



# REVIEW OF COMPLETE POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS OF TURKMENISTAN IN 2022





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## **Preface**

I. The UN Economic and Social Council resolution on the "World Population and Housing Census Programme 2020", adopted in 2015, encourages the countries of the world to conduct regular population and housing censuses in the period from 2015 to 2024.

II. To participate in this Global initiative, preparatory work has begun in Turkmenistan. The Results of the Population and Housing Census provide a reliable information base for the development and successful implementation of state, regional, and sectoral development programs, the preparation of the State Budget, and the effective conduct of housing policy.

III. In accordance with the Decree of the President No. 410 of 25 October 2017, Turkmenistan held a Complete Population and Housing Census from December 17 to 27, 2022 to create a solid foundation for the further development of the Neutral State under the slogan "**Population Census 2022: Cohesion, Happiness, Bright Future!**".



## **1. Organizational Issues for Conducting the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2022**

1.1. The Decree of the President of Turkmenistan No. 410 dated October 25, 2017, "On the Conduct of the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2022," established the conduct of the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan (hereinafter referred to as the Population Census) from December 17 to 27, 2022. The Plan for conducting the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2022 (hereinafter referred to as the Plan) was also approved.

1.2. The Plan is a document consisting of three stages and includes 38 activities. The first stage of the Plan is the preparatory period and includes 25 activities to be carried out from January 2018 to December 2022 (up to December 17). The second stage of the Plan is the census period and includes 10 activities to be carried out from December 17, 2022, to the first half of January 2023. The third stage of the Plan is the concluding period and includes 3 activities to be carried out from the second half of January 2023 to December 2024.

1.3. Seven activities of the Plan (1, 3, 12, 13, 25, 36, 37) are to be carried out by the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan, eighteen activities (2, 4-7, 10-11, 14-17, 21-23, 26, 32, 34, 38) are to be carried out by the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan in conjunction with other ministries and agencies, and thirteen activities (8-9, 18-20, 24, 27-31, 33, 35) are to be carried out by other ministries and departments of Turkmenistan.

1.4. Based on the Plan, the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan developed a Calendar Plan for conducting the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2022 (hereinafter referred to as the Calendar Plan). This Calendar Plan formed the basis for the Calendar Plans of the regional statistics offices.

1.5. The Decree of the President of Turkmenistan No. 410 dated October 25, 2017, established the State Commission for conducting the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2022 (hereinafter referred to as the State Commission) and approved its composition. The State Commission included the heads of about 30 ministries and agencies.

1.6. In December 2017, the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan created a Working Group for conducting the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2022, which included the Deputy Chairman of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan and the heads and representatives of 13 structural subdivisions.



1.7. In 2017-2018, regional Working Groups for conducting the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2022 were created in the hakimliks of the velayats and Ashgabat city. The Working Groups included the heads and representatives of the regional subdivisions of the relevant ministries and agencies.

1.8. In 2017-2018, regional Working Groups for conducting the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2022 were created in the statistics offices of the velayats and Ashgabat city. The Working Groups included the heads of the relevant departments of the regional statistics divisions and the etrap (city) departments.

## **2. Cartography**

2.1. In order to create a registry of buildings, residential premises (including non-residential buildings and premises used for housing) in settlements, as well as the population living in them, the hakimliks of the velayats and Ashgabat city compiled a list of street names in settlements across Turkmenistan.

2.2. In accordance with the Decree of the President of Turkmenistan No. 410 dated October 25, 2017, "On the Conduct of the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2022" and the 8th activity of the Plan approved by this decree, Enterprise No. 5 of the Ministry of Defense of Turkmenistan developed the Technical Specification for the compilation of schematic page-by-page maps of cities, towns, and rural settlements of Turkmenistan for the years 2018-2020. The State classifier of administrative-territorial objects of Turkmenistan was used in the compilation of the maps.

2.3. During 2018-2020, Enterprise No. 5 of the Ministry of Defense of Turkmenistan gradually presented cartographic drawings of cities, towns, and rural settlements of Turkmenistan to the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan. A total of 1,832 schematic maps (in paper form) were accepted.

2.4. The cartographic drawings of the settlements were verified on-site jointly by the staff of local authorities and statistical bodies.



### **3. Address Registry**

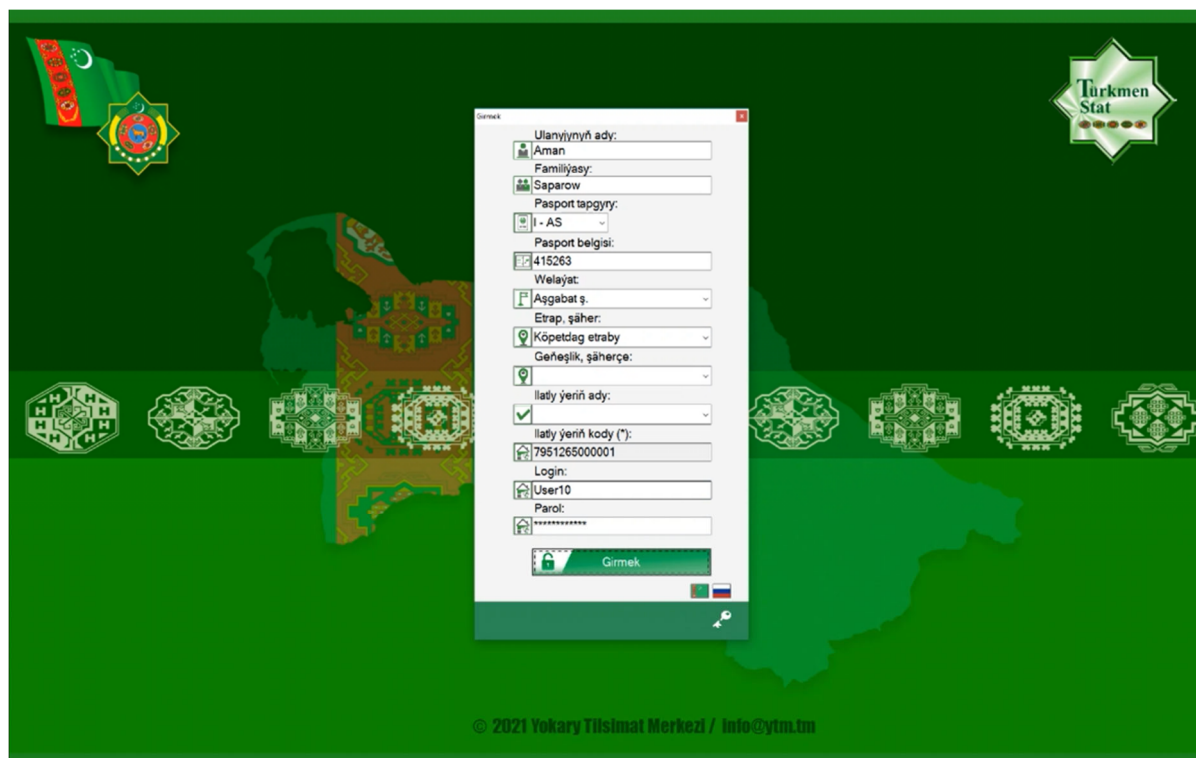
3.1. To create and maintain an automated registry of the population residing in settlements, linked to their place of residence (address), a Technical Specification for the "Address Registry" software was developed and agreed upon with relevant structures in 2018.

3.2. Considering that in some countries, national censuses have been conducted using the CAPI (Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing) method, work was carried out with the Ministry of Industry of Turkmenistan to study domestically produced tablets and their use in the Population Census.

3.3. In June 2019, the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan submitted an APPLICATION to the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan for the purchase of the automated system "Address Registry."

3.4. At the open tender for the purchase of the automated system "Address Registry," which was held on August 8, 2019, the Business Entity "Yokary Tilsimatlar Merkezi" was announced as the winner.

3.5. At the beginning of 2021, the automated system "Address Registry" was installed in local authorities, and the relevant staff of these organizations began working on data entry into the automated system.



#### 4. Listing of buildings and households

4.1. Listing is the updating of existing maps, i.e., verifying data on the map and, if there are additional residential buildings at the given address, adding them to these maps.

4.2. The purpose of conducting the listing is to update the data and, based on this, to divide the maps into Census departments and census enumeration areas.

4.3. In order to verify cartographic materials with the registry of buildings, residential premises (including non-residential buildings and premises used for housing) in settlements, as well as the population living in them, a listing of buildings and households was conducted from June 14 to July 12, 2021.

4.4. For conducting the listing, a special booklet "Listing of buildings, residential premises, and households" was developed, and the instruction for its completion was approved in March 2021 by the order of the Chairman of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan.

4.5. The hakimliks of the velayats and Ashgabat city recruited a total of 1 993 people as temporary census staff for the listing, consisting of representatives of local authorities, regional education authorities, and other state enterprises and organizations, as well as students of higher professional, secondary vocational, and vocational education institutions:

Ashgabat city	281	Balkan velayat	188	Lebap velayat	435
Ahal velayat	229	Dashoguz velayat	413	Mary velayat	447



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5.4. To create electronic maps of residential premises in the settlements of Turkmenistan, the results of the conducted listing of buildings and households were combined with cartographic materials and data from the "Address Registry." Based on the obtained data, the settlements on the electronic map were divided into 12 161 census enumeration areas:

Ashgabat city	1 307	Balkan velayat	899	Lebap velayat	2 546
Ahal velayat	1 702	Dashoguz velayat	2 785	Mary velayat	2 922



5.5. Census departments consisted on average of 20 census enumeration areas, total 615 units:

Ashgabat city	59	Balkan velayat	43	Lebap velayat	128
Ahal velayat	101	Dashoguz velayat	136	Mary velayat	148

## **6. State Classifiers**

6.1. The classifiers needed for filling out census questionnaires and creating an automated information database was improved. This included refining the State Classifier of countries and currencies, the State Classifier of information on the population of Turkmenistan, and coordinating the changes and additions made to them with relevant ministries and agencies.

6.2. In May 2021, Amendment No. 1 was introduced to the State Classifier of countries and currencies TDS 1.18-2011, and in June, an updated version of the State Classifier of information on the population of Turkmenistan TDS 714-2021 was approved.



## **7. Confidentiality**

7.1. Starting in 2018, in fulfillment of the requirements specified in the Law of Turkmenistan “On Statistics” (Article 24. “Ensuring confidentiality guarantees and protecting the rights of individuals providing statistical data”) and in the Law of Turkmenistan “On Information on Personal Life and its Protection” (Art. 9. “Collection and processing of personal data without the consent of the subject”), for the Census of 2022 the draft “Instruction on the protection of personal data of citizens and households during the Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan” has been prepared and agreed with the relevant structures. This draft was prepared on the basis of the “Instruction on the protection of personal data of citizens and households during the Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan”, approved in 2012 by the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan.

7.2. In October 2022, the “Instruction on the protection of personal data of citizens and households during the Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan” was approved by the order of the Chairman of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan.

7.3. According to the Instruction, temporary census staff involved in the Census, including the Pilot Census and the Census in hard-to-reach and remote settlements, sign a Commitment not to disclose restricted statistical information and thus are obligated to comply with its requirements.

## **8. Electronic Census**

8.1. In 2018, the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan prepared “Economic justifications for choosing the method of survey in electronic or paper form to conduct the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2022.”

8.2. Considering that national censuses are conducted using the CAPI method worldwide, joint work was carried out with the Ministry of industry of Turkmenistan to study tablets produced in the country and their use in the Population Census.

8.3. At the beginning of 2020, the issue of conducting the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2022 using digital technologies and purchasing special software and necessary equipment, tablets, was agreed upon by the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan based on a tender, in the prescribed manner.



8.4. In September 2021, an agreement “On conducting the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2022” was concluded between the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan and the agency “Turkmenaragatnashyk” (Turkmencommunication), according to which the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan was provided with special mobile software developed for entering information collected during the population survey directly into the tablet and its aggregation, as well as with the necessary tablets. The agency "Turkmenaragatnashyk" created special infrastructure for consolidating all the information collected during the Population Census at the central office of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan.

8.5. To utilize modern, powerful technology with extensive capabilities from prestigious foreign IT companies during the Population Census using digital technologies, the annual work plans for 2020-2022 of the "Disaggregated population data for sustainable development" project between the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) included the purchase of this equipment.

8.6. As a result of the inventory of the technical support of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan for conducting the Population Census carried out by the agency "Turkmenaragatnashyk," a list of necessary equipment was compiled, and they were provided within the above-mentioned annual work plans at the expense of Government funds.

8.7. The economic society "Belgi," engaged by the agency "Turkmenaragatnashyk," developed special multifunctional software for entering census data into tablets, transferring this information from local statistical bodies to the main server at the central office of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan, processing the data, and obtaining aggregated data according to relevant indicators.



## **9. Census Forms and Instructional Materials**

9.1. The working group for conducting the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2022, created at the central office of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan, reviewed the Census forms used in the 2012 Population Census and revised them in accordance with the Recommendations for the 2020 Censuses of Population and Housing of the Conference of European Statisticians, approved by the United Nations in 2015, as well as the experience of conducting censuses in selected countries.

9.2. The Census forms have been developed in accordance with the requirements of international organizations and the Turkmen state. They are 98% compliant with international criteria.

9.3. Six Census forms have been developed for the Population Census.

9.4. Based on the understanding that changes made to the Census forms should be based on the Recommendations for the 2020 Censuses of Population and Housing of the Conference of European Statisticians, most of the questions in the Census forms correspond to specific points of the above-mentioned recommendations:



“**Census Form 1**” – “Card of the building used for housing (filled out separately for each building)” – type of building (paragraph 872), construction period (paragraph 988), number of floors in the building (paragraph 984), material of outer walls (paragraph 992), etc.;

“**Census Form 2**” – “Characteristics of residential premises and sanitary and hygienic living conditions” – type of ownership (paragraph 912), gas supply (paragraph 968), electricity (paragraph 966), main type of heating energy (paragraph 963), water supply (paragraph 937), type of sewage (paragraph 953), kitchen (paragraph 955), toilet (paragraph 942);

“**Census Form 3**” - “List of persons subject to the Population Census” – control form including a list of household members living in ordinary dwellings;

“**Census Form 3-spec**” - “List of persons subject to Population Census in specialized institutions” – control form including a list of persons temporarily residing in specialized institutions;

“**Census Form 4**” - filled out separately for each person living in an ordinary dwelling: sex (paragraph 454), age (paragraph 457), nationality (paragraph 700), native language and knowledge of other languages (paragraph 723), country of birth – main characteristic (paragraph 648), marital status (paragraph 460), citizenship (paragraph 655), residence in another country and year of arrival in the country (paragraph 662), migration questions (paragraph 670), place of birth (paragraph 678), previous place of residence and time of stay at the current place of residence (paragraph 682), level of education (paragraph 602), employment status (paragraph 536), source of livelihood (paragraph 570), status in the workforce (paragraph 496);

“**Census Form 5**” - (filled out for each person in specialized institution).

9.5. The Census forms collectively consist of 82 questions.

9.6. Drafts of the Census forms have been agreed upon with about 30 ministries and agencies.

9.7. The drafts of the Census forms were reviewed at a meeting of the Interdepartmental Commission on Statistics at the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan, held in May 2020.

9.8. The Census forms were discussed with international experts engaged by UNFPA.

9.9. In October 2021, for the Pilot Population Census, the Census forms (6 types) were approved by the directive of the chairman of Turkmenstat.

9.10. In October 2022, the Census forms (6 types) for the Complete Population Census, revised based on the results of the Pilot Population Census and recommendations of high-level international experts, were approved by the directive of the chairman of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan.

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9.11. For the Population Census, the following were developed and approved:

- Instructions for listing buildings, premises, and households;
- Instructions for census zoning in etraps, cities, urban-type settlements into enumeration areas and Census departments;
- Instructions for filling out the Census forms for the 2022 Population and housing Census of Turkmenistan;
- Instructions for conducting the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2022 in specialized institutions;
- Instructions for conducting the Pilot Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2021;
- Record book for the head of the Census department;
- Record book for the enumerator.



## **10. Additional Workers for the Census**

10.1. During the preparation and conduct of the Census, the issue of attracting additional workers to the statistical bodies becomes relevant. For this purpose, the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan prepared a “Justification for increasing staff numbers for the preparation and conduct of the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan 2022”.

10.2. In 2021-2022, three staff positions were transferred to the Population Census and demographic methodology department of the Demographic statistics division from the Turkmenstat’s Central Office.

10.3. To attract additional workers during the preparation and conduct of the Census for the period from May 1, 2022, to February 28, 2023, 71 new workplaces were created in the Statistics departments of the velayats and Ashgabat city:

Ashgabat city	6	Balkan velayat	11	Lebap velayat	10
Ahal velayat	13	Dashoguz velayat	16	Mary velayat	15

10.4. To attract temporary workers for the Census, including the Pilot Census, to collect and process the obtained information, and to organize their payment, the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan prepared the “Procedure for Attracting Temporary Personnel and their Payment for Conducting and Collecting Data for the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan 2022” project, which was agreed with the relevant ministries.

10.5. In August 2021, the chairman of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan approved the “Procedure for attracting temporary personnel and their payment for conducting and collecting data for the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan 2022”. This directive was also registered at the Ministry of Justice of Turkmenistan.

10.6. From October to December 2022, hakimliks of the velayats and Ashgabat city attracted a total of 13 993 temporary census workers from among representatives of the hakimliks, education, healthcare, finance and economy, labor authorities, and other local structures, state enterprises, and organizations of the region as Census department heads and enumerators (including reserve personnel):

Ashgabat city	1 497	Balkan velayat	1 032	Lebap velayat	2 929
Ahal velayat	1 973	Dashoguz velayat	3 200	Mary velayat	3 362

10.7. On August 9 to 10, 2022, a training seminar for temporarily attracted additional workers to the Statistics Departments of the velayats and Ashgabat city was held at the Central Office of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan, with the participation of an international expert, for the preparation and conduct of the Census.



10.8. From November 21 to 30, training seminars were held in the velayats and Ashgabat city for temporary census personnel participating in the Population Census.

## **11. Slogan and Emblem of the Census**

11.1. In November 2020, an announcement about the launch of a contest for the best emblem and slogan dedicated to the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan 2022 was published in the newspapers “Türkmenistan” and “Neutral Turkmenistan”.

11.2. At meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers held on October 1, 2021, the President of Turkmenistan approved the proposed slogan “**Population Census – 2022: Cohesion, Happiness, Bright Future**” and the emblem, which features the State flag, “Ak öý”, patterns of the Turkmen carpet, and the number “2022”, symbolizing the year of the event.

11.3. The approved emblem and slogan for the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan 2022 were displayed on brochures and banners, special clothing, and the bags of enumerators, as well as some stationery items prepared specifically for the Census.

11.4. In January 2022, an award ceremony for the winners of the contest for the best emblem and slogan dedicated to the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan 2022 was held at the Central Office of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan with the participation of UNFPA in Turkmenistan.



*Census 2022 - Cohesion,  
Happiness and Bright Future!*

## **12. Enumerator Equipment**

12.1. A contract was concluded between the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan and the Ministry of Textile industry of Turkmenistan for the production of vests and bags for enumerators. In accordance with this contract, special vests and bags with the emblem and slogan of the Population Census were prepared for the enumerators.

12.2. For the enumerators there were prepared necessary stationery items, tablets, and instructions.

12.3. The chairman of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan issued a directive approving the design of the ID cards for the temporary census personnel (Census department heads and enumerators).

12.4. The temporary census personnel involved in the 2022 Population Census were provided with all these items.





### **13. Pilot Census**

13.1. According to international recommendations, a Pilot Census is conducted one year before the main Census.

13.2. The purpose of the 2021 Pilot Population and Housing Census was to test the Census Forms, software, tablets, the organization of data collection and processing, and to determine the procedures for conducting the Complete Population and Housing Census in 2022.

13.3. From December 17 to 27, 2021, the Pilot Population and Housing Census was conducted in the town of Saparmurat Turkmenbashy (an urban settlement) of Mary etrap of Mary velayat and in Yaraji and Kelete villages (a rural area) in the Yaraji gengeshlik of Baharden etrap of Ahal velayat.

13.4. A total of 44 people, including employees of the hakimliks of Mary and Baharden etraps and local units of relevant ministries and agencies, participated as temporary census personnel in the Pilot Census.

13.5. From December 10 to 16, 2021, a training seminar was held in the statistical departments of Ahal and Mary velayats for the temporary census personnel recruited for the Pilot Census.

13.6. Based on the results of the Pilot Census, changes and additions were made to the Census Forms and software.

### **14. Population Census in Hard-to-Reach and Remote Settlements**

14.1. According to international recommendations, the Population Census in hard-to-reach and remote settlements is conducted separately and several months before the Complete Population Census.

14.2. Hard-to-reach and remote settlements are those located far from the district center, where there are no regular transportation links (by road, water, air), and where there are difficult natural and climatic conditions.

14.3. The hakimliks of velayats prepared lists of hard-to-reach and remote settlements, specifically remote villages.

14.4. From October 17 to 27, 2022, a Complete Population and Housing Census was conducted in 273 hard-to-reach and remote villages of Turkmenistan:

Ahal velayat	103	Dashoguz velayat	28	Mary velayat	23
Balkan velayat	55	Lebap velayat	64		



14.5. A total of 707 people from local organizations of the respective districts participated as temporary census personnel in the Census of hard-to-reach and remote settlements:

Ahal velayat	198	Dashoguz velayat	44	Mary velayat	148
Balkan velayat	134	Lebap velayat	183		

14.6. From October 10 to 17, 2022, a training seminar was held for the temporary census personnel recruited for the Census in hard-to-reach and remote settlements.

## **15. Complete Population Census**

15.1. As of 00:00 hours on the night of December 16 to December 17, 2022, the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan has begun.

15.2. Temporary census personnel collected information about households and their residences, living in regular housing, using Census Forms 1, 2, 3, and 4.

15.3. Employees of specialized institutions collected information about people temporarily residing in specialized institutions (boarding schools, nursing homes, specialized institutions) using Census Form 3-special and Census Form 5.

15.4. According to international recommendations for conducting Population and Housing Censuses, all information is based on data obtained from the population survey. All information is calculated at the start of the Census.

15.5. A Census was conducted for Turkmen citizens, their family members and their housing stock, who are employed at diplomatic missions and consulates abroad, employees of ministries and departments working abroad, as well as Turkmen citizens who were abroad during the Census period on official business trips or performing official duties for a period of one year or longer.

15.6. A Census was conducted for military personnel and their family members and their housing stock, living in border posts and in closed military towns.

## **16. Population Census and Public Engagement**

16.1. To conduct informational and explanatory work among the public about the Census, the employees of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan and newspaper correspondents prepared and published the following articles:

- “Türkmenistanda ilat ýazuwy geçirilende halkara tejribesiniň peýdalanylyşy” - “Finance and Economics” scientific-practical journal, 2020, No. 5;
- “Электронная перепись населения Туркменистана – шаг в будущее” – newspaper “Neutral Turkmenistan”, 07.10.2021;



- “Ilat ýazuwy-2022”: wezipeler, aýratynlyklar, tejribeler” - newspaper “Turkmenistan”, 08.10.2021;
- “Ilat ýazuwyna taýýarlykda halkara hyzmatdaşlyk” - newspaper “Turkmenistan”, 29.04.2022;
- “Статистический потенциал на достаточном уровне” - “Neutral Turkmenistan”, 29.04.2022;
- “Türkmenistanda ilatyň we ýaşauyş jaý gorunyň uçdantutma ýazuwyna taýýarlyk görülýär” - newspaper “Turkmenistan”, 24.11.2022;
- “Туркменистан готовится к сплошной переписи населения и жилищного фонда” - newspaper “Neutral Turkmenistan”, 24.11.2022;
- “Türkmenistanda ilatyň we ýaşauyş jaý gorunyň uçdantutma ýazuwy geçirilýär” - newspaper “Turkmenistan”, 17.12.2022;
- “В Туркменистане дан старт переписи населения и жилищного фонда” - newspaper “Neutral Turkmenistan”, 17.12.2022;
- “Biz geljegi gurýarys” - newspaper “Turkmenistan”, 19.12.2022;
- “Möhüm çärä bagyşlanan maslahat” - newspaper “Turkmenistan”, 21.12.2022;
- “Перепись в Туркменистане проходит организованно и в установленные сроки” - newspaper “Neutral Turkmenistan”, 21.12.2022;
- “Möhüm çäre guramaçylykly barýar” - newspaper “Turkmenistan”, 23.12.2022;
- “Aýdyň ertirleri nazarlap” - newspaper “Turkmenistan”, 24.12.2022.

16.2. A "Census" section was created on the website [www.stat.gov.tm](http://www.stat.gov.tm), where materials on the ongoing Census were posted.

16.3. Video clips explaining the ongoing Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan and calling for active participation in this event were shown on national television channels.

16.4. In cooperation with the UNFPA office in Turkmenistan, brochures and banners dedicated to Census were prepared.

16.5. The brochures were prepared in 3 versions and in Turkmen, Russian, and English, totaling 49 750 copies, and were distributed in frequently visited places in the regions and Ashgabat city:

Ashgabat city	4 000	Balkan velayat	2 050	Lebap velayat	8 000
Ahal velayat	17 000	Dashoguz velayat	8 900	Mary velayat	9 800



# REVIEW OF COMPLETE POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS OF TURKMENISTAN IN 2022

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CENSUS?**

While completing the questionnaire, **population is not required to provide documents confirming their identity and housing.**

The head of the household can answer questions about all family members.

The data collected during the complete population and housing census are kept confidential and are used in an anonymized form.

**Population Census 2022**  
COHESION, HAPPINESS, BRIGHT FUTURE

Let's all together participate in the complete population and housing census and determine our future!

**Population Census 2022**  
COHESION, HAPPINESS, BRIGHT FUTURE

**WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?**

During the complete population and housing census, from 17 to 27 December 2022, enumerators will collect data by visiting households and completing **four questionnaires** based on interviews with population.

**The second census questionnaire:** information about the form of ownership of housing, number and types of premises, area, utilities and access to the Internet.

**The third census questionnaire:** information about the number of persons living in the dwelling, their relationship to the head of household.

**The first census questionnaire:** information about the type of building, period of construction, material of the dwelling walls, roof and the number of rooms.

**The fourth census questionnaire:** information about age, nationality, gender, place of birth, language, citizenship, marital status, level of education, employment, sources of income.

**HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE ENUMERATORS?**

**Identification card:** The enumerators will have an identification card.

**Vest:** The enumerators will be wearing green vests with complete population and housing census logo.

**Bag:** The enumerators will have a green bag with complete population and housing census logo.

**Population Census 2022**  
COHESION, HAPPINESS, BRIGHT FUTURE

From 17 to 27 December 2022, a complete population and housing census will be conducted in Turkmenistan.

**Purpose of the population census**

The main objective of the complete population and housing census of Turkmenistan is to obtain reliable information about the demographic composition and the socio-economic situation of the country's population, which will allow laying a reliable foundation for the further development of the state, and will determine the main directions of investments in human development. Investments will be mainly directed to:

- Construction of healthcare facilities
- Construction of educational institutions
- Construction of residential buildings with all comfort amenities
- Construction of road infrastructure
- Creation of new jobs

**How to recognize the enumerator?**

- The enumerators will have an identification card.
- The enumerators will have a green bag.
- The enumerators will be wearing green vests.

**What is asked during the census?**

When conducting a population and housing census, enumerators will collect data on the basis of 4 separate digital census questionnaires.

- The first census questionnaire contains information about the type of building, period of construction, material of the dwelling walls, roof and the number of rooms.
- The second census questionnaire contains information about the form of ownership of housing, number and types of premises, area, utilities and access to the Internet.
- The third census questionnaire contains information about the number of persons living in the dwelling, their relationship to the head of household.
- The fourth census questionnaire contains information about age, nationality, gender, place of birth, language, citizenship, marital status, level of education, employment, sources of income.

While completing the questionnaire, population is not required to provide documents confirming their identity and housing.

The head of the household can answer questions about all family members.

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**Let's all together participate in the complete population and housing census and determine our future!**

**REVIEW OF COMPLETE POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS OF TURKMENISTAN IN 2022**



**POPULATION CENSUS - 2022**

**COHESION**

**HAPPINESS**

**BRIGHT FUTURE**

**WHO WILL BE COUNTED?**  
Citizens of Turkmenistan  
Foreigners  
Stateless persons

**WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?**  
The enumerators, on the basis of 4 census questionnaires, will collect information on the living conditions of people and their characteristics, household composition, gender, nationality, place of birth, language, citizenship, marital status, level of education, employment, and sources of income.

**QUICK**  
Answering questions on the census forms will take only about 20-30 minutes of your time.

**HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE ENUMERATOR?**

- The enumerators will have an identification card.
- The enumerators will have a green bag.
- The enumerators will be wearing green vests.

The complete population and housing census of Turkmenistan will be conducted in the period from 17 to 27 December 2022.

**POPULATION CENSUS - 2022**

**COHESION**

**HAPPINESS**

**BRIGHT FUTURE**

**DATA PROTECTION**  
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**Let's all together participate in the complete population and housing census and determine our future!**

The complete population and housing census of Turkmenistan will be conducted in the period from 17 to 27 December 2022.

16.6. A total of 1 489 banners were prepared and placed in large settlements in the velayats and Ashgabat city:

Ashgabat city	260	Balkan velayat	117	Lebap velayat	217
Ahal velayat	336	Dashoguz velayat	240	Mary velayat	319



**2022-nji ýylyň 17-27 dekabry  
aralygynda Türkmenistanda  
ilatyň we ýaşaýyş jaý gorunyň  
uçdantutma ýazuwy geçirilýär.**



**Ilat ýazuwy 2022**  
**JEBISLIK, BAGTYÝARLYK,  
RÖWŞEN GELJEK**



**2022-nji ýylyň  
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Ilatyň we ýaşaýyş jaý  
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bilelikde ädim ädeliň!**



**Ilat ýazuwy 2022**  
**JEBISLIK, BAGTYÝARLYK,  
RÖWŞEN GELJEK**





16.7. During the Census, from December 15 to December 28, 2022, a "hotline" reception center operated in the Central Office of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan and in the Statistical departments of the velayats and Ashgabat city for conducting informational and explanatory work among the public.

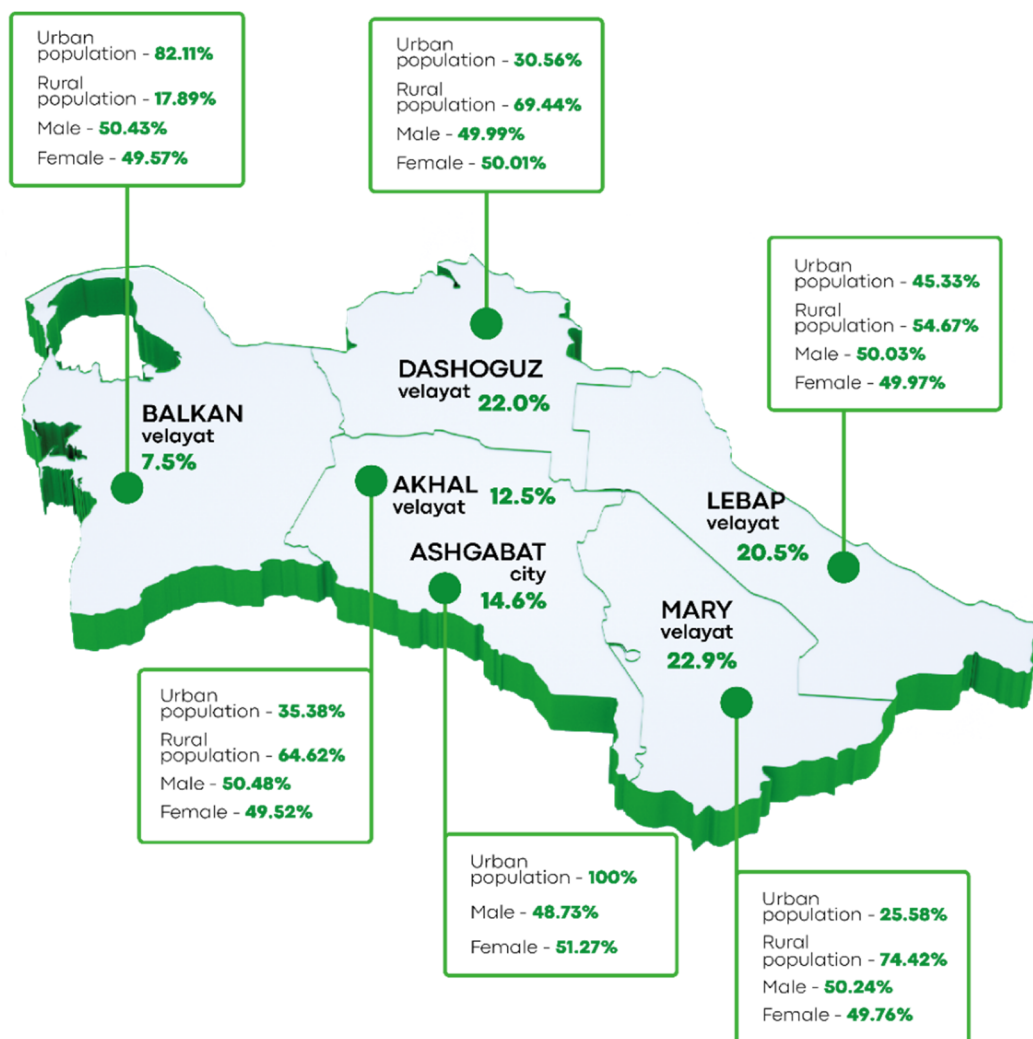
16.8. The closed joint-stock company "Altyn Asyr" sent SMS messages to subscribers about the ongoing Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan on 01.11.2022, 01.12.2022, and 15.12.2022.

*Dear fellow citizens! To create a reliable foundation for the further development of our powerful state, a Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan will be conducted from December 17 to 27 this year under the slogan "Census 2022: Cohesion, Happiness, Bright Future!" We call on everyone to participate in the Census actively and cooperatively and together shape our future! Turkmenstat*



## 17. Results of the Population Census

17.1. According to the results of the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan in 2022, as of December 17, 2022, the population of the country was 7 057.8 thousand people, including 3 526.4 thousand males and 3 531.4 thousand females. 47.1% of the population lives in urban settlements, while 52.9% live in rural areas.



17.2. The results of the Census were compiled into hundreds of thematic tables based on key indicators.

17.3. The Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan 2022 provided disaggregated data on the population size of Turkmenistan and its territorial distribution, its age and sex composition, national composition, migration movements, and citizenship.



17.4. Information on the number of women aged 15 and older in Turkmenistan, by territory and age, including reproductive age (15-49 years inclusive) according to international standards, level of education, and the number of women aged 15 years and older who have given birth to children, the number of their children, including number of alive children.

17.5. Data was collected on the education level of the population of Turkmenistan aged 10 and older, the distribution of students aged 6 and older by type of educational institutions they attend, and the attendance of children aged 0-5 at pre-school institutions.

17.6. Data are also provided on the number of households in Turkmenistan, the number of population and the number of children living in them, the distribution of households by territory, the composition of households, sex and age group of heads of households, the main sources of household livelihood, the living conditions of their residential premises, and Internet access.

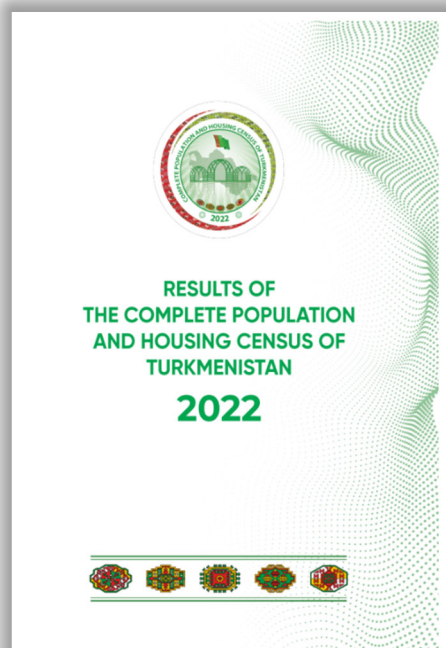
17.7. Information on the employment of the economically active population at the working age of Turkmenistan is presented by age groups, gender, main place of work and types of employment.

17.8. Data was collected that characterizes the housing condition in all types of residence of the population of Turkmenistan. Information was provided on the period of construction of residential buildings, the number and floor space of residential premises.

17.9. For the first time during this Census, information was obtained on people aged 5 and older who experience difficulties with walking, seeing, hearing, or memory (cognitive abilities).

17.10. A book titled "**Results of the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan 2022**" was prepared in Turkmen, Russian, and English, including several thematic sections dedicated to the results of Census.

17.11. This book presents the Census results in sections such as "Population number and location", "Age and sex composition of the population and status in marriage ", "Education", " National composition of the population and language proficiency ", "Fertility", "Migration and citizenship", "Sources of livelihood", "Number and composition of households", "Employment of the population", "Housing stock" and "Housing conditions of the population". The data was summarized in 401 tables and charts.



## **18. Dissemination of Census Results**

18.1. To widely disseminate the results of Census through mass media among the public and the global community, information on the main indicators of the final results of the conducted Census has been posted on the official website of the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan.

18.2. Two videos (extended and short) dedicated to the final results of the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan were shown on national TV channels.

18.3. A round table discussion, involving representatives of the economic sector, was held to discuss the final results of the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan 2022.

18.4. Articles on the Results of Census were published in the country's newspapers and magazines:

- "Ilat ýazuwynyň jemleri: YGTYBARLY ÖSÜŞ – RÖWŞEN GELJEGIŇ BINÝADY" - Turkmenistan newspaper, July 22, 2023;
- "2022-nji ýylda Türkmenistanda ilatyň we ýaşayyş jaý gorunyň uçdantutma ýazuwyny geçirmegiň döwrebap usullary we demografik jähleri" - "Finance and Economics" scientific and practical journal, 2023, No. 4;

18.5. A special recording dedicated to the conducted Census of Turkmenistan and its results was shown on the "MIR24" TV channel.

## **19. Cooperation between the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan and the United Nations**

19.1. The United Nations actively assisted in the implementation of the Complete Population and Housing Census of Turkmenistan 2022.

19.2. As part of the annual work plans for 2020 – 2022 of the "Disaggregated population data for sustainable development" project, international experts were engaged by the State Committee of Statistics of Turkmenistan and the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) to work on methodological materials, including Census Forms.

19.3. The UNFPA organized training for temporary Census staff with the involvement of international experts.

19.4. The UNFPA, using government funds, facilitated the purchase of modern high-powered equipment from prestigious foreign IT companies for Census.

19.5. Two high-level UN mission visits to Turkmenistan were organized. The mission included leaders from the UN Statistical Division's Demographic Statistics Department, the Statistical Department of the European Economic Commission, the Regional Office of UNFPA, and the relevant department of the Interstate Statistical Committee of the CIS.

19.6. During the first visit, the high-level mission provided recommendations on Census methodology and organizational issues.

19.7. The purpose of the second high-level mission visit was to review and assess the progress of Census.

19.8. The high-level mission noted that the national capacity established in Turkmenistan facilitated the use of tablet computers manufactured and operated with software developed by Turkmen producers for Census.

19.9. The high-level UN mission praised the Census as a large-scale event conducted in accordance with international standards.

