



National Census in 2011 (NSP 2011)

1 Apr - 30 Jun 2011

Is going to be carried out from 1 April to 30 June 2011, according to the situation on 31 March 2011 at 24:00

Legal bases

- Regulation (EC) No 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on population and housing censuses (OJ EU No L 218 of 13 August 2008)
- Act of 4 March 2010 concerning the national census on population and housing in 2011 (Journal of Laws No. 47, dated 26 March 2010, pos. 277)

The purpose

NSP 2010 will provide the most detailed information about:

- population and its territorial distribution
- the pattern of demographic, social, professional and socio-economic characteristics of households and families
- resources and quality of housing

at all levels of territorial division: national, regional and local level

The census will enable:

- collecting up-to date information about the Polish society
- comparing the information collected during consecutive censuses, e.g. from the previous one (2002) and the current one
- obtaining knowledge about the changes which have taken place in population, households and families as well as their dwellings
- building a comprehensive information base on population (sampling frame), which is necessary for designing samples for all social surveys
- implementing international obligations

In particular the 2011 census will provide information on the changes in demographic and social structure in Poland after joining the European Union, e.g. resulting in increased population movements.

Combined method

Data are going to be collected in the following way and order:

1. gathering and combining data from various administrative sources and other data basis e.g. population register, tax register, land and buildings register, data basis

- of enterprises providing electricity or telecommunication services to final private users
2. confirming the data by respondents in one of the following way
 - a. filling an on-line form on a website
 - b. telephone interviews carried out by statistical interviewers
 - c. personal interviews conducted by census enumerators
 3. large scale representative survey enabling to gather the required information which is not available in registers

Data collection

From 1 April to 31 May 2010 a small scale test of the census was performed in 16 local territorial units (gminy).

For the first time purely electronic forms of data collection is going to be applied for the national census. This means that some information usually required from respondents now will be taken directly from administrative sources. Such information must then be confirmed or supplemented by respondents in one of the following ways:

- from 1 April to 16 June 2011 by filling an on-line form on a website by respondents themselves, which is the most convenient way of providing data (without visit and assistance of a census enumerator)
- from 8 April to 30 June 2011 by means of:
 - telephone interviews carried out by statistical interviewers
 - personal interviews conducted by census enumerators using portable electronic devices (such as hand-held).

Census enumerators will visit only those respondents who do not fill the on-line forms in the Internet.

From 1 July to 11 July an ex-post control of responses will be performed among randomly selected persons by means of telephone interviews.

Type of information collected

- 1) the state and the demographics characteristics of the population
- 2) education
- 3) economic activity of individuals
- 4) commuting to work
- 5) sources of income of people
- 6) *disability – data from registers confirmed on voluntary basis*
- 7) citizenship
- 8) internal migration
- 9) international migration
- 10) *nationality, language and national or ethnic minorities - collected on voluntary basis*
- 11) *religion (belonging to a church or religious organization) - collected on voluntary basis*
- 12) households and families – *some data collected on voluntary basis*
- 13) condition and characteristics of housing (apartments or buildings)

Obligation to participate and answer

Participation in the census is mandatory for all persons living in Poland, except for members of diplomatic corps.

Most questions in a census form are mandatory; however some "delicate" data are collected on voluntary basis.

Statistical confidentiality

All personal data collected during the census work is confidential, subject to special protection and statistical confidentiality.

In addition:

- All persons associated with the organization of the census, data collection and processing are required to maintain the confidentiality of information obtained
- Information obtained in the census will be used exclusively for statistical purposes
- Results of the census will be processed and published in a manner that prevents identification of dwellings, households or individual people

Interesting facts about the census

- all EU Member States carry out population and housing censuses in 2011
- in Poland it will be the first census carried out since Polish accession to the European Union
- will cover more than 38 million people across the country