



GHANA 2021 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS INFORMATION SHEET FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



Overview

Ghana is preparing to conduct its first digital Population and Housing Census (PHC) with data collection scheduled to start in June. The 2021 PHC is being implemented in accordance with the United Nations Principles and Recommendations for 2020 World Programme on PHCs, which emphasize the use of technology to improve results' accuracy and timeliness. The Census will use Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) technique to ensure efficient data collection and processing as well as speedy

release of results. These unique features of the 2021 PHC are meant to ensure the collection of quality data and rapid release of user-friendly results (for more information on the unique features of the 2021 PHC, download the Basics of the Census document under the resources section of census website: <https://census2021.statsghana.gov.gh/>)

Benefits of the Census



The 2021 PHC will provide important updated socio-economic, demographic and housing data to be used for decision-making and planning. The census will provide at least 100 indicators that can be disaggregated by age, sex, and geographic location to be used for policy, planning and decision-making within the education sector.

These include:

- i. educational attainment of the population
- ii. literacy level of the population
- iii. languages in which the people are literate
- iv. size and geographic distribution of the school age population
- v. proportion of the school age population with difficulties in performing activities (seeing, hearing etc.)
- vi. proportion of children and youth currently attending school

- vii. proportion of youth not currently engaged in education, employment, or training
- viii. proportion of children engaged in child labour
- ix. extent of deprivation among children
- x. usage of ICT devices among children and youth
- xi. population of teachers
- xii. socio-demographic characteristics of teachers
- xiii. geographic distribution of teachers
- xiv. information on structures being used as educational facilities
- xv. availability of functional toilet facilities in structures used for educational purposes
- xvi. size of institutional populations within educational institutions

For more information on the resourcefulness of the census data, download the 100 Uses of Census Data brochure under the resources section of census website.

Key Messaging on Census



1. Ghana is going to conduct the 2021 Population and Housing Census in June, an important national exercise to count all the structures and the persons in Ghana and collect information about them – who they are, where they live and how they live. This information that will be used to plan for development to improve the welfare of persons living in the country.
2. Information from the census will help us plan for the future of our children. For instance, the census will tell us how many children are living in Ghana, how old they are, whether they are going to school or not and whether they are able to read and write. It will also help government identify where more schools are needed now and how many more schools to build in the future.
3. The information collected during the census is strictly confidential. Disclosure of any information obtained in the census without lawful authority is an offence liable to a fine, a term of imprisonment or both per the Statistical Service Act, 2019 (Act 1003).
4. Census Night is 27th June, 2021. It is the reference date for all questions that will be asked during the enumeration exercise scheduled from 28th June to 11th July 2021. The enumeration will be preceded by a listing programme of all structures scheduled to start on 13th June 2021.
5. During the exercise, census officials known as enumerators, will visit every household. No one needs to travel or move to a specific location to be counted. Census officials will wear a reflective jacket with the 2021 PHC logo and have an ID card with the 2021 PHC logo on it.
6. Any adult household member can answer questions on behalf of other household members and so it is not necessary that every household member is directly interviewed by the enumerator. As such, no one should assume that they have not been counted if they were not directly interviewed by an enumerator. In case of doubt, they should first confirm that their structure has been numbered and then enquire from household members if an enumerator has visited the household in their absence. A call centre will be set up for households who have not been visited to call and report.
7. Ahead of the Census Night, all adults should familiarise themselves with the questions to be asked so that they can answer on behalf of other household members completely and truthfully. The 2021 PHC will collect information in the following areas: travel history of household members who have migrated abroad; sociodemographic characteristics; literacy and education; economic activity; difficulties in performing daily living activities; ownership and usage of ICT devices; children born to women 12 years or over; deaths of household members in the past 12 months; housing conditions; and sanitation.
8. “You Count, Get Counted” is the census slogan. All persons in Ghana must ensure that they and their household members are counted.

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