

How many times has the Population and Housing Census been conducted? What is the legal basis of the census?

The first census was launched in 1956 and will be conducted decennially. The first four censuses were conducted in accordance with the Household Registration Law and the Population Census Law by the Ministry of Interior in conjunction with the Population Census Office of the Executive Yuan. However, the responsibility of conducting the fifth census in 2000 was transferred to the Department of Census, Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics (DGBAS), Executive Yuan due to the amendment and abandonment of the afore mentioned laws and based on the Statistics Act. The 2010 Population and Housing Census was the sixth census and operated by integrating official registration files with data collected from the sampling survey. About 16% enumeration areas were sampled and each household and person in these areas was visited. All enumeration was completed before January 22 of 2011. The 2020 Census was the seventh census and carried out as the Register and Survey Integrated Census, using digital information technology to review and evaluate population and housing official registrations to ensure the total number of the resident population and basic items. A total of 15% enumeration areas were sampled and full enumerated.