

# Social and demographic statistics

COVID-19 and official statistics



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- [Recommendations for publishing official statistics based on household surveys in the face of the coronavirus pandemic \(ECLAC, in Spanish\)](#)

## Ongoing activities

- The Steering Group on **population and housing censuses** is updating its [information repository](#) on the 2020 round of the population and housing censuses in the UNECE member countries with changes related to COVID-19.
- The Steering Group on **migration statistics** created a [page on the statistical response to COVID-19](#) in the National Statistical Offices of selected countries represented in the Steering Group, with reference in particular to the collection, processing and reporting of data on migration.
- UNECE conducted a study of the practices of national statistical offices in adapting to the COVID-19 crisis situation their household surveys that are used for **poverty measurement**. Available in [English](#) and [Russian](#).

## Upcoming

- The Group of Experts on Population and Housing Statistics will hold [online meetings](#) on 29 September (focus on countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia) and 30 September-1 October (all UNECE region), with a focus on census operations in the context of the Covid pandemic. [Call for abstracts and registration details here](#).
- The Steering Group on **gender statistics**, in partnership with UN Women, is preparing a proposal to develop a minimum set of questions data producers might add to household surveys such as household budget and expenditure surveys or labour force surveys, to measure the differential impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on women and men. A concept note will be publicly available soon.

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Related initiatives

- **UNECE Population Unit: [List of resources on COVID-19 and older persons](#)** developed by international organizations, research networks and civil society partners in the UNECE region
- [UNSD list](#) of COVID-19 related impacts for countries with a census in 2020

## Country Experiences

- The United Kingdom's Office for National Statistics published [this article](#) (20 April 2020) on how they are adapting methods, sources and outputs for labour market statistics.
- The United Kingdom's Office for National Statistics [survey-based statistics on the social impacts of the Coronavirus](#).
- The National Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Moldova has launched a module '[Influence of the Covid-19 pandemic on the household](#)' as part of its Household Budget Survey.
- Experiences of three Latin American countries, including CES member Mexico, were [presented in a video conference](#) convened on 15 April by the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the national statistical office of Chile (INE) (in Spanish).

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