



# GHANA 2021 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS INFORMATION SHEET FOR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS



## Overview

Ghana is preparing to conduct its first digital Population and Housing Census (PHC) with data collection scheduled for the second quarter of the year. The 2021 PHC is being implemented in accordance with the United Nations Principles and Recommendations for 2020 World Programme on PHCs, which emphasize the use of technology to improve results accuracy and timeliness. The Census will use Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) to ensure efficient data collection and

processing as well as speedy release of results. The unique features of the 2021 PHC will ensure collection of quality and policy relevant data and rapid release of user-friendly results (for more information on the unique features of the 2021 PHC, download the Basics of the Census document under the resources section of census website: <https://census2021.statsghana.gov.gh/>)



## Benefits of the Census

The 2021 PHC will provide important updated socio-economic, demographic and housing data to be used for decision-making and planning. The census will provide at least 100 indicators that can be disaggregated by age, sex, and location of the population.

These are indicators that religious institutions can use amongst others to identify areas for siting places of worship, identify vulnerable populations for charitable assistance, analyse the profile of persons in the catchment area to provide targeted services.

They include:

- i. population size
- ii. age and sex distribution of the population
- iii. the population size of each religious group
- iv. the religious denomination of the population
- v. location of places of worship within localities
- vi. amenities situated close to places of worship

- vii. extent of deprivation among people in the localities where places of worship are sited
- viii. the dominant economic activity in localities where places of worship are sited
- ix. prevalence in difficulties in performing activities among the population
- x. literacy level of the population in the different languages
- xi. information on structures being used for religious purposes
- xii. population who use the internet
- xiii. population who use phones for mobile money transactions
- xiv. access to water and electricity within communities

# Key Messaging on Census



1. “You Count, Get Counted” – The 2021 PHC aims for complete coverage so that no one is left behind. A population census is the only national exercise that gives everyone in the country a voice. The census data will be used for the development of our nation and to guide decisions to improve the welfare of the people. Make sure that your voice is heard because you count.
2. **Census Night is 27th June 2021.** It is the reference date for all questions that will be asked during enumeration. The scheduled duration of data collection, from 28th June to 11th July 2021, is referred to as the Census period when enumeration takes place. The enumeration will be preceded by a listing exercise of all structures which is scheduled to start on 13th June 2021.
3. All households must endeavour to be enumerated. To ensure that no one is left behind, contact numbers will be provided to assist the public communicate directly with census officials.
4. The 2021 PHC wishes to minimise the incidence of persons reporting that they were not counted by educating the public that an adult household member can answer questions on behalf of other household members and so it is not necessary that every household member is directly interviewed by the enumerator. As such, no one should assume that they have not been counted if they were not directly interviewed by an enumerator. In case of doubt, they should first confirm that their structure has been numbered and then enquire of household members if an enumerator has visited the household in their absence. The call centre will be set for households who have not been visited to call and report so that census officials will follow up.
5. Ahead of the Census Night all adults should familiarise themselves with the questions to be asked so that they can answer on behalf of household members completely and truthfully. The 2021 PHC will collect information in the following areas: travel history of household members who have migrated abroad; sociodemographic characteristics; literacy and education; economic activity; difficulties in performing daily living activities; ownership and usage of ICT devices; children born to women 12 years or over; deaths of household members in the past 12 months; housing conditions; and sanitation.
6. In areas, where there are boundary disputes, the residents should allow the counting to go without incidence. This is because the census does not have any influence on the dispute resolution process. The Ghana Statistical Service will report the populations of those areas with a footnote to indicate that there is a boundary dispute which may affect the numbers. Eventually, once the boundary dispute is resolved, the population numbers will be allocated to where they belong. As such, we entreat that all persons allow themselves to be counted so that accurate data will be used for decision-making. You count, get counted.

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