

Recommended core topics ("Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses") and their implementation in the 2010 census round

Topics as listed in the "Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Revision 2", 2008 (table 1 on page 112f and paras. 2.381f on page 183; only direct core topics and additional topics, no derived topics). The presented ratios are based on the number of countries for which census questionnaires are available to the UNSD.

Total number of countries analysed: 79 (100%)

Geographical and internal migration characteristics

Topic	Number of countries asking this topic(1)	Status of topic
Place of usual residence	34 (43%)	Core topic
Place where present at time of census	27 (34%)	Core topic
Place of birth	62 (78%)	Core topic
Duration of residence	29 (37%)	Core topic
Place of previous residence	23 (29%)	Core topic
Place of residence at a specified date in the past	51 (65%)	Core topic

International migration characteristics

Topic	Number of countries asking this topic(1)	Status of topic
Country of birth	60 (76%)	Core topic
Citizenship	57 (72%)	Core topic
Year or period of arrival	32 (41%)	Core topic

Household and family characteristics

Topic	Number of countries asking this topic(1)	Status of topic
Relationship to head or other reference member of household	67 (85%)	Core topic
Household and family status	2 (3%)	Additional topic

Demographic and social characteristics

Topic	Number of countries asking this topic(1)	Status of topic
Sex	79 (100%)	Core topic
Age	79 (100%)	Core topic
Marital status	75 (95%)	Core topic
Religion	41 (52%)	Additional topic
Language	37 (47%)	Additional topic
Ethnicity	45 (57%)	Additional topic
Indigenous peoples	11 (14%)	Additional topic

Fertility and mortality

Topic	Number of countries asking this topic(1)	Status of topic
Children ever born alive	56 (71%)	Core topic
Children living	43 (54%)	Core topic
Date of birth of last child born alive	23 (29%)	Core topic
Age, date or duration of first marriage	15 (19%)	Additional topic
Age of mother at birth of first child born alive	9 (11%)	Additional topic
Household deaths in the past 12 months	29 (37%)	Core topic
Maternal or paternal orphanhood	20 (25%)	Additional topic

Educational characteristics

Topic	Number of countries asking this topic(1)	Status of topic
Literacy	42 (53%)	Core topic
School attendance	72 (91%)	Core topic
Educational attainment	71 (90%)	Core topic
Field of education and educational qualification	42 (53%)	Additional topic

Economic characteristics

Topic	Number of countries asking this topic(1)	Status of topic
Activity status	75 (95%)	Core topic
Occupation	73 (92%)	Core topic
Industry	71 (90%)	Core topic
Status in employment	66 (84%)	Core topic
Time worked	28 (35%)	Additional topic
Income	32 (41%)	Additional topic
Institutional sector of employment	25 (32%)	Additional topic
Employment in the informal sector	2 (3%)	Additional topic
Informal employment	1 (1%)	Additional topic
Place of work	48 (61%)	Additional topic

Disability characteristics

Topic	Number of countries asking this topic(1)	Status of topic
Disability status	52 (66%)	Core topic

Agriculture

Topic	Number of countries asking this topic(1)	Status of topic
Own-account agriculture production	18 (23%)	Additional topic
Characteristics of all agricultural jobs during the last year	3 (4%)	Additional topic

Notes:

(1) Ratio based on the number of censuses analyzed.