

QUALITY REPORT FOR STATISTICAL SURVEY
Development of the Geographical information system (GIS)
for 2023

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0. Basic information

- Purpose, goal, and subject of the survey

The objective of this activity was to georeference statistical data compiled during Census of Population, Households and Dwellings in 2021 (i.e. total number of inhabitants) into a system of grid cells using Cartesian coordinates. Population grids are a powerful tool to describe our society and to study the interrelationships between human activities and the environment. They are particularly useful for analysing phenomena, and their causes, which are independent of administrative boundaries, such as flooding, commuting and urban sprawl.

- Reference period

Several calendar years

- Legal acts and other agreements

The Census was carried out on the basis of the Act on the Census of Population, Households and Dwellings in the Republic of Croatia in 2021 (OG 25/20, 34/21). In order to achieve the international comparability of data, the methodology used in the 2021 Census is in line with the Conference of European Statisticians Recommendations for the 2020 Censuses of Population and Housing as well as with the Regulations EU 2017/712, EC 763/2008 and 1201/2009 of the European Parliament and the Council, which regulate censuses of population and housing in the European Union.

- Classification system

There was no need to use any classification for producing population grid.

- Statistical concepts and definitions

Total population refers to the population at their usual place of residence which was assigned to the 1km²; grid cell in which this usual place of residence is situated.

- Statistical units

The basic statistical observation unit is the population living at a certain address.

- Statistical population

The target refers to the total population living at a certain address connected by the 1 x 1 km grid.

1. Relevance

1.1 Data users

External users of data are: DG Regio, Ministry of regional development and EU funds.

Internal users: Demography Statistics.

1.1.1 User needs

It is expected that DG Regio and the Ministry of regional development and EU funds will be the most common users of the prepared data.

1.1.2 User satisfaction

Not applicable.

1.2. Completeness

The data are published in accordance with the EU legislation.

1.2.1 Data completeness rate

The data completeness rate is: 0%

2. Accuracy and reliability

2.1. Sampling error

Although the Census 2021 was not carried out as a sample survey in sense of producing population grids it can be stated as follows: the Census 2021 did not cover diplomatic personnel of foreign diplomatic and consular missions in the Republic of Croatia. Also representatives of international organisations nor members of their families who lives with them in the Republic of Croatia and dwellings owned by foreign diplomatic or military personnel were not covered in Census.

2.1.1 Sampling error indicators

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.2. Non-sampling error

Not applicable.

2.2.1. Coverage error

All units are in the frame, because the target are the all addresses of the Republic of Croatia and all spatial units levels.

2.2.2. Over-coverage rate

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.2.3. Measurement error

Not applicable.

2.2.4. Non-response error

Not applicable.

2.2.5. Unit non-response rate

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.2.6. Item non-response rate

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.2.7. Processing error

Once the data are collected in a sample survey they go through a series of processes before the final results are calculated: coding, linking, editing, weighting, etc.

In case of merging statistics with the geospatial information the errors that occur in data processing are as follows:

- addresses with wrong housenumbers
- technical documentation for Census 2021 not applicable in all situations registered during the Census

2.2.8. Imputation rate

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.2.9. Model assumption error

Not applicable.

2.3. Data revision

2.3.1. Data revision – policy

The users of statistical data are informed about revision (preliminary, final data) on CBS website.

2.3.2. Data revision – practice

No revision of the 2021 census data is planned.

2.3.3. Data revision – average size

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.4. Seasonal adjustment

Not applicable.

3. Timeliness and Punctuality

3.1. Timeliness

The total population grid dataset for the Republic of Croatia was delivered to Eurostat on 27 December 2022, i.e. 13 months after the Census ending.

3.1.1. Time lag – first results

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

3.1.2. Time lag – final results

Time lag - final results is: T + 0

3.2. Punctuality

The data were delivered to Eurostat in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1799 of 21 November 2018 on the establishment of a temporary direct statistical action for the dissemination of selected topics of the 2021 population and housing census geocoded to a 1 km² grid.

3.2.1. Punctuality – delivery and publication

Delivery and publication is: 0

4. Accessibility and clarity

Results of this activity are disseminated to Eurostat and are planned to be published on the GeoSTAT portal of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics.

4.1. News release

Not applicable

4.2. On-line database

Not applicable

4.3. Micro-data access

The conditions under which certain users can have access to microdata are regulated by The Ordinance on the conditions and manner of use of statistical data for scientific purposes.

4.4. Documentation on methodology

As part of the provisional grid data file published on the Eurostat website <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/gisco/geodata/reference-data/population-distribution->

[demography/geostat](#) there is the document CENSUS_INS21ES_A_HR_2021_0000 which include metadata on this activity.

Regarding the Census itself, for the purpose of its implementation an internal document was prepared: Methodology Instructions 'Census of population, households and dwellings 2021', CBS, Zagreb, 2021.

5. Comparability over time

5.1. Asymmetry for mirror flows statistics

Not applicable.

5.2. Comparability - over time

Data on the total number of inhabitants from 2021 are connected to the grid 1 km².

5.2.1. Length of comparable time series

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

5.2.2. Reasons for break in time series

Not applicable.

5.3. Coherence – subannual and annual statistics

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

5.4. Coherence – national accounts

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

5.5. Coherence – administrative sources

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

6. Cost and burden

6.1. Cost

The total census budget was approx. 23 million euros. The Census Budget was set by the Census Law and covered the years 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Given that the processing of census data is still ongoing, the final costs of the Census will be known at the end of 2023.

6.2. Burden

Not applicable.