



“Everyone Counts”

Fact Sheet about the 2010 Population and Housing Census in Thailand

Thailand will conduct its 11th population census in September 2010 to count everyone who resides in Thailand and classify their characteristics and distribution. Population Census is the method of counting everyone residing on a reference date in a particular country.

Census Is a Snapshot

- **What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in Thailand.
- **Who:** Every Thai resident must be counted – both citizens and non citizens. The census coverage would include:
 - Every Thai citizen who live in Thailand on the census date, 1 September, 2010;
 - All Thai government officials and their family members who are on diplomatic posts overseas;
 - Foreigners or non-Thais who have lived in Thailand for at least 3 months by the census date except those with diplomatic posts in Thailand;
 - Thais/Non-Thais/Foreigners who have their usual place of residence in Thailand but on the census date on 1 September they are temporarily overseas.
- **When:** The census reference date is 1 September, 2010. From 1-30 September, 2010, the census enumerators from the National Statistical Office will visit your home for data collection.
- **How:** There are four ways to give census information:
 - Face to face interview at home by over 70,000 enumerators under supervision of the National Statistical Office who will knock on your door;
 - Data entry via internet at <http://popcensus.nso.go.th> or www.nso.go.th (only available in cities or municipal areas);
 - Self-administered questionnaire;
 - Give telephone interview at 1111 press 6
- **Why:** The population census is a head count of every individual living in Thailand according to place of residence. It gives numbers, characteristics, and distribution of the population – how many people are men, women, children, foreigners, migrant workers, older persons, and people with handicaps. It gives information about people’s education, marital status, employment, occupation, migration, and housing status. The population census is useful for policy planning in all levels – national, provincial, municipality, district, and village. Moreover, the population census data is crucial to be used for the population projection. The population data is also used as a sampling frame for the population surveys during inter-censal years at national and local levels.



Most Countries in the World Conduct the Population Census

Following the recommendation of the United Nations, 232 countries around the world conduct their population census every 10 or every 5 years. Thailand conducts its population census every 10 years. In 2010, 62 countries will conduct their population census.

This year is the 100th Anniversary of Thailand's Population Census

The civil registration and the population census in Thailand first took place at around the same time in 1909-1910 during the reign of King Rama V. Hence, the year 2010 would mark the 100th Anniversary of the Population Census in Thailand during the reign of King Rama IX.

What Questions will be asked in the Population and Housing Census

The census questions will be asked about everyone living in the household regardless of:

- Their legal status of living in Thailand;
- Their ability to communicate in Thai language;
- They are registered in the household where they currently live in or not.

Questions about the following details will be asked: age, sex, nationality, religion, education, speaking language, occupation, place of birth, marital status, number of children ever born, number of living & dead children, handicap status, migration, type and characteristics of household, registered in the living household or not, sanitation and water supplies, ownership of basic living appliances.

No question about income and legal status of the residents will be asked in the census.

Crucial Information about the 2010 Population Census

According to the Statistical Act 2007, Article 18, everyone has a duty to give census information to the National Statistical Office. The National Statistical Office also has a duty to ensure that data will be kept confidential and individual's information will not be disclosed to any government or private agencies.

The population census data collection *has nothing to do with tax or illegal status of residents* living in Thailand.

From 1-30 September, 2010
Take part in the Population and Housing Census

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