

Counting will be carried out by Census Takers. The selection and the management of their performance is in the competence of municipalities. Census Takers can have a positive impact on the Census.

Pursuant to Law Act No. 263/2008 Coll. on the Population and Housing Census in 2011, **a citizen of the Slovak Republic, at least 18 years of age, who is of unimpeachable personal integrity and of full legal capacity may be appointed as a Census Taker.** The Act also stipulates the obligations of Census Takers.



For example, upon request of any citizen or foreign national, Census Takers will help to fill out their Census Sheets. During the conduct of their activity, Census Takers will be required to prove their identity by a special authorization issued to them by the mayor of a municipality. Census Takers are required by law to protect the Census Sheets from loss, damage or misuse as well as to maintain confidentiality of the obtained data.

Census Takers are entitled to receive a pay for the services performed. Municipalities are responsible for dealing with any shortcomings related to the work of Census Takers.



The obtained internationally comparable statistical data will provide a unique source of information, and will facilitate decision-making processes in the level of public administration, self- governments as well as in the private sector, from the highest levels of the society to the lowest levels. These type of information do not serve only for planners in developing long-term strategies but can also help in addressing tangible things at a given moment in time.

**The Census will be managed and coordinated by the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic.** In cooperation with applicable central government authorities, district offices, municipalities and higher territorial units.

**All data on population and housing taken from the Census will be used for statistical purposes only.**



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Traditionally, a census ranks among the oldest, most important and most extensive statistical surveys, conducted in Europe and elsewhere in the world in ten-years intervals.

Census enables societies to better know each other and be able to make accurate prognoses for their future development. Data and information collected during the Census are unique and can only be obtained by this way of cooperation with the general public. The 2011 Population and Housing Census shall be conducted in compliance with Regulation /EC/ No 763/2008 of the European Parliament and will be held in all European Union Member States at a time, using uniform or similar definitions of surveyed data. The reason for issuing this regulation is that international, European and domestic institutions need to have sufficiently reliable information on population and housing in the European Union. These data are necessary for the formulation of operational aims as precisely and completely as possible and for assessment of the achieved progress. Census data enable to make real comparisons between EU Member States.

EU Member States are obliged to provide Eurostat (the Statistical Office of the European Union) with the required data from the Census within 27 months after the end of the reference period. In the Slovak Republic, the census results shall be published continuously, summary results will only be known in March 2014, at the latest.

The 2011 Population and Housing Census shall be conducted throughout the Slovak Republic as at 21 May 2011.

Data will be recorded in Census Sheets, as **to the Point in Time Relevant to the Census**, which is **midnight between Friday, 20th May 2011, and Saturday, the 21st of May 2011**.



Besides the country's official language, Census Sheets will also be available in Hungarian, Romany, Ukrainian and Ruthenian languages in paper and electronic form. Electronic forms will also be available in the English language.

Pursuant to Law Act No 263/2008 Coll. On 2011 Population and Housing Census, it is obligated to provide information for purposes of census to :

- **all resident** except foreign nationals having diplomatic privileges and immunities. If their length of stay is less than 90 days, they will only provide a limited number of information,
- **house owner** or **house manager** or **tenant on any building** intended for residential occupancy or other building that is occupied at the Point in Time Relevant to the Census,
- **house owner** or **house manager** or **tenant** or **lodger** in the housing census.



In the 2011 Population and Housing Census, the public will be allowed for the first time in history to choose whether to fill out the Census Sheets in paper or electronic form. Both forms will be enabled thanks to the use of identifier (unique, meaningless, randomly generated number) and a verification password, which will be delivered to each person to their permanent residence by the Census Taker in a sealed envelope, prior to the Point in Time Relevant to the Census. The identifier will ensure the protection of data provided and will also guarantee that each citizen will be validly counted once.

The following type of data will be recorded to the Census Sheets:

- A. Data on Population** – will be filled out by each household member,
- B. Data on Apartment** – will be filled out by the person responsible for the apartment household,
- C. Data on Housing** – will be filled out by the person responsible for the house/building.

The Census will take place **between 13 May 2011 and 6 June 2011**. Time available for electronic counting through the special website **www.scitanie2011.sk** will be shorter – **from 21 May 2011 to 29 May 2011**, so that Census Takers could check whether citizens, who have shown interest in electronic counting, were really counted this way.

Persons, not counted electronically, will be asked by the Census Taker to fill out the paper forms. The Census Taker will personally collect the forms on the appointed date after the Point in Time Relevant to the Census.