

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

Reporting country: [Trinidad and Tobago](#)

Population census date: [9th January 2011](#)

Housing census date: [9th January 2011](#)

A. General population census information

1. Census information

Type of census	
(a) Traditional census	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Register based census	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Combination	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Other, please specify 	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Type of population count and coverage

Type of population count	
(a) De facto / population present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) De jure / usual resident population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other, please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify whether the following population groups were enumerated in the census

Population group	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
(a) Nomads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Persons living in areas to which access is difficult	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located outside the country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Civilian residents temporarily absent from the country	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(e) Civilian residents who cross a frontier daily to work in another country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 do not cross a frontier daily and are in the country temporarily, including undocumented persons, or transients on ships in harbour at the time of the census	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Civilian foreigners who cross a frontier daily to work in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(i) Refugees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(j) Collective Living Population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(k) Street Dwellers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Estimated census completeness

Estimated completeness:	Both sexes	Male	Female
(a) Gross under-enumeration (specify unit: Percent)	4.8%	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Gross over-enumeration (specify unit: <input type="checkbox"/>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Net error (specify unit: <input type="checkbox"/>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Base denominator for this estimate is:	
(a) Enumerated population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Estimated "complete" population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

Method(s) used in estimating completeness:	
(a) Post Enumeration Survey (PES)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date conducted: 17 th July to 31 st August 2011	
Size of sample (specify unit: Enumeration Districts (ED)):	
For total area: 312 EDs	

For urban areas: not applicable	
For rural areas: not applicable	
Population groups excluded: Collective living population, Street dwellers	
(b) Demographic analysis, please specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other methods, please specify: <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Definition of urban/rural

The definition of urban areas for this census is:

[Definition currently being revised.](#)

The definition of rural areas for this census is:

[Definition currently being revised.](#)

5. Definition of cities

The definition of a city proper for this census is:

[No census definition for a city was formulated. The two cities in Trinidad and Tobago were accepted as designated by the Municipal Corporation Act of Trinidad and Tobago, Act No. 21 of 1990.](#)

The definition of urban agglomeration for this census is:

[NA](#)

6. Definition of locality

The definition of a locality for this census is:

[For census purposes, a locality/community should be defined as a distinct population cluster \(also designated as inhabited place, populated centre, settlement and so forth\) in which the inhabitants live in neighbouring sets of living quarters and that has a name or a locally recognized status. The boundaries are defined by the Geographic Information Section. Communities are contained within the Municipalities.](#)

7. Definition of literacy

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

[No questions were asked in the census to explicitly gauge these concepts, therefore no formal definition was formulated. Inferences may be made on the basis of highest level of educational attainment.](#)

8. Educational attainment

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

Yes

If so, what revision? [ISCED 1997](#)

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISCED (specify revision number)?

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

B. Economic characteristics

1. Activity status

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

15 years

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

No

What reference period do you use to determine the economic activity of a person?

Past week – Currently Active

Past 12 months – Usually Active

2. Definition of economically active population used in this census

Definition of economically active population	
(a) Usually active population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Currently active population	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other, please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are the following groups considered economically active in the national tabulations?
If not, please indicate how they are classified:

Economic group	Yes	No
(a) contributing (unpaid) family workers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) unemployed persons including those never previously employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(c) armed forces;	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) part-time workers even though they may spend most time at non-gainful activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) domestic servants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Status in Employment

Do you follow the International Standard Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE-93), for the classification of the Status in Employment in your country?

Yes

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ICSE-93?

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

4. Occupation

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

Yes

If yes, what revision? ISCO 08

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISCO (specify revision number)?

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

5. Industry

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

Yes

If so, what revision? [Currently updating to Rev 4](#)

If any other classification is used, are you able to provide data in ISIC (specify revision number).

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

C. Household characteristics

1. Definitions

General definition of a household for this census is:

A private household consists of one or more persons living together (sleeping most nights of a week) and sharing at least one of the main daily meals. In general, a household will comprise a father, mother and children living together.

It is important to note a member of the household is not necessarily a relative of the main family. For example, a boarder or a domestic employee who sleeps in most nights of the week and shares at least one of the daily meals is also included as a member of the household.

General definition of a family nucleus for this census is:

This was not explicitly defined but can be ascertained by the definition of household members and their relationship to the head of household. The concept of the household and family is not the same. It is possible to encounter more than one family constituting a single household **once they share common living arrangements**.

2. Head of household / reference member

Definition	
(a) Head of household, defined as follows: The head of the household is the person, male or female, who carries the main responsibility in the affairs of the household. In most cases it will be obvious who is the head of the household. Usually he/she is the chief breadwinner. In any event the person recognized by the respondent, as the head will be accepted as such for census purposes.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(b) Reference member of household, defined as follows:	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other (for example: Joint head of household):	<input type="checkbox"/>

D. Housing census characteristics

1. Housing information

What definition did you apply in this census for housing unit?

The household is the general framework in which most individuals are identified, since the majority of the population lives in households. Hence a housing unit was identified in any instance where a household was found to be residing.

What definition did you apply in this census for conventional dwelling?

A dwelling unit is any building or separate and independent part of a building in which a person or group of persons (private household) are living at the time of the census enumeration.

The essential features of a dwelling unit are “separateness” and “independence”.

A dwelling unit may be considered separate if surrounded by walls, fences or some form of partitioning, covered by a roof so that a person or group of persons can isolate himself/herself/themselves from other persons in the community for the purposes of sleeping, preparing and sharing meals, and protecting themselves from the hazards of climate and environment.

It is independent when it has direct access from the street or common landing, staircase, passage or gallery or grounds, i.e. when the occupants can come in and go out of their living quarters without passing through another person’s premises.

Are vacant units included in the enumerated conventional dwellings?

Yes

What definition did you apply in this census for room?

A room is defined as a space in a dwelling unit enclosed and permanently separated, by means of walls, from other parts of the building. **It excludes kitchens, galleries, bathrooms, toilets, storerooms, laundry rooms, pantries and corridors.**

Separate spaces used or intended for habitation all count as rooms. The walls of a room ought to be of a permanent nature, not a “blind” and should be at least two (2) metres high above the ground or ground to ceiling.

2. 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

No census definition for a city was formulated. The two cities in Trinidad and Tobago were accepted as designated by the Municipal Corporation Act of Trinidad and Tobago, Act No. 21 of 1990.

City 1 (Capital City) – Territory refers to:

City of Port of Spain

City 2 – Territory refers to:

City of San Fernando

City 3 – Territory refers to:

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City 4 – Territory refers to:

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E. Bibliography of Population and Housing Statistics

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

[2011 Population and Housing Census Preliminary Count Report](#)