all foreign born (population groups (3), (4), (7), (8), (11) and (12) in the table) plus those native born who have ever resided abroad.

# The revision of the “1998 Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration“ (con.)

## Distinguishing international migration from other types of *mobility*:

1998 Recommendations	Revised recommendations
Temporary population mobility is not included.	The proposed framework makes a clear distinction between international migration and other related international temporary mobility which includes all international border crossings (events) except those related to changes in the resident population. Temporary population movements are considered to be as important to measure as they may greatly influence the economic and social setting of a country.

### Temporary mobility:

- a. We added two paragraphs (13 and 14) in the Introduction;
- b. We added the description of a non-core topic of temporary mobility and we refer to collect data on reason for temporary mobility.

# The revision of the “*International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics*”

The International Recommendations on Refugee Statistics (IRRS) adopted by the United Nations Statistical Commission in March 2018 (Decision 49/115), provide a set of specific recommendations that countries and international organizations can use to improve the collection, collation, disaggregation, reporting, and overall quality of statistics on populations forcibly displaced across borders. The recommendations are intended to help those countries that wish to collect information on this topic to improve national statistics on the stocks and flows and characteristics of refugee and refugee related populations, and to help make such statistics comparable internationally.

In this chapter, we recommend adopting the 2018 Statistical Framework of the Recommendations, in particular referring to the different groups belonging to refugee and refugee-related populations with reference to collecting data on stock and flows.

# The revision of the “Internally displaced persons”

## Alignment with the definition of “Internal Displacement Person - IDP“:

### The 2020 Census Recommendations

Internally displaced persons (IDPs) are defined as nationals or citizens who were ‘forced migrants’ within their country of residence together with their dependents living in the same household at the census reference time, including children born after the forced migration took place.<sup>66</sup> As with the population with refugee background (paragraph 672), the IDP population can only be identified if the topic of reason for internal migration is included in the census.

### 2020 IDP International Recommendations

The 2020 International Recommendations on Internal displacement Persons defines IDP as the situation of persons who have been forced or obliged to leave or abandon their homes and who have not crossed an internationally recognized border.

## Distinguishes between four main categories on official statistics

- a) IDPs (or persons who have displacement-related protection needs and vulnerabilities).
- b) **Children of at least one IDP parent:** Should be counted
- c) **Other non-displaced family members of IDPs:** Should not be included as a statistical
- d) **Those who have overcome key displacement-related vulnerabilities:**

## Addition of a question about the reason for internal migration

- Our review of the Migration and Mobility chapter was based on changes in international definitions and recommendations in the various guidelines on international migration.
- 6. Temporary mobility:
  - a. We added two paragraphs (13 and 14) in the Introduction;
  - b. We added the description of a non-core topic of temporary mobility (section III.C.10).
- 7. We aligned the definition of "international migration" to the definitions agreed by the United Nations Expert Group on Migration Statistics<sup>1</sup> (paragraph 21c).
- 8. Refugee: we revised the topic and adapted it to the new recommendations on refugee statistics (section III.C.9).
- 9. Adding a new non-core topic "Reasons of internal migration" was required for deriving the displaced persons (section III.D.6).
- 10. Internally displaced persons: we adjusted the topic to the new definitions and recommendations on displaced persons (section III.D.7).
- 11. Editorial changes were made throughout the chapter.

**Thank you for  
your attention**