PREPARATION FOR THE POPULATION CENSUS ROUND 2019 IN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

Babuk Tatyana Vladminirovna
Head of the Chief Department of Demographic Statistics and Population Census of the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus
Legal Framework:

➢ Law of the Republic of Belarus dated July 13, 2006 "On Census" (updated version);

➢ Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus dated October 24, 2016, No. 384 "On the implementation of the Population census in the Republic of Belarus in 2019";

➢ Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus dated November 23, 2016 No. 953 "On measures for the implementation of the Decree of the President of the Republic of Belarus" On the implementation of the Population census in the Republic of Belarus in 2019";
Legal Framework:


➢ Resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus No. 505 of June 28, июня 2018 "On approval of the population census programme in the Republic of Belarus in 2019".
Accepted legal acts

- the period and the region of the pilot population census (October 2-13, 2017, Molodechno district);
- the period of the population census in the Republic of Belarus in 2019 (October 4-30, 2019);
- the average quota for temporary census personnel (register clerk - 700 houses, census taker - 750 people);
- functions of the government bodies assisting in the preparation and conducting the population census in the Republic of Belarus in 2019
Accepted legal acts

- a temporary Republican Commission for Assistance to the Population Census round 2019 in the Republic of Belarus was established;

- territorial commissions were created to assist the population census round 2019 in the Republic of Belarus:
  - in 6 provinces and the city of Minsk;
  - in 11 cities;
  - in 118 districts;
  - in 11 city sectors.
Resolution of the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus dated January 18, 2018, No. 5 "The Calendar Plan of activities for the preparation and observance of the population census round 2019 in the Republic of Belarus»

The sections of the Calendar Plan are:

✓ legal security;
✓ organizational measures;
✓ public awareness-raising campaign;
✓ automation of preparation process and the population census.
A Pilot Population Census

Census date –
October 2-13, 2017

Census location–
Minsk Province
Molodechno district
Main tasks of the pilot population census

- the approbation of organizational measures for the population census round 2019 in the Republic of Belarus;
- estimation of the average quota for temporary census personnel;
- finalization of the draft census program;
- overview of the work of tablet computers and software for data collection and transmission;
- training specialists of local statistical offices in the real-life contexts;
- survey of the respondents' opinion regarding the population census via the Internet.
Public awareness-raising campaign

➢ social advertising (sponsored by United Nations Population Fund);
➢ posters and leaflets design;
➢ direct telephone link;
➢ design of the logo and a common slogan of the population census:

«Перапіс насельніцтва 2019: погляд на сучаснасць – крок у будуцьніню!»

"Population Census 2019: Take on today - step into the future!"
Public awareness-raising campaign

➢ distributing posters and leaflets in most visited places
The approbation of organizational measures for the population census:

census takers report directly to the head of the census area or his/her assistant;
organization of stationary census areas

The average quotas for census takers and census area manager are justified.
Benefits of CAPI:

- **reduction of data entry errors** (logical, arithmetic controls)

- **reduction of time to complete a questionnaire** (an average of 5 minutes for a survey of the respondent without a questionnaire on agricultural activities)

- **reduction of number of temporary census personnel** (3 times compared to the previous census)
Benefits of CAPI:

- easy-to-handle
- positive perception on the part of the respondents
- opening directories embedded in the programme, which reduces the time of data collection and errors
Software of the "Census taker" (completing the questionnaire)
Software of the "Census taker" (completing the questionnaire)
As a result of the pilot population census, the questions and response options were finalized.

The developed software of the "Census taker" allows conducting a survey in Russian and Belarusian languages.
Census Programme

Census forms:

- for the households;

- for persons residing (staying) in special care institutions or the homeless;

- for citizens permanently residing in the Republic of Belarus;

- for citizens temporarily residing (staying) in the Republic of Belarus;

- for agricultural activities of the population surveys.
General problems and difficulties

- Access to living quarters (no doorbells, code locks, and troubleshooting home intercom system problems);

- The living quarters which involved internal affairs officers to enter;

- Absence of population in living quarters for reasons beyond control (residing in dachas, deceased, changing the place of residence);

- Refusal to answer certain questions, in particular questions about employment.
Survey of the respondents' opinion during the population census:

- 56.7% of the population will wait for the census taker at home;
- 34.4% of the population will respond to the census online;
- 8.9% of the population will come to the census area.
Abstracts

- a large-scale awareness-raising campaign. Each household should be informed of the objectives of the census, of the use of the information received and of measures to protect it;

- close interaction of state statistics with local executive and administrative bodies;

- careful selection of temporary census personnel, quality training, and strict knowledge verification to obtain reliable data.
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR ATTENTION!