

2. NECESSITY OF POPULATION CENSUS CONDUCTION AND ITS LEGAL BASIS IN THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

For any country, regardless of its social and particularly economic system peculiarities, it is necessary to conduct Population Censuses periodically. It testifies the UN Millennium Recommendations either.

After the First National Population Census conducted in 2001, there have been social-economic and infrastructural changes in Armenia: in population number and distribution, in its social-demographic, economic activity, households' living conditions, poverty rate and characteristic, living standard, polarization of regional and economic activity separate spheres and substantial changes of other characteristics. It is no secret that the beginning of the 21st century was marked by completion of mass privatization process, overcome of confidence crisis to financial and quasi-fiscal spheres, mass construction processes, substantial changes in address of dwellings and other buildings, confidence to ownership and increase of deal in the given sphere. Realization of entrepreneurial right became more receptive in the manifestation forms of economic activity of population, leveling a wider road for construction of the independent economic structure.

Following social and economic reforms it is very important for the Republic of Armenia to ensure Population Census conduction periodicity as its results will be increasingly important for development, planning and management of state and economic policy as well as will give an opportunity to study changes in public and economic development levels and predetermine new ways and principles for further progress of the country in each decade.

Exact and reliable information is necessary on population number, geographic distribution, social-demographic characteristic, employment (economic activity), households' living conditions and other characteristics to analyze, evaluate and manage those processes as Population Censuses are the main sources to receive complete data on stated connections and indications.

Taking into account the above-mentioned, the Article 4 of Requirements of the RA Law “On Population Census” as well as previous experience of conducting Population Census at least once in a decade and international suggestions, the following conduction date of the RA Population Census was fixed **from 12th to 21st of October, 2011** by the Decree of the RA Government.

According to Article 6 of the RA Law “On Population Census”, responsible for preparation,



conduction and data processing of Population Census is statistical state authorized body: National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia with its marz and Yerevan city agencies.

For preparation, conduction and data processing processes of Population Census was formed operational subdivision for Population Census in a status of department (The Population Census Department) by the Resolution of the RA State Council on Statistics No 26-N of 24 December 2008.

The Population Census Department was consisted of 5 divisions:

1. Planning and Programme-methodological,
2. Organizational,
3. Data Processing and Classification,
4. Information Technology and Programming,
5. Administrative-economic.

Conduction of Population Census is a number of various, following each other and correlated arrangements which is carried out by direct participation of the RA Government, different Ministries, Departments and Organizations. For that reason as well as according to Article 4 of the RA Law “On Population Census” and the Decree of the RA Government No 301-N of 21 March 2009, were formed Republican, Marz and Yerevan city Commissions for 2011 Population Census organization and conduction.

According to Article 8 of the RA Law “On Population Census” it was a must to conduct 2010 **Pilot Population Census** in April for testing conduction methodology and organization processes, instructive documents, as well as data coding and processing processes of Population Census but in consequence of the shortage of the State Budget the conduction of the Pilot Population Census was postponed and conducted **from 21st to 30th of October, 2010** according to the Decree of the RA Government No 313-N of 25 March 2010.

