

Statistics Division - United Nations
Demographic Statistics Section-Questionnaire on Vital Statistics

QUALITY OF VITAL STATISTICS OBTAINED FROM CIVIL REGISTRATION

In order to check and bring up to date our information on the "basis of tabulation" and the "completeness of registration" of vital events in your country, and also to enable us to present in the Demographic Yearbook more details on the quality of your vital statistics, it would be appreciated if you would supply the following information by marking "X" in the appropriate column or specifying the year as requested:

	Live births	Deaths	Infant deaths	Late foetal deaths	Marriages	Divorces
I. Basis of tabulation						
Present basis of tabulation:						
date of occurrence						
date of registration						
How long has the present basis of tabulation been used?						
II. Estimated completeness of registration						
90 per cent or more						
75-89 per cent	X	X	X			X
50-74 per cent						
Under 50 per cent						
Please specify:						
(a) Year(s) to which completeness estimate refers						
(b) Basis of completeness estimate (*)						
-Demographic analysis						
-Dual record check						
-Questions in population census						
-Questions in sample surveys						
-Other (specify)						
-No evaluation						

QUALITY OF VITAL STATISTICS OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES

I. Basis of vital statistics estimates						
-Population censuses (date)						
-Sample surveys	X	X	X			X
-Population registers						
-Dual record systems						
-Other (specify)						

(*) please include any published or unpublished reports describing completeness of registration and methods used in arriving at estimated completeness.

Methodology

Statistics on *births, deaths* are obtained through relevant forms filled by the civil registry offices. The period during 1990 – 2001 is characterized by lack of statistics both in the total number of demographic events and in their structure according to sex and age. From 2002 – 2004, this data are better completed.

In order to overcome this difficulty, it was deemed appropriate to make a statistical evaluation using statistical procedures of version of "TREND" of "SPSS" program

Statistical evaluation was based on two of the main procedures used to evaluate statistical time series assessments, namely "Exponential Smoothing" and "Seasonal Arima". The first procedure was used in the cases when serial timing statistics were annual

Evaluation obtained through use of these two procedures were compared to the statistics offered by relevant forms allocated by INSTAT, following with the process of calculation of real values included in this publication

Methodology

Marriages

Statistics on marriages are obtained through relevant forms filled by the civil registry offices, and after they were submitted to elaborations for preparing of tables. The period during 1990 - 2001 is characterized by lack of statistics both in the total number of marriages and in their structure according to sex and age.

Divorces

The Statistical Office in the Ministry of Justice obtains statistical data on divorces. INSTAT processes (only completed with a final court decision)