Population censuses in Uzbekistan

A population census is the process of collecting, compiling, evaluating, analyzing and disseminating demographic, economic and social data pertaining, at a specified time, to all persons in a country.

In order to plan for, and implement, economic and social development, administrative activity or scientific research, it is necessary to have reliable and detailed data on the size, distribution and composition of population.

The results of a census are used to ensure equity in distribution of wealth, government services and representation by informing the distribution and allocation of government funds among various regions and districts for education, health services, delineating electoral districts and measuring the impact of development in each small area.

Census statistics are used as benchmarks for statistical compilation or as a sampling frame. As sample surveys are playing increasingly important role, without the sampling frame and population benchmarks derived from the population census, statistical system would face difficulties in providing reliable official statistics.

The census results are used as a benchmark for research and analysis, including population projections.

Population census 2022 in Uzbekistan

- The first census to be conducted as an independent country
- The Census in Uzbekistan will be conducted within the round of 2020 World Population and Housing Census Program as approved by the UN Statistical Commission at its 46th session
- UNECE, Eurostat, and European Free Trade Association strongly recommended Uzbekistan to give high priority to the 2022 Census (Joint overview of the implementation of international statistical standards in Uzbekistan conducted in 2018)
- The Decree approving the Concept note of conducting of the Population census was signed by the President of Uzbekistan on 5 February, 2019
- The census is planned to be conducted in the fall of 2022
- The Law on Census will be submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers on 1st July 2019
UNFPA support to countries in conducting censuses

- During the 2010 census round (2005-2014), UNFPA provided support to 135 countries, including 122 developing countries
- Support was provided as technical assistance for policy dialogue and advocacy; capacity development; procurement of equipment or services; financial support; coordination and management of financial resources for the census on behalf of partner governments; and facilitation of South-South cooperation

UNFPA support to Uzbekistan in preparing to the 2022 census

- Conducted capacity assessment based on US Census Bureau methodology to identify gaps and areas where support is needed
- Draft Law on Census reviewed by one of the top experts on planning and conducting census
- Census plan developed with support of the international expert on population census from Russian Stat Agency

SDG and population census

- Population census is mentioned in SDG Indicator 17.19.2, and a numerical profile generated by census data is used for evidence-based decision-making at all levels
- Census provides answers to questions:
  - “How many are we?”
  - “Who are we?” in terms of age, sex, education, labor force status, occupation and other crucial characteristics
  - “Where do we live?” in terms of housing, access to water, availability of essential facilities and access to the Internet
- Population-related elements are present in approximately 40% of the SDG indicators. Without appropriate, accurate, and timely data, framed by the principle of ‘no-one left behind’, our ability to monitor progress towards meeting the Sustainable Development Goals will be constrained