

**United Nations Statistics Division: Demographic Yearbook**  
**Questionnaire on Metadata for Population and Housing Census**

Reporting country: Singapore

Population census date: 2020  
Housing census date: N.A. (not conducted)

**A. General population census information**

**1. Census - taking methodological approaches**

<p>(1) Traditional census - full field enumeration</p> <p>If yes, please circle the mode of data collection among options (a) to (f) listed below:</p> <p>(a) paper questionnaire only</p> <p>(b) paper questionnaire and tablet computers</p> <p>(c) tablet computers only</p> <p>(d) tablet computers and internet</p> <p>(e) internet and paper questionnaires</p> <p>(f) other (please describe)</p>	<p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(2) Combined census</p> <p>If yes, please circle the method of census taking among the options (a) to (c) listed below:</p> <p>(a) register(s)* and ad-hoc surveys</p> <p><b>(b) register(s)* and existing surveys</b></p> <p>(c) other (please describe)</p> <p>*Please list the register or registers that are used.</p> <p>National statistical database on households</p>	<p align="center"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>(3) Fully register based census</p>	<p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/></p>

(4) Rolling census	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5) Other, please specify	

## 2. Type of population count and coverage

<b>Type of population count</b>	
(a) Present / de facto population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Usual resident population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other, please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 3. Please specify whether the following population groups were enumerated in the census:

Population group	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
(a) Nomads and persons living in areas to which access is difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Civilian residents temporarily absent from the country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Civilian foreigners who do not cross a border daily and are in the country temporarily	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (excludes transient population )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(e) Military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located outside the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Civilian foreigners who cross a border daily to work in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Civilian residents who cross a border daily to work in another country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) Merchant seafarers and fishers resident in the country but at sea at the time of the census	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(j) Homeless or roofless persons, vagrants and persons with no concept of usual residence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(k) Persons living in buildings with restricted access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(l) Stateless persons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**4. In case the enumeration was performed according to the 'usual resident population' concept, please complete the following additional table.**

For each of the population groups listed in the following table, please indicate whether they were included, excluded, or not applicable in the usual resident population count.

Population group	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
(a) Persons found at the moment of enumeration that cannot identify their place of usual residence, such as those who move often;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) National military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families, located outside the country;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Foreign persons working for international organizations (not including foreign diplomats or military forces), provided that they meet the criteria for usual residence in the country;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Merchant seafarers and fishers usually resident in the country but at sea at the time of the census (including those who have no place of residence other than their quarters aboard ship);	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(e) Persons who may be illegal, irregular or undocumented migrants, as well as asylum seekers and persons who have applied for or been granted refugee status or similar types of international protections, provided that they meet the criteria for usual residence in the country;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<p><b>(f)</b> Persons who cross a frontier daily or weekly to work or study in another country, provided that they meet the criteria for usual residence in the country;</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>(g)</b> Children born in the 12 months before the census reference time and whose families are usually resident in the country at the census reference time;</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (if children are staying with their families and usual residence are in the country)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>(h)</b> Persons of minor age studying abroad for one year or more to attain the primary or secondary level of education, regardless of the frequency of return to the family home located within the country. If the person is also working abroad, the same rules for cross-border workers apply;</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>(i)</b> Persons who regularly live in more than one country during a year, if they are present in the country at the moment of the enumeration.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>(j)</b> Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families, located in the country, regardless of their place of usual residence;</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>(k)</b> Persons of minor age attending the primary or secondary level of education whose family home is located abroad, regardless of the duration of their stay. However, if these persons are also working in the country, then the identification of the place</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

of usual residence follows the same rules as for cross-border workers;			
(l) Third-level students who are absent from the country for one year or more;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (if they are still returning to the country)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(m) Persons who regularly live in more than one country during a year, if they are not present in the country at the moment of the enumeration.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**5. Estimated census coverage - Not applicable**

<b>Estimated coverage:</b>	<b>Both sexes</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
(a) Census under-enumeration / omissions (specify unit: <input type="text"/> )	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(b) Census over-enumeration / erroneous inclusions and duplications (specify unit: <input type="text"/> )	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(c) Net coverage error (specify unit: <input type="text"/> )	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(d) Net coverage error rate			

<b>Base denominator for computing net coverage error rate is:</b>	
(a) Enumerated population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Estimated "complete" population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Method(s) used in estimating coverage error:</b>	
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(a) Post Enumeration Survey (PES)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date conducted: [REDACTED]	
Size of sample (specify unit: [REDACTED]):	
For total area: [REDACTED]	
For urban areas: [REDACTED]	
For rural areas: [REDACTED]	
Population groups excluded: [REDACTED]	
(b) Demographic analysis, please specify: [REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other methods, please specify: [REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 6. Definition of urban/rural

The definition of urban areas for this census is:

Not applicable. Please note that Singapore is a city-state.

The definition of rural areas for this census is:

Not applicable. Please note that Singapore is a city-state.

## 7. Definition of cities

The definition of a city proper for this census is:

Not applicable. Please note that Singapore is a city-state.

The definition of urban agglomeration for this census is:

Not applicable. Please note that Singapore is a city-state.

## 8. Definition of locality

The definition of a locality for this census is:

Not applicable. Please note that Singapore is a city-state.

## 9. Definition of literacy

The definition of “literate” and “illiterate” for this census is:

Literacy is defined only for members aged 15 and above, and refers to the ability to read with understanding in a specified language.

## 10. Educational attainment

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Education (ISCED) for tabulating the population by educational attainment?

Singapore Standard Educational Classification 2020 (SSEC 2020) was used, which makes reference to and is consistent with the basic framework and principles of ISCED 2011.

If yes, which revision?

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data according to ISCED? Please specify revision number.

Yes, should be able to provide similar estimates for broad categories.

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISCED. Please specify revision number.

## B. Economic characteristics

### 11. Activity status / labour force status

What is the lower age limit for the collection of information on activity status in this census?

5 years.

Is there a maximum age limit for collection of information on activity status for this census?

No.

What reference period do you use to establish the activity status (labour force status) of a person?

Seven days preceding the day of enumeration.

**12. Please specify whether the groups of persons listed in the following table are included or excluded in the 'in employment' category in your census, by marking the appropriate box below.**

	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
(a) Persons with a job for pay or profit who, during the reference period, were on training or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

skills enhancement activities required by their job or for another job in the same economic unit;			
(b) Apprentices, interns or trainees who work for pay in cash or in kind;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Persons who work for pay or profit through employment promotion programs;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Persons who work in their own economic units to produce goods intended <i>mainly</i> for sale or barter, even if part of the output is consumed by the household or family;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Persons with seasonal jobs during the off season, if they continue to perform some tasks and duties of the job, excluding, however, fulfilment of legal or administrative obligations (for example pay taxes);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Regular members of the armed forces and persons on military or alternative civilian service who perform this work for pay in cash or in kind;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Apprentices, interns and trainees who work <i>without</i> pay in cash or in kind (that is, unpaid trainee work);	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Participants in skills training or retraining schemes within employment promotion programs, when <i>not</i> engaged in the production process of an economic unit;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) Persons who are required to perform work as a condition of continued receipt of a government social benefit such as unemployment insurance;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(j) Persons with seasonal jobs during the off season, if they <i>cease</i> to perform the tasks and duties of the job;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(k) Persons who retain a right to return to the same economic unit but who were absent (for reasons such as parental leave, educational leave, care for others, other personal reasons,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

temporary lay-off, suspension of work), when the total duration of the absence exceeds the specified threshold or if the test of receipt of remuneration is not fulfilled;			
(l) Persons on indefinite lay-off who do not have an assurance of return to employment with the same economic unit;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(m) Persons who work to produce goods intended <i>mainly</i> or <i>exclusively</i> for consumption or use by the household or family, even if a surplus or part of the output is sold or bartered (that is, own-use production of goods);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(n) Household members who provide <i>unpaid</i> services for consumption or use by their household (that is, own-use provision of services);	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(o) Persons who work voluntarily and <i>without</i> pay to produce goods or services through or for other economic units, including market, non-market units and households (that is, volunteer work).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 13. Status in Employment

Based on the International Standard Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93), the status in employment may be classified as follows:

- (a) Employees;
- (b) Self-employed:
  - i. Employers;
  - ii. Own-account workers;
  - iii. Members of producers' cooperatives;
  - iv. Contributing family workers;
- (c) Persons not classifiable by status.

Do you follow the above structure, for the classification of the Status in Employment in your country?

Categories are similar.

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data according to the above structure?

If no, please point out the major deviations from ICSE-93.

#### **14. Occupation**

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Occupations (ISCO) for tabulating the employed population by occupation?

Singapore Standard Occupational Classification 2020 (ISOC 2020), which adopts the basic framework and principles of ISCO-08, was used.

If yes, which revision?

If any other or national classification is used, are you able to provide data according to ISCO? Please specify revision number.

Yes, should be able to provide similar estimates for broad categories.

If no, point out the major deviations from ISCO. Please specify revision number.

#### **15. Industry**

Do you follow the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) for tabulating the employed population by industry?

Singapore Standard Industrial Classification 2020 (SSIC 2020), which adopts the basic framework and principles of ISIC Revision 4, was used.

If yes, which revision?

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data according to ISIC? Please specify revision number.

Yes, should be able to provide similar estimates for broad categories.

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISIC. Please specify revision number.

## C. Household characteristics

### 16. Definitions

General definition of a household for this census is:

A household refers to (i) a group of two or more persons living together in the same house and sharing common food or other essential arrangements for living; or (ii) a person living alone or a person living with others but having his own food or other essential arrangements for living.

General definition of a family nucleus for this census is:

A married couple, with or without never married child(ren); Or, a family consisting of immediate related members, without presence of a married couple eg one parent only with never married child(ren).

### 17. Head of household / reference person of household

Which one among the following options was used to determine the relationships between household members?

Please select one.

- a) Head of household
- b) Reference person
- c) Other; please describe

Regarding your answer to the previous question, please provide the definition of head of household or reference person that was used in the Census.

The household reference person refers to the oldest member, the main income earner, the owner-occupier of the house, the person who manages the affairs of the household, or the person who supplied the information pertaining to other members.

## D. Housing census characteristics

### 18. Housing information

The general definition applied in this census for housing unit is:

Not applicable

The general definition applied in this census for conventional dwelling is:

Not applicable

Are vacant units included in the enumerated conventional dwellings?

Not applicable

The general definition applied in this census for room is:

Not applicable

**19. Definition of cities  
(as referred to in the Housing Census Questionnaire: City Data)**

General definition of a city in the reporting country for this census is:

Not applicable

City 1 (Capital City) – Territory refers to:

Not applicable

City 2 – Territory refers to:

Not applicable

City 3 – Territory refers to:

Not applicable

City 4 – Territory refers to:

Not applicable

**E. Bibliography of Population and Housing Statistics**

Please list publications that contain results of your latest population census and your latest housing census:

Singapore Census of Population 2020:

Statistical Release 1 – Demographic Characteristics, Education, Language and Religion

<<https://www.singstat.gov.sg/publications/reference/cop2020/cop2020-sr1>>

Statistical Release 2 – Households, Geographic Distribution, Transport and Difficulty in Basic Activities

<<https://www.singstat.gov.sg/publications/reference/cop2020/cop2020-sr2>>

Administrative Report

<<https://www.singstat.gov.sg/publications/reference/cop2020/cop2020-admin>>