

Population Statistics

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Work plan on Censuses



- 2023 Sep-Oct: survey of national practices in the 2020 round
- 2023 Oct – 2024 Sep: task forces analyze of survey results, draft Recommendations
- **2024 Oct: expert meeting reviews the draft Recommendations**
- 2025 Feb: CES Bureau reviews the draft Recommendations
- **2025 June:** CES plenary endorses the Recommendations
- The current Steering Group on Population and Housing Censuses to oversee this work until its conclusion

Integration of Work Streams on Censuses and Migration: Rationale



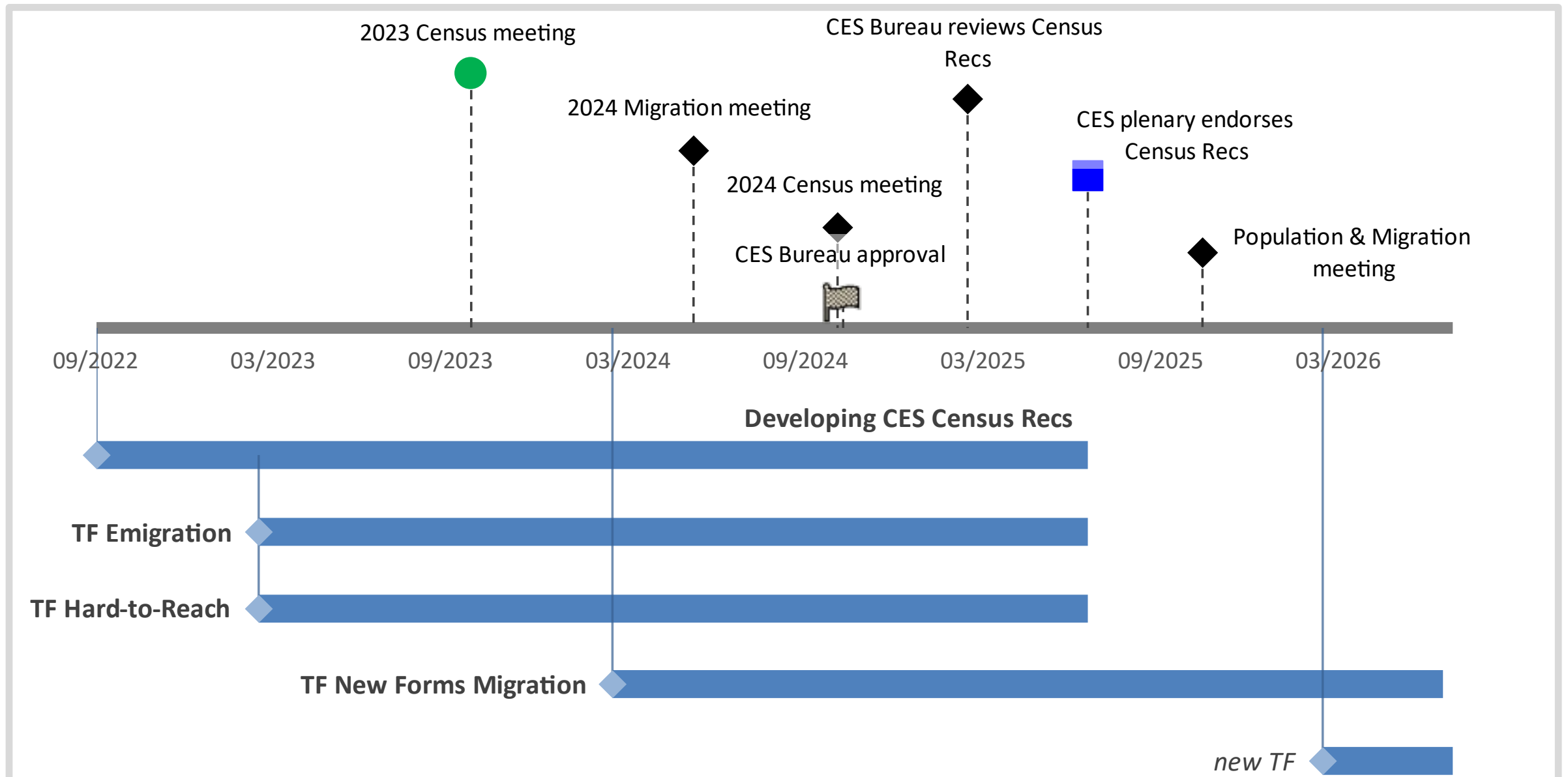
- Subject matter converging → a system of statistics, based mainly on administrative sources, which captures the characteristics and distribution of the population
- Drivers: user needs; potential to produce statistics more efficiently using administrative sources
- Integration supported by the Groups of Experts on Population and Housing Censuses and Migration Statistics
- Recording of migration as a key component in the accuracy of annual population estimates. Information on migrants in current population estimates.
- International exchange of experience is expected to be more pertinent and effective in the integrated meetings on statistics on population and migration, instead of separate ones

ToR for the integrated Steering Group on Statistics on Population and Migration



- To be reviewed for approval by the CES Bureau on 9 October 2024. Again in 2027
- Programme to cover, among others: all types of population censuses, supplementary population bases and migration statistics, and to improve the use of administrative data for statistics on population and migration..
- The right to propose new task forces. Oversee current task forces: (a) Emigration; (b) New forms of migration; (c) Hard-to reach groups in admin sources.
- Organize annual meetings of the Group of Experts on Statistics on Population and Migration, next on 15-17 October 2025. Timetables to facilitate different delegates to contribute to specific thematic sessions.
- Support implementation of CES and global methodological guidance through capacity development

Timeline



Topics for 2025



- a) Dealing with hard-to-count and vulnerable population groups;
- b) New perspectives on data quality;
- c) Research on the use of administrative data for censuses;
- d) Harnessing new technologies and new data sources;
- e) Geospatial information and censuses;
- f) Transformations in population statistics;

Thank you for your attention!

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