

Expert Group Meeting on Revision of the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses for 2030 Round
23-25 May 2023

Summary of feedback received from Expert Group members

Recommended Housing Topics

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Four questions were asked

1. Is there a need to revise/update the list of core- and non-core topics pertaining to population characteristics?

If yes,

2. Explain why the list of topics should be revised
3. Which topics need to be revised in terms of their definitions and/or classifications?
4. Which topics need to be removed?
5. What topics need to be newly added?



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1. Is there a need revise/update core and non-core topics?

- Yes – 29 % (10 out of 34)

2. Explain why the list of topics should be revised

- Environmental threats on the population, related to climate change could be added in view of the current context (marine erosion, flooding, wind erosion, etc.)
- Include all information needed for calculation of non-monetary wealth index
- Assets and amenities should be revisited



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3. Which topics need to be revised in terms of their definitions and/or classifications?

- Classification of buildings
- Useful floor space

4. Which topics need to be removed?

- Elevator-availability of
- Furnished/unfurnished
- Core housing topics like water supply system, type of toilet, sewage disposal, main type of solid waste disposal, bathing facilities, availability of kitchen, fuel used for cooking and type of lighting and/or electricity



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5. What topics need to be newly added?

- Geospatial referencing (GPS)
- Availability and location of secondary dwellings

- Information about recycling
- Problems around the dwelling: noise, bad smells, cleanliness, crime, etc
- Availability of services around the dwelling: school, pharmacy, supermarket, etc



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5. What topics need to be newly added?

➤ Environmental topics –Non-core topics

- Climate change
 - A question on food security to capture the impact of climate change in many countries
 - Access to electric vehicles (cars/scooters/bikes) in the interest of climate change
- Use of sustainable/renewable energies (such as solar panels) in the housing unit
- whether the residential building has undergone adaptation works in order to improve the energy performance



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