

**United Nations Statistics Division: Demographic Yearbook  
Questionnaire on Population Estimates  
Part 2: Metadata**

Reporting country: [Seychelles](#)  
Reporting year: 2024

**1. Author organization**

Author organization function: National Bureau of Statistics

**2. Timeliness**

Date when the provided population estimates were produced: Mid-2023

Reference dates of the sources of the latest data used to derive these estimates: July 2022 to June 2023

**3. Periodicity**

Calendar of the production of population estimates:

- produced annually
- after each census
- at the midpoint of intercensal period
- other, please specify:

**4. Status of data**

**4.1** Type of estimation: intercensal, postcensal, other; please specify: Postcensal

**4.2** Data revision status: provisional, provisional revised, final, final revised, other; please specify: Final revised

**5. Coverage**

**5.1** Please specify the time period covered by time series of the reported population estimates: All Seychelles

**5.2** Please specify the territorial coverage of the time series of the reported population estimates: All areas were enumerated

**5.2.1** In case any areas of the country were not enumerated during the latest population census, are they considered in reported population estimates? Please describe as necessary:

**5.3 Type of population count employed for the reported population estimates:**

- present population (de-facto)
- usually resident population
- registered population
- other; please specify:

**5.4 Included or excluded population groups; please fill out the below tabulation:**

In order to clarify the exact composition of the population for which estimates were given in this questionnaire, please indicate below the disposition of each group listed.

<b>Population group</b>	<b>Included</b>	<b>Excluded</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
(a) Nomads and persons living in areas to which access is difficult	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Civilian residents temporarily absent from the country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Civilian foreigners who do not cross a border daily and are in the country temporarily	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(e) Military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located outside the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located in the country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Civilian foreigners who cross a border daily to work in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(h) Civilian residents who cross a border daily to work in another country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(i) Merchant seafarers and fishers resident in the country but at sea at the time of the latest census	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(j) Homeless or roofless persons, and persons with no concept of usual residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(k) Persons living in buildings with restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

access			
(l) Stateless persons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(m) Other; please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 6. Primary data source (base data)

### 6.1 Type of base data:

- (1) Continuous population register
- (2) Complete census taken 2022 (date)
- i) population actually enumerated
- ii) population adjusted to take account of 10 % underenumeration
- (3) Sample survey taken [REDACTED] (date)
- (4) Partial census taken or partial registration [REDACTED] (date)
- Please describe method:
- (5) Non-censal count of [REDACTED] (date)
- Please describe method:
- (6) Conjectural estimate derived by means other than counting
- Please describe method:

### 6.2 Territorial coverage of base data, please specify:

### 6.3 Type of population count employed in base data:

- present population (de facto)
- usually resident population
- registered population
- other, please specify:

## 7. Method of producing the reported population estimates

### 7.1 Total population

Estimates of total population of a country may be constructed using several methods. Please indicate by a check mark the method used in constructing the reported population estimates.

### 7.1.1 Method of time adjustment

- (1) Population estimates are sourced annually from a population register
- (2) Applying statistics of births and deaths (natural increase), and migration
  - (i) Registered vital statistics
  - (ii) Vital statistics adjusted for incompleteness
- (3) Applying statistics of births and deaths (natural increase), but no account taken of migration
  - (i) Registered vital statistics
  - (ii) Vital statistics adjusted for incompleteness
- (4) Applying an assumed rate of increase, based on:
  - (i) Assumption with respect to mortality, fertility, migration
  - (ii) Assumption with respect to mortality, fertility, but no account taken of migration
  - (iii) Other assumed rate

Please provide the rate used, and describe how it was obtained:
- (5) No time adjustment (base figure held constant)
- (6) Other; please explain:

### 7.2 Population by age and sex

Estimates of population by age and sex are assumed to be constructed on the same base data as are the total population estimates. However, certain additional factors may affect age distributions estimated from census enumerations or from sample surveys. Please indicate below the adjustment(s) made in the basic age distribution used to construct the reported population estimates by age and sex.

#### 7.2.1 Adjustments in base data

- (1) No adjustments – the calculations are based on population actually enumerated at various ages or estimated from survey results.
- (2) Enumerated population or population estimated from survey results adjusted to take account of under enumeration at various ages. Please describe as necessary the methods of adjustment.
- (3) Base age distribution is "smoothed", i.e., adjusted to remove effects of digit preference in age reporting. Please describe as necessary the methods of smoothing.

### 7.2.2 Method of time adjustment

Please indicate below the method used in constructing the age-sex distribution of the reported population estimates by age and sex.

- (1) Population estimates by age and sex are sourced annually from a population register
- (2) Applying actual or assumed natural increase and migration
- (3) Applying actual or assumed natural increase alone
- (4) Distributing the total estimate according to percentage of population in each age-sex group at time of census or sample survey
- (5) Use of the cohort-components method to produce population estimates by age and sex
- (6) Innovative methods that use registers and administrative data. Please describe as necessary:
- (7) By other means, please describe: The National Bureau of Statistics compiles population estimates at two periods during the year, mid-year and end of year. The basis for the estimates starts with the Population Census figures, which are then updated during the intercensal years.

There are three main demographic components used for the calculation of the mid-year estimate are births, deaths and migration. Two other demographic variables namely marriages and divorces are also produced.

Each year population estimates are updated using a standard technique known as the "cohort component method". The previous year's population estimate is "aged on" by one year, with births added, deaths subtracted and in addition the population is adjusted for net migration. The base year, births, deaths and migration refer to the period July to December of the preceding year and January to June of the reporting year.

Migration accounts for all movements by residents of Seychelles inclusive of all Gainful Occupation Permit holders and their dependents arriving or departing for long term or short term.

The Bureau had planned to use new base figures, which is benchmarked on the Population and Housing Census results for the calculation of the 2021 mid-year estimates. However, with the COVID-19 pandemic coupled with budgetary constraints, the census was postponed to April 2022 and the rebasing exercise will be done after the data cleaning is completed.

Below is a step-by-step guideline on the production of the Mid 2022 Population Estimates.

- (1) Administrative data for births and deaths for Jan-June 2022 sourced from the Civil Status Department on a weekly and monthly basis respectively and data validation and cleaning is done for both using the National Population Database. Special release bulletin published in August 2022.

Adjust census population to June 30<sup>th</sup> timeline.

- (a) Births from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 added
  - (b) Deaths from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> June Subtracted
  - (c) Net Migration for the period 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> June added (see notes in point 2)
- (2) Administrative data for migration data sourced from Department of Immigration for the period May and June 2022. Analysis done for New immigrants and Permanent Departures. Discrepancies found in the category of New Immigrants by nationality especially for Seychellois. For departures a substantial figure of permanent Seychellois departures was noticed for the same period. These anomalies needs to be discussed with the relevant MDA.
  - (3) The PHC 2022 census results have been adjusted for undercounts. This adjustment was made after the completion of data cleaning at the end of November.
  - (4) Data analysis is done using the statistical package **SPSS** to produce the following tables and charts.

### 7.2.3 Disposition of unknown age

Please indicate below whether, in the preparation of the population estimates by age and sex:

(1) An age has been assigned to persons for whom age did not appear in the census or sample survey.

(2) Frequency in unknown age category has been distributed proportionately among known ages.

(3) The frequency of unknown age appearing in the census or survey was zero.

(4) Other treatment for unknown age category.

### 7.3 Urban and rural population, and the population of cities

Please indicate below the method used in making intercensal or postcensal estimates of urban, rural, and of city population. - Not applicable

	Urban/rural population	City population
(1) Continuous population registers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Surveys, other than a census	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) Extrapolation of percentage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) Observed rate of growth, assumed to continue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5) By other means; please describe:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 8. Bibliography of Demographic Statistics

Please list publications that contain results of your latest population census or survey, and current statistics on population estimates:

<https://www.nbs.gov.sc/downloads/36-data-acquisition-census>

<https://www.nbs.gov.sc/downloads/36-data-acquisition-census/16-population-and-vital-statistics>