

**United Nations Statistics Division: Demographic Yearbook**  
**Questionnaire on Metadata for Population and Housing Census**

Reporting country: ITALY

Population census date: 31st December 2021

Housing census date: 31st December 2021

**A. General population census information**

**1. Census - taking methodological approaches**

<p>(1) Traditional census - full field enumeration</p> <p>If yes, please circle the mode of data collection among options (a) to (f) listed below:</p> <p>(a) paper questionnaire only</p> <p>(b) paper questionnaire and tablet computers</p> <p>(c) tablet computers only</p> <p>(d) tablet computers and internet</p> <p>(e) internet and paper questionnaires</p> <p>(f) other (please describe)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>(2) Combined census</p> <p>If yes, please circle the method of census taking among the options (a) to (c) listed below:</p> <p>(a) register(s)* and ad-hoc surveys</p> <p>(b) register(s)* and existing surveys</p> <p>(c) other (please describe)</p> <p>*Please list the register or registers that are used.  Population Register, Employment Register, Addresses Register, Buildings Register, Education Register</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(3) Fully register based census	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) Rolling census	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5) Other, please specify	

## 2. Type of population count and coverage

<b>Type of population count</b>	
(a) Present / de facto population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Usual resident population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other, please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 3. Geospatial information for this census

- (a) Is this census a geospatial census? Yes
- (b) If Yes, is it polygon or point-based? Polygon
- (c) Describe the enumeration units: census areas are the smallest territorial units into which the municipality is divided. Starting from the census areas, higher-level geographic and administrative entities can be reconstructed by sum. Census areas are divided into 4 types (urban centers; inhabited nucleus; production plants; extra-urban areas) based on the presence of households, buildings and services within them.
- (d) Are there gaps or overlaps in enumeration units? No

## 4. Please specify whether the following population groups were enumerated in the census:

Population group	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
(a) Nomads and persons living in areas to which access is difficult	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located outside the country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(f) Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) Civilian foreigners who cross a border daily to work in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Civilian residents who cross a border daily to work in another country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) Merchant seafarers and fishers resident in the country but at sea at the time of the census	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(j) Homeless or roofless persons, vagrants 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 access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(l) Stateless persons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**5. In case the enumeration was performed according to the 'usual resident population' concept, please complete the following additional table.**

For each of the population groups listed in the following table, please indicate whether they were included, excluded, or not applicable in the usual resident population count.

Population group	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
(a) Persons found at the moment of enumeration that cannot identify their place of usual residence, such as those who move often;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) National military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families, located outside the country;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Foreign persons working for international organizations (not including foreign diplomats or military forces), provided that they meet the criteria for usual residence in the country;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Merchant seafarers and fishers usually resident in the country but at sea at the time of the census (including those who have no place of residence other than	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

their quarters aboard ship);			
<b>(e)</b> Persons who may be illegal, irregular or undocumented migrants, as well as asylum seekers and persons who have applied for or been granted refugee status or similar types of international protections, provided that they meet the criteria for usual residence in the country;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>(f)</b> Persons who cross a frontier daily or weekly to work or study in another country, provided that they meet the criteria for usual residence in the country;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>(g)</b> Children born in the 12 months before the census reference time and whose families are usually resident in the country at the census reference time;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>(h)</b> Persons of minor age studying abroad for one year or more to attain the primary or secondary level of education, regardless of the frequency of return to the family home located within the country. If the person is also working abroad, the same rules for cross-border workers apply;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>(i)</b> Persons who regularly live in more than one country during a year, if they are present in the country at the moment of the enumeration.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>(j)</b> Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families, located in the country, regardless of their place of usual residence;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>(k)</b> Persons of minor age attending the primary or secondary level of education whose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

family home is located abroad, regardless of the duration of their stay. However, if these persons are also working in the country, then the identification of the place of usual residence follows the same rules as for cross-border workers;			
(l) Third-level students who are absent from the country for one year or more;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(m) Persons who regularly live in more than one country during a year, if they are not present in the country at the moment of the enumeration.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 6. Estimated census coverage

Estimated coverage:	Both sexes	Male	Female
(a) Census under-enumeration / omissions (specify unit: <input type="text"/> )	149.059	92.857	56.202
(b) Census over-enumeration / erroneous inclusions and duplications (specify unit: <input type="text"/> )	849.348	391.289	458.059
(c) Net coverage error (specify unit: <input type="text"/> )	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
(d) Net coverage error rate			

<b>Base denominator for computing net coverage error rate is:</b>	
(a) Enumerated population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Estimated "complete" population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Method(s) used in estimating coverage error:</b>	
(a) Post Enumeration Survey (PES)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date conducted: <input type="text"/>	
Size of sample (specify unit: <input type="text"/> ):	
For total area: <input type="text"/>	
For urban areas: <input type="text"/>	
For rural areas: <input type="text"/>	
Population groups excluded: <input type="text"/>	
(b) Demographic analysis, please specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other methods, please specify: <input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## 7. Definition of urban/rural

The Census does not disseminate aggregate data for urban and rural areas. For the purposes of this provision, we have distinguished between urban areas (Cities or Densely populated areas and Towns and suburbs or Intermediate density areas) and rural areas (Rural areas or Thinly populated areas) based on the degree of urbanization (DEGURBA) of the municipalities (see Commission Implementing Regulation EU 2019/1130).

The definition of urban areas for this census is:

Cities or Densely populated areas are LAU level territorial units where at least 50% of the population lives in urban centers (Contiguous 1 km<sup>2</sup> grid cells within the 'urban cluster' with a density of at least 1.500 inhabitants/km<sup>2</sup> and a minimum of 50.000 inhabitants in the cluster after gap filling).

'Towns and suburbs' or 'Intermediate density areas' are LAU level territorial units where less than 50% of the population lives in rural grid cells and less than 50% lives in urban centres.

The definition of rural areas for this census is:

Rural areas or Thinly populated areas are LAU level territorial units where at least 50% of the population lives in rural grid cells (1km<sup>2</sup> grid cells with density below 300 inhabitants/km<sup>2</sup> and other cells outside urban clusters).

## 8. Definition of cities

The definition of a city proper for this census is:

It coincides with the territory of the municipality.

The definition of urban agglomeration for this census is:



## **9. Definition of locality**

The definition of a locality for this census is:

More or less extensive area of land on which one or more houses are grouped or scattered. Two types of localities are distinguished: inhabited localities and productive localities. The boundaries identifying inhabited localities are obtained by drawing lines running along the outer boundary of buildings located on the edge of a grouping of at least 15 buildings.

## **10. Definition of literacy**

The definition of “literate” and “illiterate” for this census is:

The definition of “literate” and “illiterate” for this census is:

Illiterate: persons who cannot both read and write

Literate: persons who can both read and write although they have not achieved the primary school.

## **11. Educational attainment**

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Education (ISCED) for tabulating the population by educational attainment?

Yes we do.

If yes, which revision? ISCED 2011

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data according to ISCED?  
Please specify revision number.

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISCED. Please specify revision number.

## **B. Economic characteristics**

### **12. Activity status / labour force status**

What is the lower age limit for the collection of information on activity status in this census?

The minimum age limit for collecting activity status information is 15 years.

Is there a maximum age limit for collection of information on activity status for this census?

No, there isn't.

What reference period do you use to establish the activity status (labour force status) of a person?

The reference period is the week preceding the census sample survey reference date (3rd October 2021).

**13. Please specify whether the groups of persons listed in the following table are included or excluded in the 'in employment' category in your census, by marking the appropriate box below.**

	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
(a) Persons with a job for pay or profit who, during the reference period, were on training or skills enhancement activities required by their job or for another job in the same economic unit;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Apprentices, interns or trainees who work for pay in cash or in kind;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Persons who work for pay or profit through employment promotion programs;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Persons who work in their own economic units to produce goods intended <i>mainly</i> for sale or barter, even if part of the output is consumed by the household or family;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Persons with seasonal jobs during the off season, if they continue to perform some tasks and duties of the job, excluding, however, fulfilment of legal or administrative obligations (for example pay taxes);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Regular members of the armed forces and persons on military or alternative civilian service who perform this work for pay in cash or in kind;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



(g) Apprentices, interns and trainees who work <i>without</i> pay in cash or in kind (that is, unpaid trainee work);	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Participants in skills training or retraining schemes within employment promotion programs, when <i>not</i> engaged in the production process of an economic unit;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) Persons who are required to perform work as a condition of continued receipt of a government social benefit such as unemployment insurance;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(j) Persons with seasonal jobs during the off season, if they <i>cease</i> to perform the tasks and duties of the job;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(k) Persons who retain a right to return to the same economic unit but who were absent (for reasons such as parental leave, educational leave, care for others, other personal reasons, temporary lay-off, suspension of work), when the total duration of the absence exceeds the specified threshold or if the test of receipt of remuneration is not fulfilled;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(l) Persons on indefinite lay-off who do not have an assurance of return to employment with the same economic unit;	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(m) Persons who work to produce goods intended <i>mainly</i> or <i>exclusively</i> for consumption or use by the household or family, even if a surplus or part of the output is sold or bartered (that is, own-use production of goods);	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(n) Household members who provide <i>unpaid</i> services for consumption or use by their household (that is, own-use provision of services);	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(o) Persons who work voluntarily and <i>without</i> pay to produce goods or services through or for other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

economic units, including market, non-market units and households (that is, volunteer work).			
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#### 14. Status in Employment

Based on the International Standard Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93), the status in employment may be classified as follows:

- (a) Employees;
- (b) Self-employed:
  - i. Employers;
  - ii. Own-account workers;
  - iii. Members of producers' cooperatives;
  - iv. Contributing family workers;
- (c) Persons not classifiable by status.

Do you follow the above structure, for the classification of the Status in Employment in your country?

No, we do not.

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data according to the above structure?

We can provide data according to the following classification:

- (a) Employees;
- (b) Self-employed:
  - i. Employers;
  - ii. Own-account workers;
  - iii. Other;
- (c) Persons not classifiable by status.

If no, please point out the major deviations from ICSE-93.

#### 15. Occupation

Do you follow the International Standard Classification for Occupations (ISCO) for tabulating the employed population by occupation?

Yes, we do.

If yes, which revision? ISCO 08 (COM)

If any other or national classification is used, are you able to provide data according to ISCO? Please specify revision number.

Italian population census collects and disseminates information on the 10 Major Groups of ISCO 08 COM.

If no, point out the major deviations from ISCO. Please specify revision number.

## **16. Industry**

Do you follow the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) for tabulating the employed population by industry?

Yes

If yes, which revision? ISIC Rev. 4

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data according to ISIC? Please specify revision number.

Italian population census collects and disseminates information on the 21 branches of economic activity as foreseen in the COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2017/543 of 22 March 2017 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on population and housing censuses as regards the technical specifications of the topics and of their breakdowns.

If no, please point out the major deviations from ISIC. Please specify revision number.

## C. Household characteristics

### 17. Definitions

General definition of a household for this census is:

Group of persons linked by marriage, civil partnership, kinship, affinity, adoption, legal guardianship or personal ties, who cohabit and share a place of usual residence (even if not already registered at the General Register Office). A private household may be also constituted by one person. Temporarily absent person belongs to his private household even if he is in another housing unit (or institutional household) of the same municipality, in another Italian municipality or abroad.

General definition of a family nucleus for this census is:

Two or more persons who belong to the same household and who are related as husband and wife (opposite sex), as partners in a registered partnership (same sex) without or with children, as partners in a consensual union, or as parent and child.

### 18. Head of household / reference person of household

Which one among the following options was used to determine the relationships between household members?

Please select one.

- a) Head of household
- ☒ b) Reference person
- c) Other; please describe

Regarding your answer to the previous question, please provide the definition of head of household or reference person that was used in the Census.

The reference person is generally the holder of the household record in the Registry Office.

## D. Housing census characteristics

### 19. Housing information

The general definition applied in this census for housing unit is:

A 'housing unit' is a separate and independent place of abode intended for habitation by a single household, or one not intended for habitation but used as a usual residence by a household at the census reference time. This includes 'occupied conventional dwellings' and 'other housing units'.

The general definition applied in this census for conventional dwelling is:

Room (or suite of rooms) designed for permanent human habitation; it is separated (it is surrounded by walls and covered by a roof); it is independent (it has a direct access from the street or from a public or communal staircase, passage, gallery or grounds - that is when the occupants can enter without passing through another dwelling); it is in a permanent building (or it is a building itself).

Are vacant units included in the enumerated conventional dwellings?

Yes, vacant units are included.

The general definition applied in this census for room is:

Space that receives air and direct light from the outside, large enough to hold a bed and to leave enough space for the movement of a person. Thus, bedrooms and living rooms count as rooms if they correspond to the definition above. Kitchens, kitchenette, utility rooms and bathrooms do not count as rooms even though they can have the features. Rooms without windows should not generally be counted, unless they are functionally used for domestic purposes - which might include bedrooms.

## **20. Definition of cities**

**(as referred to in the Housing Census Questionnaire: City Data)**

General definition of a city in the reporting country for this census is:

City 1 (Capital City) – Territory refers to:

City 2 – Territory refers to:

City 3 – Territory refers to:

City 4 – Territory refers to:

## **E. Bibliography of Population and Housing Statistics**

Please list publications that contain results of your latest population census and your latest housing census:

<https://www.istat.it/it/files//2022/12/CENSIMENTO-E-DINAMICA-DEMOGRAFICA-2021.pdf>

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