

Briefing on ESCAP Census-related initiatives

Second UN Expert Group Meeting on the Revision of the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses

13-15 December 2023

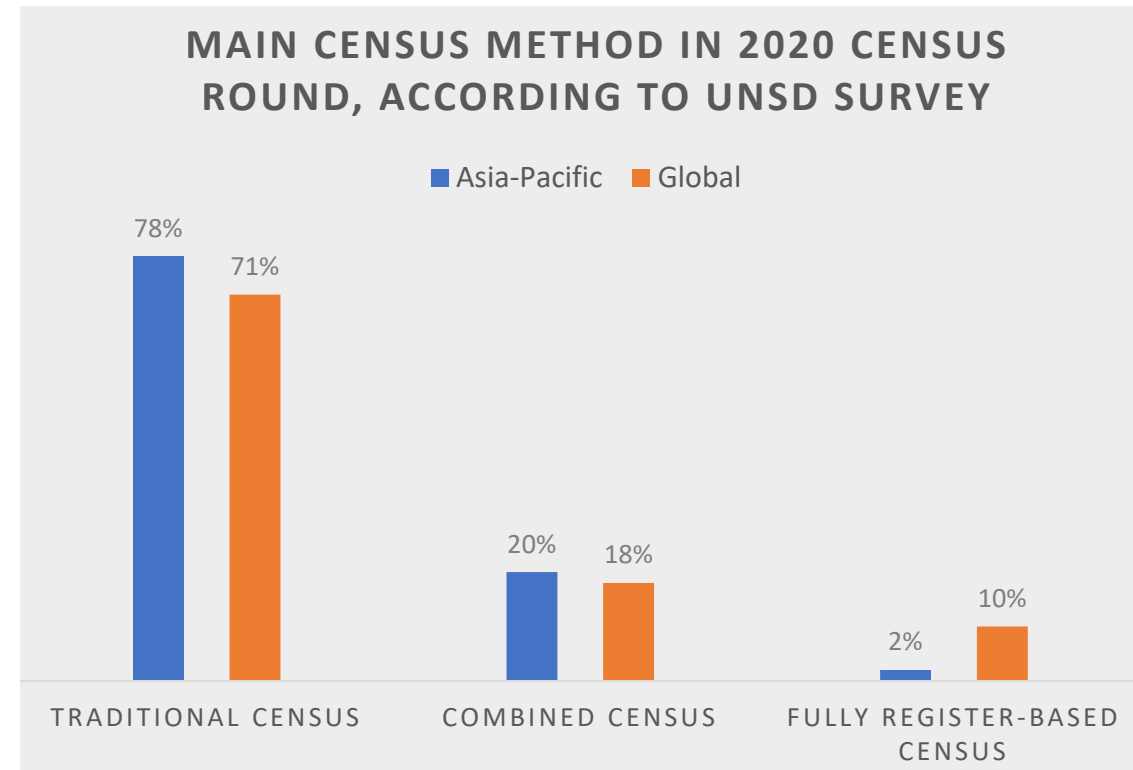
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- [Collective vision and framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community](#) endorsed by the Committee on Statistics at its fifth session in 2016 under Action areas C (Integrated statistics for integrated analysis) and D (Modernizing statistical business processes), advocates the integration of different data sources to improve the availability of disaggregated data and official statistics.

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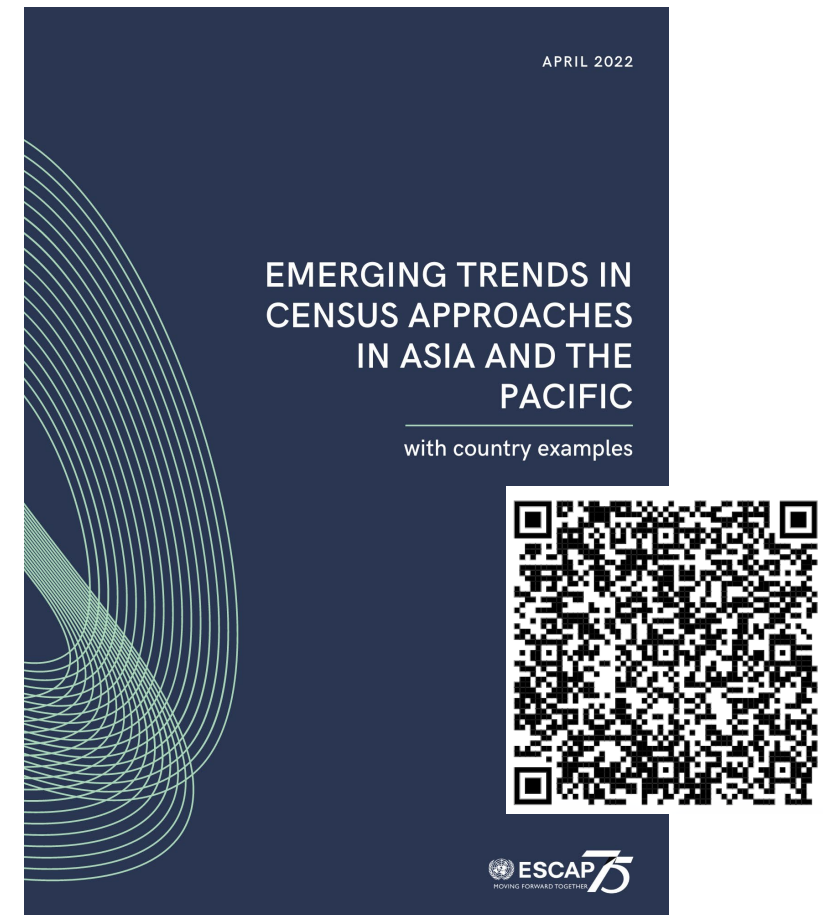
- [Regional Steering Group on Population and Social Statistics](#) at its third meeting in 2021, recognised the significance of modernising census-taking and expressed the need for regional capacity-building activities on register-based censuses.



Knowledge products



- [Emerging trends in census approaches in Asia and the Pacific \(with country examples\)](#)
- [Stats Brief, April 2022 \(Issue no. 31\): Tapping into administrative data in census-taking: an emerging trend in Asia and the Pacific](#)
- [Stats Brief: Population Registers: A Key Resource for Producing Vital Statistics](#) (in collaboration with SPC)
- [Stats Brief: Are population censuses in Asia and the Pacific evolving?](#)



Capacity building



- Regional Training Workshop on Transition to Register-based Approaches for Population and Housing Censuses, Ankara, Türkiye, 12-15 June 2023, co-organized by ECE, SIAP, UNFPA, UNSD plus ECO, SESRIC and TurkStat
- Virtual training on Moving Towards Register-based Population and Housing Censuses (PHC), October 2022, co-organized by the SIAP and ECO, with contributions from ESCAP, ECE and UNSD.
- Stats Café and DI-CoP sessions on the census



Self-assessment questionnaire on the readiness to use administrative data for census purposes



- Consists of two parts for the NSO office and Admin data holders.
- Includes a set of questions on different topics related to the current statistical capacity of countries for the use of administrative data for census purposes.
- Multiple choice (“yes”, “no”, “partially”, “don’t know”) with the option to include comments or explanations Consists

NSOs (50 questions)

- Political support and legal framework
- Collaboration with administrative data holders
- Availability of administrative data sources
- Unified identification system
- Human and IT Resources
- Methodological matters

Admin Data holders (28 questions)

- Institutional arrangements
- Data sharing
- Unique identifier
- Data quality
- Coverage
- Consistency and comparability

Way forward



- Build on previous efforts and successful experiences; call for joining the force by partners; seeking resources
- Adapt Ankara workshop and study tour and conduct for other regions/sub-regions
- Offer in-country capacity-building activities and technical assistance to enhance the capacity of target countries to develop and implement a roadmap for increased use of administrative data for census purposes, tailored to their country context
- Further develop and introduce the self-assessment tool
- Contribute to UNFPA's support of census-taking in countries as required (e.g., 2025 census in Lao PDR, involvement in the shift towards a register-based census in Iran in 2026).



Thank you 😊



- Training workshop on the transition to register-based approaches for population and housing censuses:
 - Lectures
 - Study tour to TurkStat
 - Country success stories (Estonia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, UK)
 - Presentations and group discussions by participating countries
 - A self-assessment tool on readiness to use administrative data for census purposes
 - Propose a scenario for their country's transition to increased use of registers for censuses



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➤ Sharing of knowledge and experience

- [Stats Café: Accessing and using subnational population estimates in Asia and the Pacific](#)
- [Stats Café: Conducting a census during the COVID-19 pandemic: challenges and approaches](#)
- [Stats Café: Producing Population Statistics from Population Registers](#)
- MCCRVS Side event on [Register-based Censuses](#)
- 63rd ISI World Statistics Congress, presentation on population censuses in Asia and the Pacific
- DI-CoP meetings and page