

Census taking in Europe: how are populations counted in 2010?

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It is essential to count the population so that necessary levels of service provision for schools, transport,

healthcare, etc. can be determined in each municipality. But census taking is costly, and a growing

number of people are reluctant to participate. To address these problems, the industrialized countries have

developed new, less expensive methods based on existing data obtained from surveys and population

registers. This article describes the methods employed by European countries for the population censuses

scheduled in 2010 and beyond.

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