

Population and Housing Census 2020 in Mexico

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While most of the Population and Housing Censuses in the world have had to be rescheduled for the next few years or postponed indefinitely, in Mexico the enumeration was completed and basic results will be published this year. The impact of the restrictive measures of the Covid-19 pandemic was felt in the middle of the census. However, there was no need to use administrative records or other sources of data. To cope with the new social context, though, the campaign for online self-enumeration and telephone assisted interviewing in the dwelling was intensified. The results deserve a more in-depth analysis. The strongest impact occurred in the verification stage, which had to be rescheduled to different dates, depending on the movement of the Mexican government's health stoplight system in the country's states. Similarly, technologies such as GPS and virtual maps were used to verify properties remotely. Despite the strong impact of Covid-19 in the country, the strategies implemented, the negotiation capacity combined with the Mexican government's sensitivity to the need for information, as well as the use of ICTs and the implementation of mandatory health measures, will make it possible to conclude such an important project.