

## **Chapter 3 Major findings of historical censuses**



## I. Abstract statistics of the historical population and housing censuses

Abstract items	Unit	Year end of 1956	Year end of 1966	Year end of 1980	Year end of 1990	Year end of 2000	Year end of 2010	2020
<b>1. Resident population</b>								
(1) Number of resident population	person	9 367 661	13 505 463	18 029 798	20 393 628	22 300 929	23 123 866	23 829 897
Nationals	person	9 364 547	13 497 635	18 010 102	20 362 403	21 900 504	22 561 633	22 910 478
Non-nationals	person	3 114	7 828	19 696	31 225	400 425	562 233	919 419
Male	person	4 772 136	7 152 974	9 405 376	10 618 217	11 386 084	11 489 285	11 747 698
Female	person	4 595 525	6 352 489	8 624 422	9 775 411	10 914 845	11 634 581	12 082 199
(2) Number of resident population (exclude foreign workers)	person	9 367 661	13 505 463	18 029 798	20 393 628	21 999 851	22 744 066	23 128 777
(3) Average age	years	21.7	22.9	26.2	29.4	32.9	37.5	41.7
(4) Percentage of population under 15 years to resident population	%	44.2	43.0	32.2	26.9	21.2	15.8	12.6
Percentage of population 15 – 64 years to resident population	%	53.4	54.4	63.8	67.0	70.2	73.5	71.5
Percentage of population 65 years and over to resident population	%	2.5	2.6	4.0	6.1	8.6	10.7	15.9
(5) Unmarried rate of population 25-44 years	%	8.9	14.9	14.4	21.1	26.8	37.8	43.2
(6) Percentage of kindergarten enrollment of pre-school children	%	-	-	-	-	-	40.3	49.6
(7) Long-term care rate	%	-	-	-	-	1.5	2.1	2.8
(8) Long-term care rate of population 65 years and over	%	-	-	-	-	9.7	12.7	13.3
(9) Number of households	household	1 650 793	2 285 303	3 744 636	4 954 322	6 495 751	7 446 244	8 086 905
① Ordinary household	household	1 642 158	2 273 548	3 739 016	4 943 257	6 470 225	7 414 371	8 033 191
② Group quarters	household	8 635	11 755	5 620	11 065	25 526	31 873	53 714
(10) Average size of the ordinary households	person / household	-	5.7	4.8	4.0	3.3	3.0	2.8
(11) Percentage of population 65 years and over living with children	%	-	-	-	-	58.0	52.1	51.9
(12) Percentage of population 65 years and over living alone	%	-	-	-	13.5	15.9	14.3	15.6
<b>2. Housing</b>								
(1) Number of housing units	unit	-	2 272 783	3 677 300	5 088 232	6 993 099	8 074 529	8 993 149
① Occupied	unit	-	2 250 568	3 171 876	4 246 751	5 509 974	6 141 013	6 895 887
② Unoccupied (for other uses other than owner occupied)	unit	-	22 215	23 103	162 961	250 997	373 912	435 122
③ Unoccupied (vacant)	unit	-	-	482 321	678 520	1 232 128	1 559 604	1 662 140
(2) Average number of persons per housing unit	person / unit	-	-	5.6	4.6	3.9	3.6	3.3
(3) Average floor area per person	sqm/person	-	-	15.3	24.1	31.7	33.2	37.8
(4) Occupied rate	%	-	99.0	86.3	83.5	78.8	76.1	76.7
(5) Home vacancy rate	%	-	1.0	13.1	13.3	17.6	19.3	18.5
Home ownership rate	%	-	-	-	-	-	79.2	78.6
① By usually living member of this household	%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
② By spouse, parents or children not usually living in this household	%	-	66.3	79.1	78.5	82.5	4.8	6.0

Note : 1.The 1956 year end data of the resident population did not include servicemen on active duty and stayed in the barrack.

2.The 1980 year end data of the household did not include the group quarters in Kinma region.

3. The 2000 year end data, 2010 year end data and 2020 data of Item (2)-(8) and (11), (12) did not include foreign workers in productive industries and social welfare introduced and permitted by the Ministry of Labor (301,078 persons at the end of 2000, 379,800 persons at the end of 2010 and 701,120 persons in 2020).

## II. The resident population, households and housing units

	2020						2010					
	Resident		Ordinary		Housing		Resident		Ordinary		Housing	
	population (person)	Percent (%)	household (household)	Percent (%)	unit (unit)	Percent (%)	population (person)	Percent (%)	household (household)	Percent (%)	unit (unit)	Percent (%)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>23 829 897</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8 033 191</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8 993 149</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>23 123 866</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7 414 371</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8 074 529</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Northern region</b>	<b>11 334 806</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>3 870 578</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>4 245 451</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>10 707 544</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>3 485 622</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>3 784 298</b>	<b>46.9</b>
New Taipei City	4 365 947	18.3	1 526 303	19.0	1 676 933	18.6	4 054 467	17.5	1 338 262	18.0	1 495 535	18.5
Taipei City	2 594 581	10.9	935 990	11.7	950 496	10.6	2 655 515	11.5	948 336	12.8	917 406	11.4
Taoyuan City	2 441 064	10.2	763 346	9.5	867 883	9.7	2 190 342	9.5	646 420	8.7	732 797	9.1
Keelung City	367 264	1.5	139 874	1.7	171 191	1.9	381 809	1.7	133 418	1.8	162 065	2.0
Hsinchu City	499 468	2.1	168 124	2.1	181 086	2.0	476 273	2.1	140 731	1.9	155 883	1.9
Yilan County	433 319	1.8	141 497	1.8	188 788	2.1	426 975	1.8	127 675	1.7	160 250	2.0
Hsinchu County	633 163	2.7	195 444	2.4	209 074	2.3	522 163	2.3	150 780	2.0	160 362	2.0
<b>Central region</b>	<b>5 763 919</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>1 852 028</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>2 084 028</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>5 567 265</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>1 690 859</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>1 864 757</b>	<b>23.1</b>
Taichung City	3 033 840	12.7	976 599	12.2	1 073 182	11.9	2 731 056	11.8	823 319	11.1	941 690	11.7
Miaoli County	521 962	2.2	166 735	2.1	190 106	2.1	530 339	2.3	156 670	2.1	164 473	2.0
Changhua County	1 186 795	5.0	355 173	4.4	420 090	4.7	1 226 420	5.3	353 938	4.8	385 174	4.8
Nantou County	430 211	1.8	152 910	1.9	173 230	1.9	460 869	2.0	149 704	2.0	159 788	2.0
Yunlin County	591 111	2.5	200 611	2.5	227 420	2.5	618 581	2.7	207 228	2.8	213 632	2.6
<b>Southern region</b>	<b>6 162 328</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>2 108 109</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>2 431 567</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>6 266 252</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>2 052 113</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>2 213 261</b>	<b>27.4</b>
Tainan City	1 875 076	7.9	618 413	7.7	712 130	7.9	1 840 257	8.0	599 526	8.1	641 889	7.9
Kaohsiung City	2 734 275	11.5	952 477	11.9	1 107 058	12.3	2 777 384	12.0	927 149	12.5	999 108	12.4
Chiayi City	252 028	1.1	93 084	1.2	106 368	1.2	267 651	1.2	90 714	1.2	101 571	1.3
Chiayi County	464 164	1.9	159 998	2.0	182 774	2.0	492 981	2.1	152 621	2.1	172 670	2.1
Pingtung County	755 047	3.2	256 720	3.2	292 234	3.2	801 012	3.5	256 211	3.5	269 286	3.3
Penghu County	81 738	0.3	27 417	0.3	31 003	0.3	86 967	0.4	25 892	0.3	28 737	0.4
<b>Eastern region</b>	<b>489 858</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>179 971</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>205 658</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>510 980</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>169 550</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>194 585</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Taitung County	189 452	0.8	71 643	0.9	78 293	0.9	201 039	0.9	68 185	0.9	74 087	0.9
Hualien County	300 406	1.3	108 328	1.3	127 365	1.4	309 941	1.3	101 365	1.4	120 498	1.5
<b>Kinma region</b>	<b>78 986</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>22 505</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>26 445</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>71 825</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>16 227</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>17 628</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Kinmen County	67 173	0.3	20 216	0.3	23 405	0.3	57 221	0.2	14 408	0.2	15 348	0.2
Lienchiang County	11 813	0.0	2 289	0.0	3 040	0.0	14 604	0.1	1 819	0.0	2 280	0.0

Note : The 2020 census reference day was November 8 of 2020 and the 2010 census reference day was December 26 of 2010.