Republic of Moldova: Forced Displacement & Statelessness in 2024 Population and Housing CENSUS

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National context

Ministry of Internal Affairs
General Inspectorate for Migration

Legislation

- Law no. 200/2010 regarding the regime of foreigners in the Republic of Moldova

- Law no. 274/2011 regarding the integration of foreigners in the Republic of Moldova

- Law no. 270/2008 regarding asylum in the Republic of Moldova

- Government Decision no. 21/2023 on granting temporary protection to displaced persons from Ukraine

- PROGRAM on the management of the migration flow, asylum and integration of foreigners for the years 2022-2025

Migration statistics

- During March 1, 2023 – May 2, 2024, a total of 55,867 people were pre-registered in the information system regarding temporary protection, of whom **46,048** identity documents were issued to beneficiaries of **temporary protection**, including **13,099** for minors.

- **Asylum** - **1,803 people**, of which: 206 people with refugee status (Ukraine-1), 384 beneficiaries of humanitarian protection (Ukraine-178), 1,135 asylum seekers under examination (Ukraine-621)

- **7,025** citizens of Ukraine with valid **residence permits**, of which: with the right of permanent residence - 3,251; right of temporary residence – 3,793.

- During February 24, 2022 – March 31, 2024 (State Register) -2,328 citizens of Ukraine applied for Moldova's citizenship, of whom 2,114 Ukrainians acquired the citizenship of Moldova.
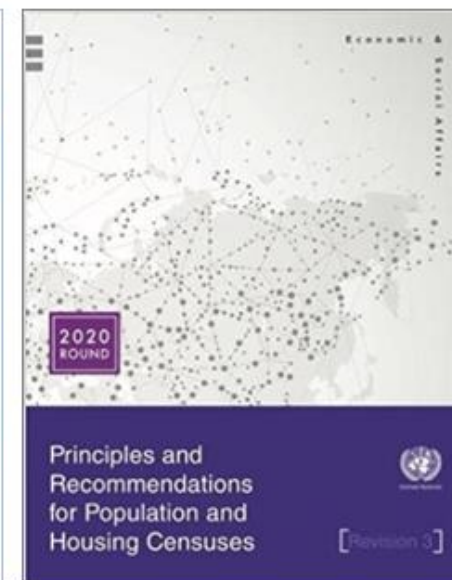
Population and Housing Census: approaches

- In **2024**, the Population and Housing Census will be carried out on the basis of **Law No. 231/2022** on PHC and **Government Decision No. 951/2022** on the organization and conduct of PHC

- The 2024 census will be the **third** population census since the declaration of independence of the Republic of Moldova and will be part of the 2020 global round

- **International recommendations** for the preparation and conduct of PHC, round 2020, are followed

- Method: personal interview using a mobile electronic device (CAPI - **Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing**)
- Use of **electronic devices**
- **Longer data collection period**
- **Use of administrative data** at the data processing stage
- Use of a **geographic information system** (GIS) at the stage of preparing the PHC, collecting data and disseminating the results
- Inclusion of some topics related to household **agricultural activities**
- **ISO/IEC 27001:2013** on information security and **ISO/IEC 27701:2019** on the protection of personal/confidential data
- Methodology for generating a unique statistical identifier for **pseudonymizing personal data**

Concepts used

- **Usual residence**, **place of birth**, **country of citizenship,** and others - adopted by Census National Committee in 2023, which are in compliance with the definitions as per

  - *UN Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses* (2017)

  - *Recommendations of the Conference of European Statisticians,* UN Economic Commission for Europe on RPL round 2020

  - *Regulation (EC) No. 763/2008* of the EU Parliament and the EU Council regarding RPL and 4 other regulations implementing this regulation

  supported by the *International Recommendations on Internally Displaced Persons Statistics* (2020)

Forcibly displaced & stateless populations in Census

- ❑ Needed to improve **availability** and the quality of statistics on these specific groups at country level

- ❑ Crucial to inform sound **decision-making** and support longer-term **development strategies** at country level

- ❑ Data enriched by the **refugee status** can be used to answer a variety of **socio-economic questions** about people seeking protection (e.g. information on labour force participation, economic sectors of those in employment)

- ❑ **Requested** by data users (Ministry of Internal Affairs, General Migration Inspectorate, OHCHR, IOM, UNHCR) – during public consultations

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Census questionnaires

What is the year of last arrival/return to the Republic of Moldova? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Where were you born?

1 ☐ in this locality

2 ☐ in another locality in Republic of Moldova

3 ☐ in another country

9 ☐ uk

What was the locality name? (SELECT)

What was the country name? (SELECT)

Where was your father born?

1 ☐ in Republic of Moldova

2 ☐ in another country

9 ☐ uk

What was the country name? (SELECT)

Where was your mother born?

1 ☐ in Republic of Moldova

2 ☐ in another country

9 ☐ uk

What was the country name? (SELECT)

What citizenship do you hold?

1 ☐ Republic of Moldova

2 ☐ Republic of Moldova and other country (SELECT)

3 ☐ of another country (SELECT)

4 ☐ without citizenship

(indicate country of last citizenship)

What is the country name?

Include **core migration variables** recommended by IROSS:

➤ country of birth

➤ country of citizenship

➤ and year of arrival

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Census questionnaires (2)

What was the reason for entering Moldova?

1 ☐ emploaymenat work/ business interest   4 ☐ forced displacement

2 ☐ at studies   5 ☐ other reasons

3 ☐ family reasons   9 ☐ uk

What is your status on the territory of the Republic of Moldova?

1 ☐ refugee   3 ☐ temporary protection

2 ☐ asylum seeker   4 ☐ other reasons

➤ "**reason for migration**" with response categories including forced displacement

➤ **statuses**: refugees, asylum seekers, temporary protected status, other - as an additional topic in the census

2024 PHC Program for forcibly displaced population, refugees and stateless people allows:

1) establishing **stock** numbers of <u>forcibly</u> <u>displaced</u> populations, <u>refugees</u> and <u>stateless</u> people with the potential for disaggregation by age, sex, ethnicity, religion, languages and other characteristics in the census program

2) Identification of **movements**, **current situation** and **URP status** – when used <u>in combination</u> with question on current **<u>usual residence</u>** (presence during last 12 months or intention to stay)

3) **comparison** with other population groups, such as <u>general</u> <u>migrant groups</u> in the country, as well as to the <u>general local population</u> – when used <u>in combination</u> with questions on **housing and living conditions,** families and households, employment, education, health

4) **detailed geographically** referenced **data dissemination** (in 2025-2026), while protecting the security and confidentially of people

5) census data can be used as a **sampling frame** for designing prospective <u>sample surveys</u> on these groups in future

6) **cross-checking** the data from <u>administrative sources</u> and from providers of different support (registration, cash, humanitarian, etc.) for persons in a refugee-like situation

Coverage:

✓ Data collection will include persons living in **refugee camps, receptions centers, temporary structures and collective accommodation** during census time

✓ In the census questionnaire there are questions that can **directly identify** forcibly displaced persons

✓ NBS is going to exploit **other data sources**, such as registers, other administrative sources and combine with census data to check and most probably produce **more detailed migration statistics**

✓ Priority was given to questions (**1/3**) related to the **migration topic**

✓ Reason for migration (including forced displacement) for **foreign-born migrants** is to identify the displaced population

Challenges:

➢ **Administrative data** sources are <u>not complete</u>

➢ **Comparison** of <u>census data</u> with <u>administrative data</u> - because of different approaches: census data are based on self-declaration of forcibly displaced status, whereas administrative data - on legal status

➢ **Transnistria** region is not covered

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