

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

Reporting country: [Estonia](#)

Population census date: [31 December 2011](#)

Housing census date: [31 December 2011](#)

A. General population census information

1. Census information

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

2. Type of population count and coverage

Type of population count	
(a) De facto / population present	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) De jure / usual resident population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other, please specify: usual resident population and residents of foreign countries who arrived to Estonia before 31 December 2011 and stayed (or intended to stay) in Estonia for at least three months (90 days).	X

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

Population group	Included	Excluded	Not applicable
(a) Nomads	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Persons living in areas to which access is difficult	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(c) Military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located outside the country	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) Civilian residents temporarily absent from the country	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Civilian residents who cross a frontier daily to work in another country	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Foreign military, naval and diplomatic personnel and their families located in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<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. This group was enumerated, if they had arrived to Estonia for a period of at least 3 months. They are not included to the usual resident population.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Civilian foreigners who cross a frontier daily to work in the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) Refugees. They were enumerated as usual resident population, if they had lived (or intended to live) in Estonia for at least 12 months. They were enumerated as temporary residents, if they had lived (or intended to live) in Estonia for at least 3 months. In other cases they were not enumerated.	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
■	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Estimated census completeness

Estimated completeness:	Both sexes	Male	Female
(a) Gross under-enumeration (specify unit: %)	2,1	2,5	1,7
(b) Gross over-enumeration (specify unit: ■)	■	■	■
(c) Net error (specify unit: %)	4	5	3

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

Method(s) used in estimating completeness:	
(a) Post Enumeration Survey (PES)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date conducted: [REDACTED]	
Size of sample (specify unit: [REDACTED]):	
For total area: [REDACTED]	
For urban areas: [REDACTED]	
For rural areas: [REDACTED]	
Population groups excluded: [REDACTED]	
(b) Demographic analysis, please specify: [REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other methods, please specify: Analysis of State Registers	X

4. Definition of urban/rural

The definition of urban areas for this census is:

[Urban settlements – include cities, cities without municipal status and towns.](#)

The definition of rural areas for this census is:

[Rural settlements – include small towns and villages.](#)

5. Definition of cities

The definition of a city proper for this census is:

[City – include cities and cities without municipal status.](#)

The definition of urban agglomeration for this census is:

[Not applicable](#)

6. Definition of locality

The definition of a locality for this census is:

Locality is defined as settlement (city, city without municipal status, town, small town village).

7. Definition of literacy

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

Literate – the person is able to read (understand the text) and write (incl. writing in Braille) simple texts regarding his/her everyday life at least in one language.

Illiterate – the person is unable to read (understand the text) and write simple texts regarding his/her everyday life in any language.

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?

19-25 December 2011

2. Definition of economically active population used in this census

Definition of economically active population	
(a) Usually active population	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Currently active population	X
(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	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) unemployed persons including those never previously employed	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) armed forces;	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) part-time workers even though they may spend most time at non-gainful activities	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) domestic servants	X	<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, but subdivisions „contributing family workers” and „members of producers’ co-operatives” are summarized.

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?

No

If so, what revision?

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

Yes, [NACE Rev. 2](#) (→ [ISIC Rev.4](#))

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:

Household is a group of people usually living in a common dwelling, who share available household facilities (common budget and food); a person living alone is also a household. A household is similar to a family but, unlike a family, it could also have only one member or include non-relatives.

General definition of a family nucleus for this census is:

Family nucleus consists of two or more persons living in the same household who are related as husband and wife, as cohabiting partners or as parent and child. Each household member can be a member of only one family nucleus. Family nucleus can be:

- a. married couple or cohabiting couple without children,
- b. married couple or cohabiting couple with children (children need not be common)
- c. lone parent with child(ren)

Person (regardless of age and legal marital status) was considered to be a child belonged to the same family nucleus as his/her parents (parent) if he/she had not a partner (spouse, cohabitant) and/or child (children) in the household. Both as biological and adopted children were recorded as a children, foster children were not. Family nucleus cannot consist of more than two successive generations. If the household comprised three (or more) generations with parental relationship between them (child, his/her mother and grandmother) the family nucleus was formed of the two youngest generation.

2. Head of household / reference member

Definition	
(a) Head of household, defined as follows:	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Reference member of household, defined as follows:	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) Other (for example: Joint head of household): Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>

D. Housing census characteristics

1. Housing information

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

The sum of occupied conventional dwellings and other housing units represents 'housing units'.

'Other housing units' are huts, cabins, shacks, shanties, caravans, houseboats, barns, mills, caves or any other shelter used for human habitation at the time of the census, irrespective if it was designed for human habitation.

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

'Conventional dwellings' are structurally separate and independent premises at fixed locations which are designed for permanent human habitation and are, at the reference date,

- (a) used as a residence, or
- (b) vacant, or
- (c) reserved for seasonal or secondary use.

Are vacant units included in the enumerated conventional dwellings?

Yes

What definition did you apply in this census for room?

Rooms include living rooms, bedrooms, children's rooms, offices, dining rooms, etc. If there is no permanent wall between dining room and kitchen (or the wall has been dismantled), this room should be counted as a room, not as a kitchen. A room can also be located on basement or attic floor. Parlour kitchens and privatised rooms in dormitory-type buildings are also counted as rooms. If a room is suitable for all-year-round habitation and has an area of at least four square meters and height of at least two meters (for the most part), it should be counted among rooms.

The definition of a room does not include kitchens, vestibules, toilet rooms, bathrooms, pantries, saunas, cloakrooms or any other auxiliary premises, irrespective of size. Furthermore, rooms that are used exclusively for business or work-related purposes (for instance, used only as workshops, studios, customer service rooms) are not considered to be rooms of the dwelling. However, if such room is used for both, work-related purposes and housework or hobbies, for instance, this room should be included in the number of rooms of the dwelling.

1. Note: There was a question in our questionnaire Is there a kitchen in the dwelling (options: (1) There is a separate kitchen; 2) Kitchen forms a part of the room or there is a kitchenette, 3) The dwelling has no kitchen or kitchenette). Therefore it is possible to include kitchen among the rooms if necessary.

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

City – include cities and cities without municipal status.

City 1 (Capital City) – Territory refers to:

Tallinn

City 2 – Territory refers to:

Tartu

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:

1. 2011 Population and Housing Census
Dedicated section on the web site of statistics Estonia
<http://www.stat.ee/phc2011>
contains general information about 2011 Census.

2. Analytical articles about 2011 Census:

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

In English:

1. **RESULTS OF THE E-CENSUS. D. Beltadze, E.-M. Tiit.** QUARTERLY BULLETIN OF STATISTICS ESTONIA 2/12. Direct link <http://www.stat.ee/65369>
2. ABOUT CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRES, E.-M. Tiit. QUARTERLY BULLETIN OF STATISTICS ESTONIA 4/2011. Direct link <http://www.stat.ee/49278>
3. **ENUMERATORS' ACTIVITY AFTER THE CENSUS. E.-M. Tiit, M. Vähi.** QUARTERLY BULLETIN OF STATISTICS ESTONIA 2/12. Direct link <http://www.stat.ee/65369>
4. **ASSESSMENT OF THE TARGET POPULATION OF THE CENSUS. E.-M. Tiit, K. Meres, M. Vähi.** QUARTERLY BULLETIN OF STATISTICS ESTONIA 3/12. Direct link <http://www.stat.ee/65371>
5. **THE SIZE, STRUCTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION OF ESTONIA BASED ON THE 2011 CENSUS. D. Beltadze.** QUARTERLY BULLETIN OF STATISTICS ESTONIA 4/12. Direct link <http://www.stat.ee/65375>
6. **ASSESSMENT OF UNDER-COVERAGE IN THE 2011 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS E.-M. Tiit.** QUARTERLY BULLETIN OF STATISTICS ESTONIA 4/12. Direct link <http://www.stat.ee/65375>
7. **"Census Snapshots"** Tallinn, 2013; ISBN 978-9985-74-535-9, Direct link <http://www.stat.ee/65398>

8. GEO-REFERENCED STATISTICS using Results of the Population and Housing Census. **Direct link** <http://www.stat.ee/maps>

9. Rahva ja eluruumide loendus 2011. Ülevaade Eesti maakondade rahvastikust (only in Estonian) (e-publication, Tallinn, 2013), ISBN 978-9985-74-538-0. Direct link <http://www.stat.ee/67172>

10. 2011 Population and Housing Census dedicated section on the web site of statistics Estonia <http://www.stat.ee/phc2011>, it contains general information about 2011 Census and links about news releases.

11. In September we will have „map application for location-based statistics“ and mobile application for selected statistics based on Census data