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The most significant change refer to the definition of the place of usual residence, which effects the change in the definition of the total population_of the Republic of Croatia.

Definition of the total population

In accordance with international recommendations and definitions, the total number of population of the Republic of Croatia includes the following persons:

1. persons with a place of usual residence in the Republic of Croatia and are present on the Census day (31st March 2001 at 24.00 hours);
2. persons with a place of usual residence in the Republic of Croatia but have been absent from the Republic of Croatia for less than a year;
3. persons who are temporarily present in the Republic of Croatia for a year or more.

Exceptions are citizens of the Republic of Croatia employed as diplomatic staff and members of their families, representatives in international organisations and citizens of the Republic of Croatia who are permanently employed in the Republic of Croatia and are sent to work abroad by their employers. They are considered to be present in the country at the time of the Census, i.e. they are included in the total population of the Republic of Croatia irrespective how long they may be absent from the country.

The following persons are excluded from the total population of the Republic of Croatia:

1. persons who have been absent from the Republic of Croatia for a year or longer, although their usual place of residence is in the Republic of Croatia;
2. persons temporarily present in the Republic of Croatia for less than a year.

In addition to the above mentioned measurement of temporary 12-month absence/presence, the total population of a settlement, which is the same for a higher territorial unit such as town/municipality, county and country, includes or excludes persons who are/are not closely related to a household, i.e. family nucleus and whose main source of livelihood is in the place of usual residence of their household (according to the System of National Accounts – SNA 93 and European System of Accounts, ESA 95).

Data on total population of the Republic of Croatia obtained in the described way shall be considered as official .