

2010 Round of World Population and Housing Census as Sources of International Migration Statistics

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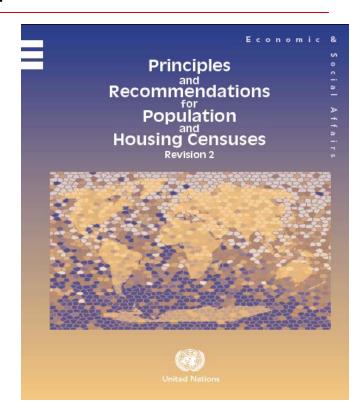
Why censuses matter?

- An important part of an integrated national statistical system.
- Collects demographic, socio-economic info. of every individual in a defined territory, at the well-defined point in time.
- Population censuses are the best source for collecting data on the immigrant stock and its characteristics.
- Migrant stock: the set of persons who have ever changed their country of usual residence.



Topics to be investigated in population censues

- UN Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Rev. 2.
- Recommends 25 core topics to include, as having the highest priority.
- 3 core topics which can generate the information relevant to international migration.





3 core topics related to international migration

- 1) Country of birth > foreign-born population
 - Country of birth of parents
- 2) Country of citizenship > foreign population
 - Country of previous citizenship
 - Year of naturalization
- 3) Year or period of arrival in the country
 - Date of first arrival, the most recent arrival

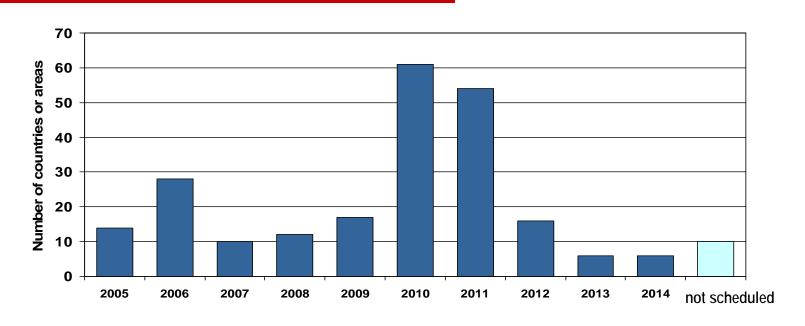


2010 World Population and Housing Censuses Programme

- □ Since 1950s, the UN has supported national censustaking worldwide.
- 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme approved by the Statistical Commission in 2005.
- Recommend countries to have a census at least once between 2005 and 2014.
- UNSD 1) assists countries to plan and conduct censuses,
 2) facilitate the dissemination of census results, and 3) monitor country progress in conducting population and housing censuses.



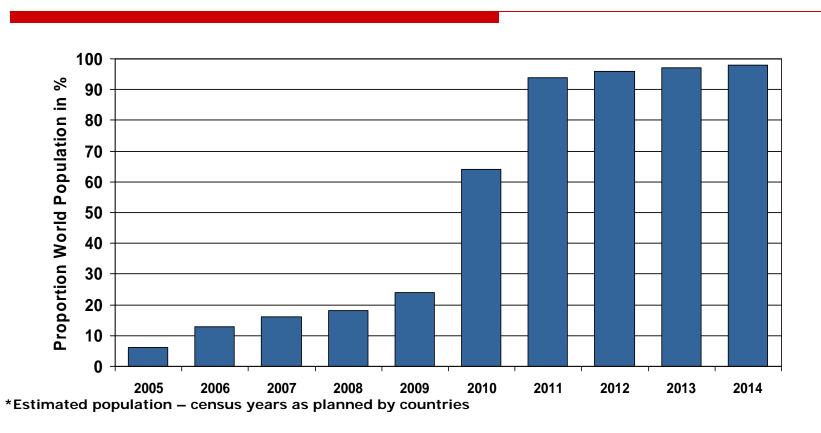
2010 Census Dates by Year



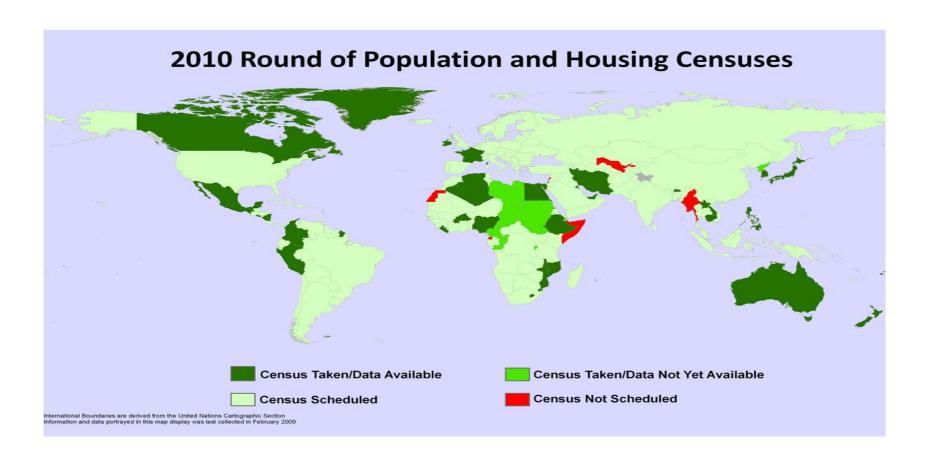
- 75 countries already had taken a census since 2005.
- 63 countries will conduct a census in 2010 and 54 countries in 2011.
- 10 countries has not yet scheduled a census.



2010 Accumulated Enumerated Population by Year*







Countries asking the questions relevant to international migration

Topic	Number	%
Country of birth	46	74
Citizenship	44	71
Year or period of arrival	23	37

Note: Based on the analysis of 62 censuses undertaken since 2005, as of November 2009



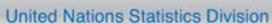
47 Countries or areas which included the question on country of birth

Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe	Oceania
Algeria	Canada	Cambodia	Belarus	Australia
Burkina Faso	El Salvador	Macao SAR	France	Cook Islands
Burundi	Guadeloupe	Israel	Ireland	Fiji
Cameroon	Martinique	Kazakhstan	Isle of Man	French Polynesia
Djibouti	Nicaragua	Lao PDR	Malta	Kiribati
Guinea-Bissau	St Pierre & Miquelon	Maldives		New Caledonia
Lesotho	Colombia	Occupied Palestinian Territory		New Zealand
Liberia	French Guiana			Norfolk Island
Malawi				Palau
Mayotte				Samoa
Nigeria				Tokelau
Reunion				Tonga
Saint Helena				Wallis and Futuna Is
Swaziland				



44 Countries or areas which included the question on citizenship

Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe	Oceania	
			Belarus	Australia	
Algeria	Canada	Hong Kong, SAR	Belarus	Australia	
Burkina Faso	Guadeloupe	Macao, SAR	France	Cook Islands	
Burundi	Martinique	DPRK	Ireland	French Polynesia	
Congo	St Pierre & Miquelon	Iran	Isle of Man	New Caledonia	
Djibouti	French Guiana	Japan	Malta	Norfolk Island	
Egypt		Kazakhstan		Palau	
Guinea-Bissau		Lao PDR		Samoa	
Lesotho		Maldives		Tokelau	
Liberia		Occupied Palestinian Territory		Wallis and Futuna Islands	
Malawi		Republic of Korea			
Mayotte		UAE			
Nigeria					
Reunion					
Sudan					
Swaziland					



23 Countries or areas which included the question on year or period of arrival

Africa	Americas	Asia	Europe	Oceania
Burkina Faso	El Salvador	Israel	Belarus	New Zealand
Egypt	Guadeloupe	Kazakhstan	France	Norfolk Island
Liberia	Martinique	UAE	Australia	Palau
Reunion	Nicaragua		Cook Islands	Wallis and Futuna Islands
	St. Pierre & Miquelon		French Polynesia	
	Colombia		New Caledonia	
	French Guiana			



Challenges ahead

- Growing interests in capturing international migration by census
- But, the experience of the 2000 round of census tells:
 - Low priority in tablulation
 - Insufficient dissemination
 - Untimely release of data
- Follow-ups by UNSD
 - DYB Census Questionnaire
 - CensusInfo





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