

Statistics Division - United Nations  
Demographic Statistics Section - Questionnaire on Population Estimates

DESCRIPTION OF POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR LATEST YEAR  
GIVEN IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

In order that the description of national population estimates on file in the Statistics Division of the United Nations is accurate and complete, it is desirable to provide for confirmation or revision of the method of their construction. The questions below relate to coverage of data, and method of estimation. It is required that a check mark (X) be made in the box following the words which best describe the estimates in terms of these questions.

1. COVERAGE OF DATA

In conformity with definition given on page 2, estimates should relate to de facto population. In order to clarify the exact composition of the population, please indicate in the following check box the exact disposition of each group listed, using "IN" for included; "EX" for excluded. Specify years to which description refers.

Population Group	Estimated total population for year 2002		
	In	Out	Not apl.
(a) Nomads.....		EX	
(b) Persons living in remote areas.....	IN		
(c) Military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located outside the country.....	IN		
(d) Merchant seamen and fishermen 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).....	IN		
(e) Civilian residents temporarily in another country as seasonal workers.....	IN		
(f) Civilian residents who cross a frontier daily to work in another country.....	IN		
(g) Civilian residents other than those in (c), (e), and (f) working in another country.....	IN		
(h) Civilian residents other than those in (c)-(g), temporarily absent from the country.....		EX	
(i) Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located in the country.....		EX	
(j) Civilian aliens temporarily in the country as seasonal workers.....	IN		
(k) Civilian aliens who cross a frontier daily to work in another country.....		EX	
(l) Civilian aliens other than those in (i), (j), and (k) working in another country.....		EX	
(m) Civilian aliens other than those in (i)-(l), temporarily in country.....		EX	
(n) Transients on ships in harbour at the time of the census.....		EX	

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2. METHOD OF ESTIMATION

a) Total population

Estimates of total population for a country as a whole may be constructed by a variety of means. Please indicate by a check mark [X] the method used in constructing the latest population estimate for (date) July 1, 2002, indicating the source of "base data" and the "method of time adjustment". If there are publications readily available with the description of methods used, please include them in reply to this questionnaire.

Base Data

- 1- Continuous population register [ ]
- 2- Complete census taken (date) May 14, 1996 [X]
  - i) population actually enumerated [ ]
  - ii) population adjusted to take account of 2.61 % underenumeration
- 3- Sample survey taken (date) \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]
- 4- Partial census taken or partial registration (date) \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]

**Notes for Tables in Demographic Yearbook:  
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**Reporting Country : Canada  
Reporting Year : 2002**

**All estimates from 1996 on are 1996 Census-based and will be REPLACED with 2001 Census-based data during the last few months of 2003. The 1997-2001 estimates will be converted from postcensal to intercensal estimates with 2001 Census boundaries. Updated data for past years (1998-2001) are provided in the attached file “1998-2001 Data”.**

**Table 1:**

Rural and urban population distributions can only be derived from Census data. Rural/urban distributions for intercensal and postcensal population estimates based on adjusted Census counts are not available.

Rural and urban population figures in United Nation Yearbook for 1996 are incorrect since both figures are higher than the estimated population for Canada as a whole.

1960-1996 estimates provided are final intercensal estimates  
1997 estimates are final postcensal estimates  
1998-2001 estimates are updated postcensal estimates  
2002 estimates are preliminary postcensal estimates

**Table 2:**

Population estimates for July 1, 2002 are preliminary postcensal estimates based on 1996 adjusted Census counts. Estimates based on the 2001 adjusted Census counts (1997-2001 intercensal estimates and 2002+ postcensal) will become available by November 2003.

Ages shown in 90-94 cells are for ages 90+.

Intercensal and postcensal population estimates for rural and urban populations by age and sex are not available. Only census counts for urban and rural populations during census years are available and the combined totals would not correspond to population estimates which are based on adjusted census counts (net-census undercoverage, July 1<sup>st</sup> reference date, and non enumerated Indian Reserves).

**Table 3:**

Demography Division of Statistics Canada has temporarily ceased production of Census Subdivision (CSD) population estimates (cities, towns, villages, etc.) until 2001 Census-based estimates with 2001 Census boundaries are produced. By November-December 2003, Demography Division will recommence the production of CSD estimates

For urban agglomerations, population counts of Census Agglomerations (CAs) can only be derived from the census. Postcensal and intercensal population estimates for Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) are produced by Demography Division of Statistics Canada. The CMA population estimates provided in Table 3 are 1996 Census-based with 1996 Census boundaries and hence will be replaced by 2001 Census-based estimates later this year

CMA estimates for Ottawa-Gatineau (formerly known as Ottawa-Hull) are provided.

The CMA of Chicoutimi-Jonquière is now known as Saguenay.

**Table 4:**

Population estimates for July 1, 2002 are preliminary postcensal estimates based on 1996 adjusted Census counts. Estimates based on the 2001 adjusted Census counts (1997-2001 intercensal estimates and 2002+ postcensal) will become available by November 2003.

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