

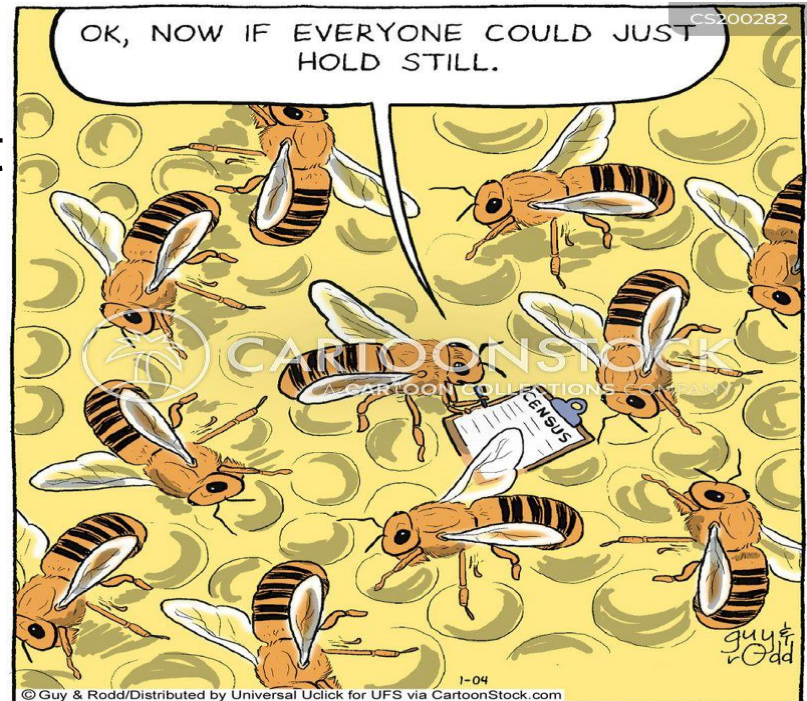
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THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON CENSUS 2021 ACTIVITIES - CROATIA

THE MAIN DIFFICULTIES

The main difficulties in conducting the census fieldwork include:

- ✓ Changes in the epidemiological situation from day to day
- ✓ Mobility restrictions
- ✓ Distributing census equipment
- ✓ Education of enumerators
- ✓ Work only from home
- ✓ Protective equipment



MODIFIED CENSUS ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Changes in legal framework
- ✓ Changes with regard reference day (initially set at 31 March 2021; new reference day 31 August 2021)
- ✓ Changes of census activities
- ✓ Introducing CAWI and CAPI methods of data collection
- ✓ Changes of the Budget
- ✓ Protective equipment for enumerators
- ✓ Changes in communication



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THE METHODS OF FIELD ENUMERATION

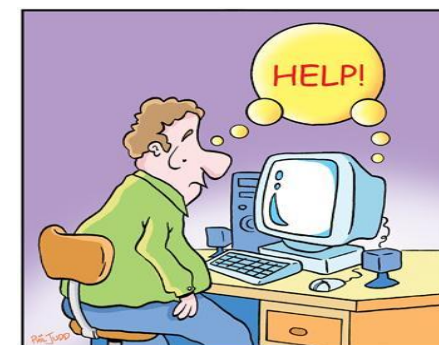
- From 13 to 26 September 2021, persons could enumerate themselves using the census questionnaire in electronic form (CAWI method), which was available via the e-Citizens national electronic system, enumerating at the same time their household as well as the dwelling they live in
- From 27 September to 14 November 2021 (CAPI method), using electronic devices, enumerators have been enumerating those census units that have not enumerated themselves during the CAWI Census phase



CAWI METHOD



- ✓ In the process of self-enumeration, citizens had the opportunity to fill out a digital questionnaire about their dwelling and household as well as all members of the household.
- ✓ One reference person provides all the data for one household, that is, you as an e-respondent are expected to fill in the questionnaire with identification data as well as data on your dwelling and household and data on all members of the household.
- ✓ National “e-Citizen” platform was used and it was very well received by the public.
- ✓ Around 40% of population have been self enumerated
- ✓ Help-desk was organized where citizens are provided with all the information about the Census.



CAPI METHOD

- ✓ Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Census 2021 was implemented with a Public Health Security Protocol (for all population including Census staff)
- ✓ All enumerator had to have COVID-19 certificates
- ✓ In the field enumeration phase, each enumerator has been made responsible for certain enumeration areas.
- ✓ By visiting dwellings, the enumerator were enumerating persons, households and dwellings.
- ✓ The survey is based on a statement. The enumerator is not allowed to request identification documents from citizens.



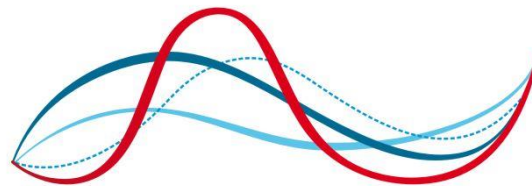
QUALITY CONTROL AND DATA COVERAGE

- ✓ In 2021 Census round, along with the Post Enumeration Survey, administrative sources could be source for measuring the Census coverage.
- ✓ The coverage control will be carried out on the sample containing 300 enumeration areas, or 1.4% of households in the Republic of Croatia.
- ✓ Croatia aims at starting the PES as soon as possible after the Census, for the shorter the time between the execution of the Census and PES the better PES quality should be achieved. Therefore, training of the enumerators will be carried out several days and enumeration in the field will start maximum ten days after the completion of the Census 2021 in the field.

COVERAGE OF ENUMERATION UNITS

- The aim of the control of the coverage of enumeration units is to check the coverage of all enumeration units and their correct allocation
- It will last seven to nine days.
- Also, the aim is to evaluate the reliability of responses to particular questions from the enumeration questionnaires.





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Thank you very much

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