

USER SURVEY OF THE 2011 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS OUTPUT

Objective

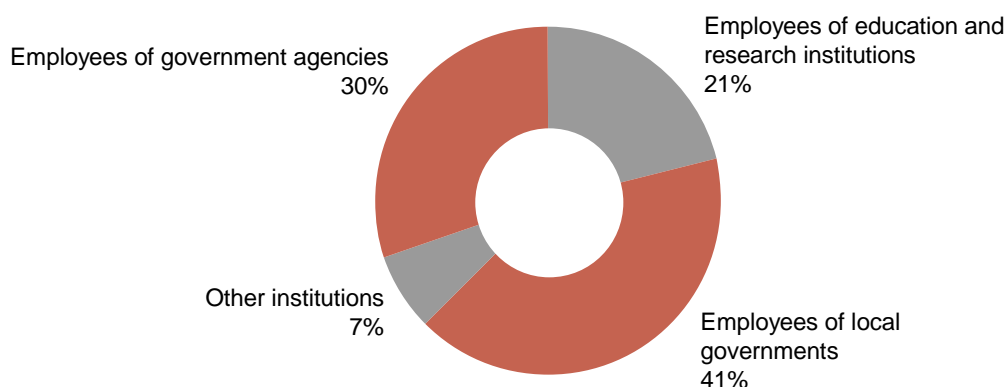
The objective of the survey is to invite proposals from users with a view to developing the 2011 Population and Housing Census (hereinafter PHC 2011) output and finding out which data tables and mapping application functions are needed most of all.

Background of the survey

The survey was carried out during 16.06–01.08.2011 on the basis of a web questionnaire. An e-mail inviting to participate in the survey was sent to 800 e-mail addresses. The web questionnaire contained eleven questions. Two larger groups of questions concerned the census results-related output tables on and mapping applications. A comment or proposal could be added to a part of the questions.

Respondents were broken down into groups as follows:

Employees of local governments	34	41%
Employees of government agencies	25	30%
Employees of education and research institutions	17	21%
Other institutions	6	7%
Total	82	100%

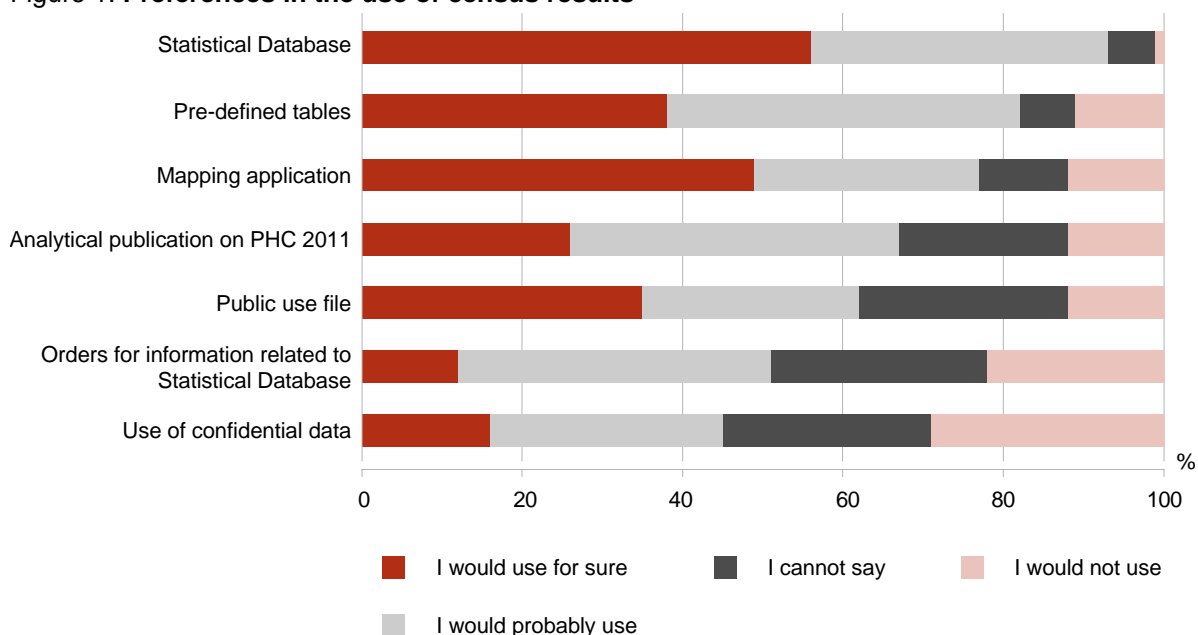


Summary

Preferences in the use of census results

A majority of respondents (90%) prefers to use the census results which will be made available in the Statistical Database. Next, pre-defined tables, mapping applications, analytical publications and public use files were mentioned – 60–80% of respondents would rather use these variants. In comparison with other channels, respondents expressed a bit smaller interest in the orders for information – nearly 50% of respondents would use this variant if a need should arise. A service providing use of confidential data for scientific purposes is, on the basis of a respective agreement, available only for legal persons related to research and development. Therefore, as expected, the number of persons using this service will be smaller – less than a half of respondents. Nearly a third of respondents would not use this service.

Figure 1. **Preferences in the use of census results**

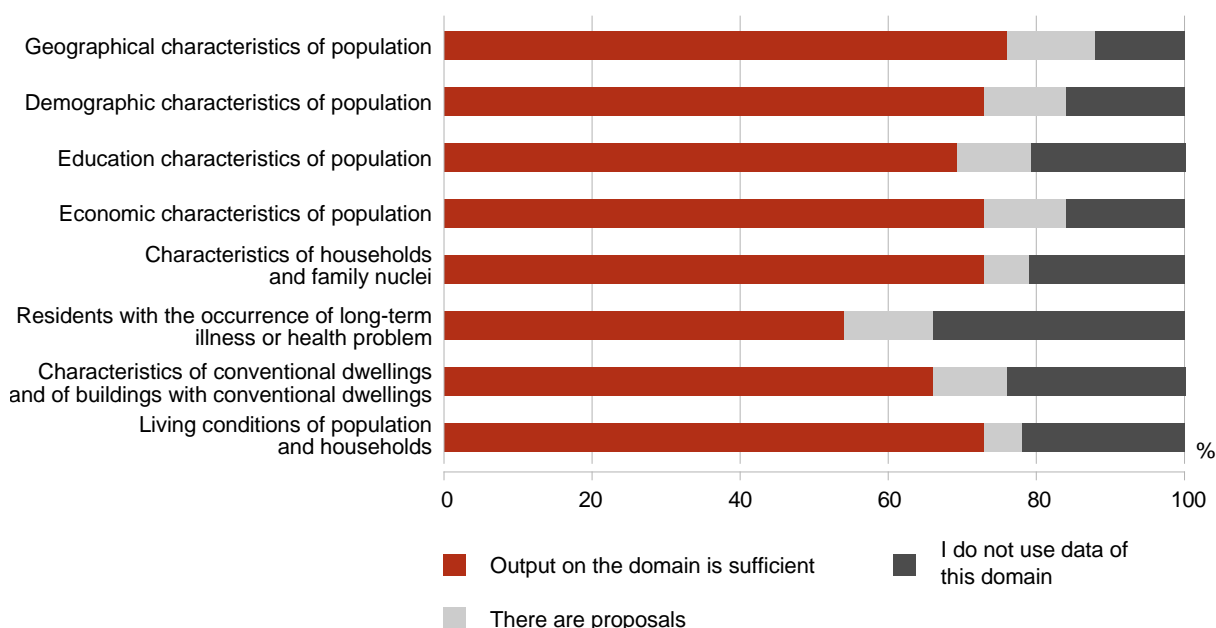


Proposals for supplementing the list of PHC 2011 output tables

In general, respondents considered the planned output tables sufficient and only a few proposals were made to supplement the tables – as few as 5–12% of respondents depending on the domain. The smallest number of proposals was received for supplementing the tables concerning population and household living conditions. The largest number of proposals concerned tables on the geographical characteristics of population and the population suffering from a long-term illness or health problem. At the same time, data on the last mentioned domain are used by the smallest number of persons.

Besides, questions were asked about the satisfaction of users with the PHC 2011 data release order i.e. in which order users prefer output tables to be released. It is planned to publish data on the geographical and demographic characteristics as the first priority – this was considered suitable by 68% of respondents. Only 7% of respondents were not satisfied with the order in which tables are intended to be published and wished to change it. Almost a fourth of respondents did not have an opinion in this matter.

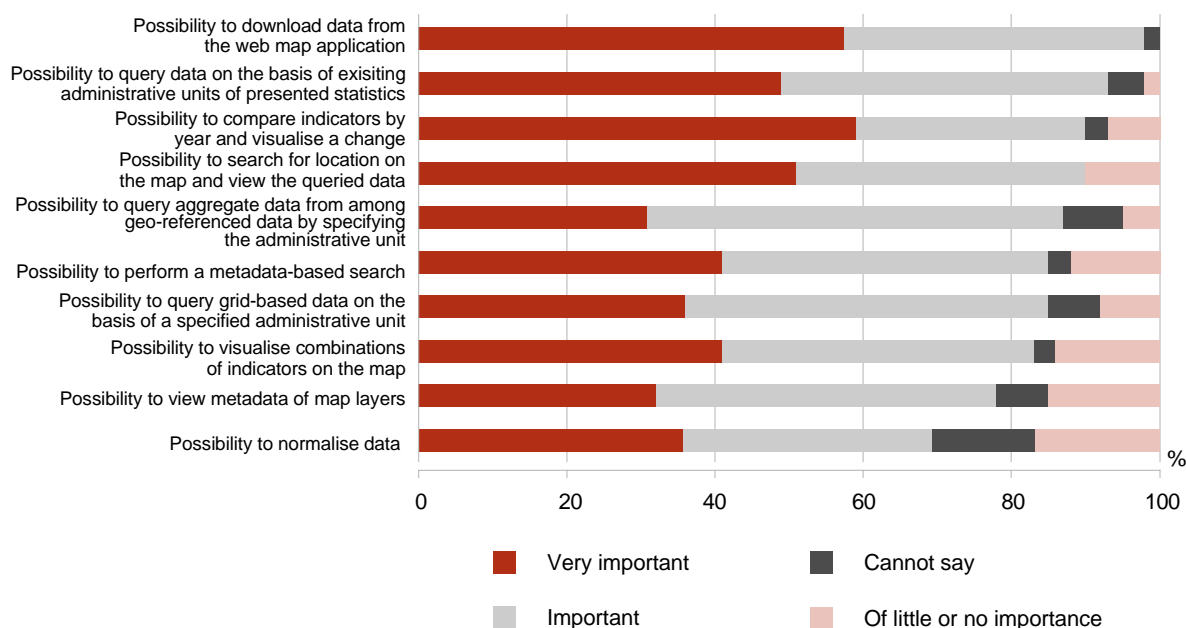
Figure 2. **Proposals for supplementing the list of PHC 2011 output tables**



The Population and Housing Census web map application

A majority of respondents (72%) would like to use the PHC 2011 data in a web application where one can generate maps and make a query for spatial information. Only 6% of respondents do not use web map applications, and a fifth of respondents could not express their opinion in this respect.

A possibility to download data was regarded the most important of all web map application functions (98% of respondents). A possibility to make data query on the basis of existing administrative units of presented statistics was mentioned as the second in terms of priority (93%). A possibility to compare indicators by year, visualise a change, and search for a location including the viewing of queried data ranked as the next (90%). Viewing of metadata and normalising of data were pointed out as less important functions.



In the opinion of users, indicators of other statistical domains, in addition to the PHC 2011 data, could also be made accessible through the web map application. The population indicators were mentioned most frequently (93%), these were followed by indicators of labour force, economy, environment and buildings. Less importance is attached to the real estate and agricultural indicators.

