

According to the present Statistical Law, individual data and information registered in the census questionnaires are confidential and can be used for statistical purposes only. Otherwise, penalties are foreseen in the penal code. During data entry, no identification of individuals was collected (names or addresses). There is only the number of the questionnaire within the enumeration sector as part of a locality.

COVERAGE OF THE SURVEY AND NEW TOPICS

During the census, all Romanian citizens who had legal residence in the country were registered (whether they were in the country or abroad at the census time). This included foreigners or stateless persons with temporary residence in Romania at the date of the census. Foreigners acting as diplomatic or consular representatives and those from international organizations were excluded. Also excluded from registration were buildings located on Romanian territory but owned by other countries.

The UN and EUROSTAT recommendations for the 2000 census round were taken into account when designing the questionnaire. In addition, consultation was made of census documentation from various European countries, and experience gained from the 1992 census proved useful.

The following characteristics were included for 2002:

For the non-national population:

- reason and date of establishing residence in the country
- education level and current school attendance
- time for work activity and location of work place
- duration of unemployment

For households:

- paid rent
- agricultural areas used by the household, by size classes

For dwellings:

- state of dwelling (occupied or not)
- number and area of rooms of the dwelling used for other purposes (business like)
- endowment of dwelling with air-conditioner

Moreover, in 1992 the concept of '*usual economic activity*' was used (as reference period equal to the year before the census date) and in 2002 the concept of '*current economic activity*' was used (the week before the census date as reference period) and focused on:

- the economic circumstances of the individual;
- occupation in the main activity and the time effectively worked;