

# Briefing on ESCAP Census-related initiatives

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

**4-6 September 2024**

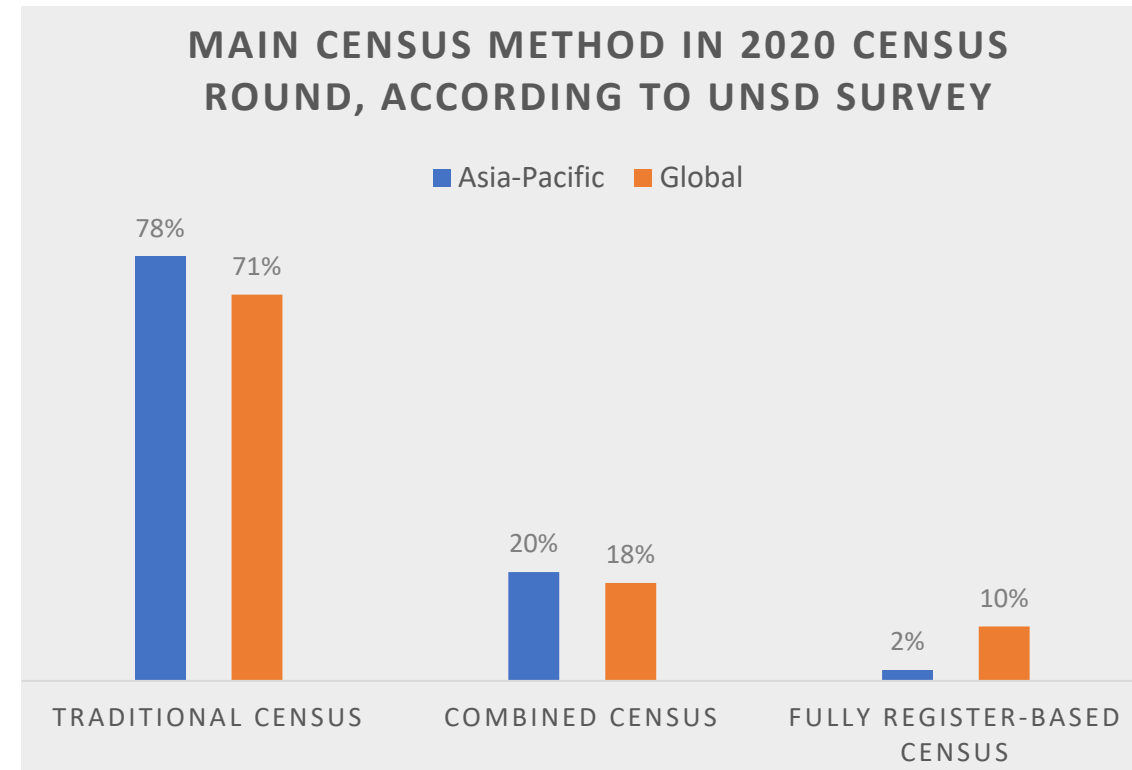
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- [Collective vision and framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community](#) endorsed by the Committee on Statistics at its fifth session in 2016 under Action areas C (Integrated statistics for integrated analysis) and D (Modernizing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

[ESCAP/CST/2022/INF/3](#)

- [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?](#)

Starting from  
late 2021



# Capacity building (concluded)



- 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





- [Regional Workshop on the Use of Administrative Data Sources for Population and Housing Censuses](#), Suzhou, China, 23-27 September 2024, in collaboration with UNFPA, National Bureau of Statistics China, UNSD and SPC)
- In-country capacity-building and technical support to develop a roadmap for their enhanced use of administrative data for the census
  - [Series of events on Increasing the use of administrative data sources for producing official statistics in Indonesia](#), Jakarta, Indonesia, 22-26 July 2024 in partnership with UNSD and Statistics Norway (concluded)



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



[Self-assessment questionnaire on readiness to use administrative data for census purposes 2024](#)

- **Objective:** to assist countries in self-assessment of their current institutional and technical capacity for utilizing administrative data sources in their censuses.

The tool:

- highlights different institutional and technical aspects that should be considered before/while using administrative data for the census
- assist countries in identifying their strengths and areas for improvement in order to prioritize strategic actions and develop a roadmap to enhance the use of administrative data for the census.

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## Development steps:

- **2023:** initial draft, pilot with countries participating in [Regional Training Workshop on Transition to Register-based Approaches for Population and Housing Censuses](#), Ankara, 12-15 June 2023
  
- **2024:**
  - revise based on the feedback received from the above-mentioned workshop
  - pilot with participating countries in two Regional Workshops (ESCAP and ECE region) in late September and early October
  - revise and conduct a global consultation
  
- **Early 2025:** Launch of the tool

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



## NSO Section (≈ 50 Qs)

To be completed by a cross-functional team comprised of different relevant units of NSOs

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

## Admin Data holders (≈ 30 Qs)

NSO to coordinate with key administrative data holders to complete

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

Multiple choice (“yes”, “no”, “partially”, “don’t know”) with the option to include comments or explanations



# Way forward



- Build on previous efforts and successful experiences; call for joining the force by partners to co-support countries at the global/regional/sub-regional and national levels
- Adapt Ankara and China workshops 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
- Launch of the self-assessment tool

A perspective view of a dark asphalt road stretching towards a bright sun on the horizon. The road is flanked by green fields and distant hills. The years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029 are painted in white on the road surface, increasing in size as they recede into the distance. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

2029  
2028  
2027  
2026  
2025  
2024  
2023



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