

Regional Training Course on Genderizing Population and Housing Census
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Country Report of Sri Lanka

1. Responsible Organization for Conducting of the Census of Population and Housing.

The Department of Census and Statistics is the Central Government Agency which is responsible for the collection, processing, analysis and the dissemination of statistical information and compilation of statistical indicators related to the socio economic condition of the country. The Department provides data required for national planning and policy formulation of the government as well as that needed for monitoring the progress in the implementation of such policies. Department also provides data to the needs of local and international agencies regularly on a variety of subject areas drawn from different sources, including its own censuses and surveys. The data collected covers subjects such as population, agriculture, trade industry, prices, national income etc.,

2. Census Organization

Census has been organized since 1946 by the Department of Census & Statistics, (DCS) in collaboration with the district administration. Head of DCS is the Superintendent of Census. Commissioner of Census for administrative districts are District Secretaries who provide the administrative support in conducting the Census.. Necessary technical guidance and supervision is provided by DCS staff.

3. Historical Background of the Census of Population and Housing

Sri Lanka has a long history of Census taking. Started in 1871, 139 years ago; Sri Lanka has the longest history of Census takings among South Asian Countries. Usually a Census conduct once in 10 years but last Census was conducted in 2001 after a lapse of 20 years and confined to 18 out of 25 districts due to the internal conflict prevailed at that time.

4. Planning of Census

- Questionnaire designing

Designing of preliminary questionnaires were entrusted to a of Internal sub committee appointed in the Census Division and discussed in details at a User-producer meeting attended by the representatives of various Government, non –Government, and also international Organizations. Then these revised questionnaires were further tested in the field.

- Data Collection

About 80,000 out side enumerators and 15,000 supervisors will be appointed

- Data Processing

Nearly 300 officers will be assisted in this stage.(including scanning process)

- Data analysis

About 60 officers including Director, senior statisticians, statisticians and statistical officers will be involved.

5. Selecting of Census Enumerators/Supervisors

Census enumerators are selected from the G.C.E (Advance Level) qualified youth, preferably in the jurisdiction of the same Enumeration Units (Census Blocks) which will be delineated for Census purpose. Since the questionnaires have been formatted for data capturing through scanning technology, in the selection process of enumerators, their legibility of hand writing and the general knowledge on the Census terminologies will be tested.

Supervisors are called as “Grama Niladhari”. They are responsible officers of the smallest administrative unit in the country. In addition to this Grama Niladhari, Officers of DCS are served as supervisors.

6. The Census of Population and Housing -2011

Next Census scheduled to be conducted during the year 2011. This Census will be the 14th Census and will cover entire country (all districts including Northern and Eastern Provinces) after 30 years

7. Objectives of the Census

- Census is a complete enumeration which collects social, economic and demographic information on each and every individual of the country and their Housing information, at a given point of time.
- It provides detailed statistics on population, its composition, characteristics, spatial distribution and organization (families and households) for small areas and for small population groups.
- Formulation of Government policies, national/sub national level planning and administration purposes
 - Education and Health sector planning
 - Manpower Planning
 - Infrastructure planning
 - Planning of other population and housing services
- Census data are used as benchmarks for statistical indicators in addition to forming of sampling frame for inter Census sample surveys. Further this data use as a benchmark for research and analysis. Population Projections is one of the most important analytical outputs based on Census data.
- Provision of periodic, regular and timely data needed for the monitoring and evaluation of internationally agreed development agenda objectives such as Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Statistics on small areas generated through Census can be used to produce statistics on the lowest geographical level (GN division) and also for a cluster of GN divisions according to the needs of data user.

8. Stages of Census

Census 2011 will be conducted in three main stages.

- Mapping
- Listing of all buildings
- Census enumeration

9. Uses of Census Results

Census is the main source of government policy panning

- education and health sector planning
ex. using the number of children in each district Department of Education can estimate the number of school required for those areas.

ex. using the number of children less than one year in each district Department of Health make immunization programs and appoint health officers for those areas.
- manpower planning
ex. using the number of unemployed population in each district government formulate policies for job market.
- other housing planning

10. Geographical coverage of the Census

2011 Census will be covered the whole Island. The Census conducted in 2001 covered only 18 districts out of 25 districts due to the unsettled condition of those areas.

11. Data Items

Data Items	100 percent	Sample
On persons	X	
On households	X	
On housing	X	

12. User Meetings

There had been organized a User meeting during the first quarter of this year attended by stake holders such as the representatives of Government, non-Government, international organizations, including District administrators, researchers, academic staff of the Universities, etc.

13. Respondents

Respondents of the Census are usually to be designated as the persons who are able to provide information pertaining to characteristics of their household members, household and housing unit. In this case they could be head of the household irrespective of either male or female.

14. Publicity Campaign of the Census

Publicity campaign includes following items,

<u>Items</u>	<u>Target Groups</u>
• Poster competition & exhibition about Census	School children
• Paper articles about Census	General Public
• Banners and officers general public (Display in district level offices (Post offices, stations, Hospitals, District Secretariat offices))	General Public
• Stickers (Stick in buses, trains and three wheelers)	General Public
• Hand Bills	School Children & General Public
• Participation in Major exhibitions (display & distribute Census articles)	School Children & General Public
• Posters	General Public
• Special Posters	Specially females about their economic activities
• Using electronic media (both TV & Radio messages) during he Census period and before the Census	General Public

15. Census Report

Following tables are suggested to be included in the District level reports and final reports.

Census of Population and Housing of Sri Lanka, 2011 **District Level Report** Population Characteristics

- Chapter 1: Tabulations on geographical characteristics and composition
Table 1: Population by divisional secretariat division, sex and sector
Table 1A: Population by divisional secretariat division, age and sex
Table 1B: Population by divisional secretariat division, ethnic group and sex
Table 1C: Population by divisional secretariat division, religion and sex
Table 2A: Population of urban localities by sex and age
Table 2B: Population of non-urban localities by sex and age
Table 3: Population by electorate, age and sex
Table 4A: Population by ethnic group, sex and sector
Table 4B: Population by ethnic group, age and sex
Table 5A: Population by religion, sex and sector
Table 5B: Population by religion, age and sex
- Chapter 2: Tabulations on demographic and social characteristics
Table 7: Population by single years of age, sex and sector
Table 8: Population, by marital status, age, sex and sector
Table 8A: Married population by ethnic group, type of marriage, age and sex
- Chapter 3: Tabulations on internal migration characteristics
Table 9: Population by district of birth, age and sex
Table 10: Population by duration of residence, age and sex
Table 11: Migrant population by district of previous residence, duration of residence and sex
Table 12: Migrant population by district of previous residence, age and sex
Table 13: Migrant population by reason for migration, age and sex
- Chapter 4: Tabulations on household characteristics
Table 14: Population by relationship to head of household, marital status, sex and sector
Table 15: Population by relationship to head of household, age and sex
- Chapter 5: Tabulations on functional disability characteristics
- Chapter 6: Tabulations on educational characteristics & language skills

Table 16: Population 3 to 34 years of age, by attendance in educational institution, single years of age and sex

Table 16A: Population 3 to 34 years of age, by attendance in educational institution, age, sex and sector

Table 16B: Population 3 to 34 years of age, by attending in educational institutions, educational attainment and sex

Table 17A: Population 5 to 29 years of age, by school attendance, single years of age, sex and sector

Table 17B: Population 5 to 29 years of age attending and not attending school, by educational attainment, age and sex

Table 18: Population 5 years of age and over, by educational attainment, age, sex and sector

Table 19: Population 10 years of age and over, by professional/ vocational qualification, age and sex

Table 20: Population 10 years of age and over, by literacy rate, age, sex and sector

Table 20A: Population 10 years of age and over, by literacy rate, age, sex and divisional secretariat division

Table 21A: Population 10 years of age and over, by ability to speak, ability to read and write main languages, ethnic group and sex

Table 21B : Population 10 years of age and over, by ability to speak, and ability to read and write main languages, educational attainment and sex

Table 21C : Population 10 years of age and over, by ability to speak, and ability to read and write main languages, age and sex

Table 22A : Population 10 years of age and over, by multi language skills, ethnic group, sex and sector

Table 22B: Population 10 years of age and over, by multi language skills, educational attainment and sex

Table 22C: Population 10 years of age and over, by multi language skills, age and sex

Chapter 7: Tabulations on economic characteristics

Table 23: Population 10 years of age and over by economic activity status, age, sex and sector

Chapter 8: Tabulations on fertility and mortality

Chapter 9: Tabulations on characteristics of abroad population

Table 24: Abroad population by divisional secretariat division, sex and sector

Table 25: Abroad population by country of usual residence, age and sex

Table 26: Abroad population by country of usual residence, age, sex and sector

Table 27: Abroad population by country of usual residence, reason for going abroad and sex

Chapter 10: Special Tabulations

Table 28: Clergy population by divisional secretariat division, religion and sex

Table : Clergy population by religion, age and sex

List of recommended tabulations for population censuses 1,2

Group 1. Tabulations on geographical and internal migration characteristics

P1.1-R Total population and population of major and minor civil divisions, by urban/rural distribution and by sex*

P1.2-R Population by size-class of locality, by major civil division, and by sex*

P1.3-R Population of principal localities and of their urban agglomerations, by sex

P1.4-R Native and foreign-born population, by geographical division, by age and sex*

P1.5-R Population, by duration of residence in locality and major civil division, age and sex*

P 1.6a-R Population by place of usual residence, duration of residence, place of previous residence, by major civil division and sex

P.1.6b-R Population ... years of age and over, by place of usual residence, place of residence at a specified date in the past, by major civil division, age and sex

Group 2. Tabulations on international migration and immigrant stock

P2.1-R Foreign-born population, by country of birth, age and sex

P2.2-R Foreign-born population, by period of arrival, country of birth, age and sex*

P2.3-R Population, by country of birth and citizenship, age and sex

P2.4-R Economically active foreign-born population ... years of age and over, by period of arrival, occupation and sex

Group 3. Tabulations on household characteristics

P3.1-R Population in households, by relationship to head or other reference member of household, marital status and sex, and size of institutional population

P3.2-R Head or other reference members of households, by age and sex; and other household members, by age and relationship to head or other reference member*

P3.3-R Households, population in households and number of family nuclei, by size of household*

Group 4. Tabulations on demographic and social characteristics

P4.1-R Population, by single years of age and sex*

P4.2-R Population, by marital status, age and sex*

¹ Recommended tabulations are identified by an "R" as part of the table number.

² An asterisk (*) represents a basic/essential tabulation.

Group 5. Tabulations on fertility and mortality

P5.1-R Female population 10 years of age and over, by age and number of children ever born alive by sex*

P5.2-R Female population 10 years of age and over, by age and number of children living by sex*

P5.3-R Female population ... to 49 years of age, by age, number of live births, by sex within the 12 months preceding the census, and deaths among these live births, by sex

P5.4-R Household deaths, by sex and age within the 12 months preceding the census; and total population, by age and sex

Group 6. Tabulations on educational characteristics

P6.1-R Population ... years of age and over not attending school, by educational attainment, age and sex*

P6.2-R Population 5 to 29 years of age, by school attendance, single years of age and sex*

P6.3-R Population 10 years of age and over, by literacy, age group and sex

Group 7. Tabulations on economic characteristics

P7.1-R Population ... years of age and over, by usual (or current) activity status, educational attainment, age and sex*

P7.2-R Usually (or currently) active population by activity status, main occupation, age and sex*

P7.3-R Usually (or currently) active population by activity status, main industry, age and sex*

P7.4-R Usually (or currently) active population by activity status, main status in employment, age and sex*

P7.5-R Usually (or currently) active population by activity status, main status in employment, main industry and sex

P7.6-R Usually (or currently) active population by activity status, main status in employment, main occupation and sex

P7.7-R Usually (or currently) active population by activity status, main industry, main occupation and sex*

P7.8-R Population not usually (or currently) active, by functional categories, age and sex*

Group 8. Tabulations on disability characteristics

P8.1-R Population with and without disabilities by urban/rural area, age and sex*

P 8.2-R Population 5 years of age and over, by disability status, educational attainment, age and sex

P 8.3-R Population 15 years and over, by disability status, economic activity status, age and sex

List of recommended tabulations for housing censuses^{1,2}

H1-R Persons, by broad types of living quarters and number of roofless*

H2-R Persons in collective living quarters by type

H3-R Households in occupied housing units, by type of housing unit*

H4-R Conventional dwellings by occupancy status

H5-R Occupied housing units, by type of housing unit, cross-classified by type of ownership of the housing units

H6-R Housing units, by number of rooms, cross-classified by type of housing unit and number of occupants per housing unit

H7-R Occupied housing units, by type of housing unit, cross-classified by water supply system*

H8-R Occupied housing units, by type of housing unit, cross-classified by main source of drinking water*

H9-R Occupied housing units, by type of housing unit, cross-classified by type of toilet and type of sewage disposal*

H10-R Occupied housing units, by type of housing unit, cross-classified by type of bathing facilities

H11-R Occupied housing units, by type of housing unit, cross-classified by availability of kitchen and fuel used for cooking

H12-R Occupied housing units, by type of housing unit, cross-classified by type of lighting and/or use of electricity

H13-R Occupied housing units, by type of housing unit, cross-classified by main type of solid waste disposal

H14-R Households in housing units, by type of housing unit occupied, cross-classified by number of households per housing unit

H15-R Conventional dwellings by type of building, and construction material of outer walls

H16-R Housing units by type and construction material of outer walls

H17-R Households, by type of housing unit, cross-classified by sex and age of head or other reference member of household*

H18-R Households in housing units, by type of housing unit, cross-classified by tenure of household and, for tenant households, ownership of housing unit occupied*

H19-R Households in housing units, by type of housing unit, cross-classified by communication technology devices and access to Internet

16. Data Dissemination

Census information will be disseminated through printed and electronic media (CD) and through website of the DCS.

17. Gender Concerns

Sri Lankan government has following actions about gender concerns.

- According to the Convention of Discrimination Against Women, Government established the national committee on women. This committee formulates policies for women benefits.
- Women's Bureau helps to develop economic and social status of women.
- Ministry of Child Development and Women's affairs is the primarily responsible body for the gender concerns in Sri Lanka.
- A branch/Division of the Department of Census & Statistics is in operation in the above ministry for collecting gender statistics.