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# New paradigm in statistics and population census quality

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# Discussion on the quality of information derived from the population census in particular traditional versus register-based

## **Outline of the presentation**

## 1. Shift in paradigm

- Interpreting the data
- Availability of the data
- Reorganization in statistics

## 2. Population census methodology

- Transition in methodology
- Data sources
- Criteria for success
- Evaluation methods

## 3. Evaluation of 2011 Population Census in Poland

- Coverage errors
- Coverage survey
- Sample survey and non-response

## 4. Coverage assessment

- Children 0 4 years old
- Young people: studying and starting their professional career
- Working age population
- Elderly
- 5. Conclusion

### PARADIGM [gr. parádeigma 'pattern'],

as introduced by Thomas Kuhn a set of concepts and theories forming the basis of the (natural) science "universally recognized scientific achievements that, for a time, provide model problems and solutions for a community of practitioners"

## **CONTROVERSIES IN THE FOUNDATION OF STATISTICS**

- classical statistics or error statistics,
- Bayesian statistics,
- Likelihood-based statistics,
- Akaikean-Information Criterion-based statistics

### Issues that have been debated for years without resolution

## Shift in paradigm – availability of the data

For centuries, in order to provide statistical analysis, data needed to be collected CENSUS

Domesday Book, record of survey completed in 1086 on order of William the Conqueror - census other data sources, like books of the parish, or other administrative records were also used Graunt John, Natural and Political Observations Made upon the Bills of Mortality (1662) used the mortality rolls in London to construct first life tables

### Middle of XX century,

to save time and money, thanks to the development of representative methods, **SAMPLE SURVEY** 

### Last decades,

look what data we have,

use of government data and other administrative records,

## **DATA INTEGRATION**

Source: own elaboration using information from: Li-Chun Zhang, 2013, Population size estimation based on multiple lists, Uncertainty analysis for categorical data fusion, van der Laan P., 2000, Integrating administrative registers and household surveys, "Netherlands Official Statistics",

Al P. G., Bakker B.F.M., 2000, Re-engineering social statistics by micro-integration of different sources; an introduction, "Netherlands Official Statistics", Wallgren, A. and B. Wallgren (2007): Register-based Statistics. John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

Modern Information and Communication Technology - challenges for statistics and achievements :

- e-surveys, e-questionnaires
- Statistical surveys in modern information infrastructure and ICT
- Statistical frames
- Variety of data sources:
  - Administrative Registers
  - Other Records Available On-line
  - Internet Data
  - Big Data
- Statistical metadata
- GIS in statistics
- **Small Area Estimation**
- Variety of methods for data dissemination

## Population census – transition in methodology, data sources

## Transition from a **traditional** census in 2002 to **mixed method** in 2011

## **Data sources :**

Administrative registers

**PESEL - Central Population Register** 

- Internet self-enumeration
- Sample survey long form 20% sample

#### UNECE countries by Census method for 2010 round

Method	2000-2002	2010-2014
Traditional	40 (80%)	31 (56%)
Register-based	4 (8%)	8 (15%)
Mixed method	6 (12%)	14 (25%)

Traditional census Registers Registers combined with other source Rolling census

Source: own elaboration using information from: Overview of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses in the UNECE region , ECE/CES/ GE.41/2012/20

According to UNECE 2013 survey on national practices in the 2010 round of population and housing censuses - no full agreement to criteria for success

### "Overall user and stakeholder support"

public support improved response/participation rates, improved coverage rates,

improved outputs

cost saving staff expertise.

software

### Difference by methodology:

Traditional census: user and stakeholder support, improved coverage rates, government support,

Combined census: improved response/participation rates, user and stakeholder support, COSt savings

Register-based census: cost savings, government support, improved outputs

Source: Field operations, legislation, lessons learned: Key results of the UNECE Survey on National Census Practices, and first proposals about the CES Recommendations for the 2020 census round. Note by the UNECE Steering Group on Population and Housing Censuses, Geneva, 30 September - 3 October 2013, ECE/CES/GE.41/2013/6 Out of the 51 countries surveyed, 50 responded to this question.

## **Population census** – criteria for success

International standard ISO 9000/200522 defines quality as: "the degree to which a set of inherent characteristics fulfils requirements."

### The main objective and basic tasks of population census

### Essential features of a Population and Housing Census

Individual enumeration

Simultaneity

Universality

Small-area data

Defined periodicity

### The population census

produces at regular intervals the **official counting** of the population in the territory of a country and in its **smallest geographical sub-territories** together with information on a selected number of **demographic and social characteristics** of the total population.

### The key measure of census quality is the level of response achieved Accuracy in population estimates

Source: UN 2006, Conference of European Statisticians Recommendations for the 2010 Censuses of Population and Housing, The Census Coverage Survey – the key element of a One Number Census R. Pereira, ONS 2002

### A. Single Source of Data

#### demographic analysis of the census

- evaluation techniques examining the internal consistency
- interpretation studies conducted as part of the census

### B. Evaluation methods that use other already existing data sources

- (i) Studies using statistical matching techniques
  - record checks
  - comparison with existing household surveys
- (ii) Non-matching studies
  - demographic analysis using previous censuses
  - comparison with administrative data
  - comparison with existing household surveys

### C. Evaluation methods using results of additional studies

- post enumeration survey to estimate coverage and content error
- post-censal matching surveys
- reinterview surveys
- additional research on specific populations such as minorities and ethnic groups
- focus studies on respondents' satisfaction with the data collecting process

Source: Evaluating Censuses..., 1985 p.9 and Post Enumeration Surveys..., 2010 p.12 and next

Census coverage survey was conducted from 1 to 11 July 2011

A sample of 80 thousands dwellings was drawn out of 2 744 thousands dwellings drawn before to the census sample survey

Only flats with at least one person with an assigned phone or mobile number And all the dwellings self enumerated by Internet

Census coverage survey was performed by CATI.

The form contained 14 questions

No results published yet

Sample survey was conducted on a random sample of **20%** of dwellings on national scale One stage sampling with deep stratification

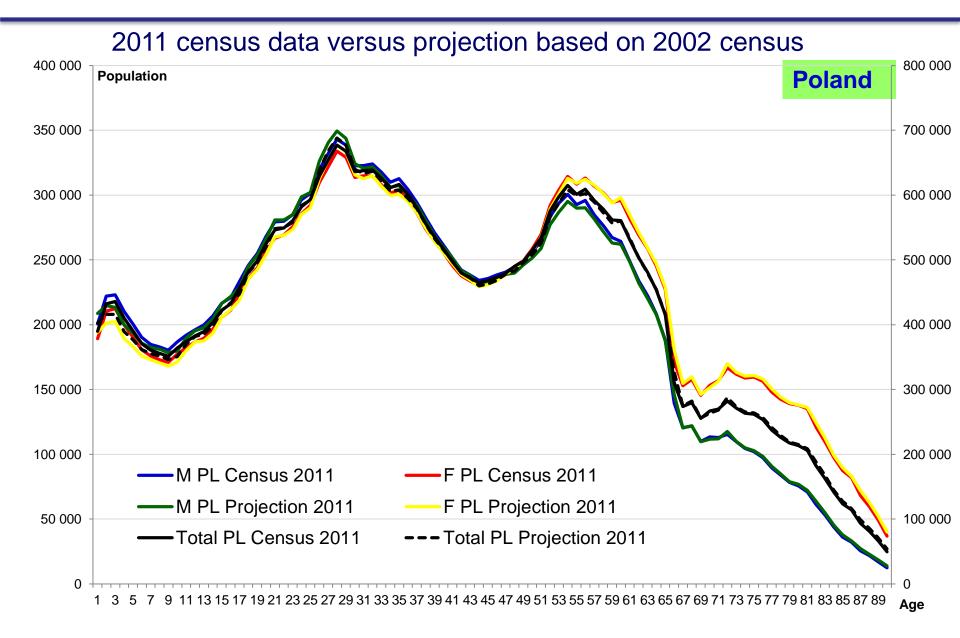
Out of nearly 13.5 million dwellings, the sample consisted of more than 2 744 thousand

The original weights had to be adjusted due to the **13.7%** of non-response

For all census results **precision tables** were provided

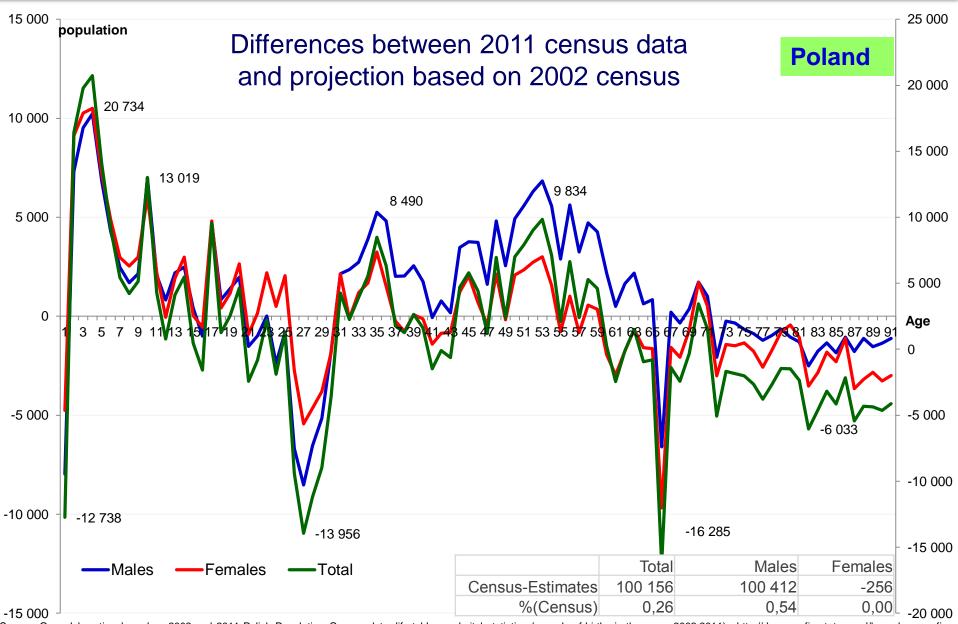
Analysis of non-response not available

## **Coverage assessment** – population by age and sex



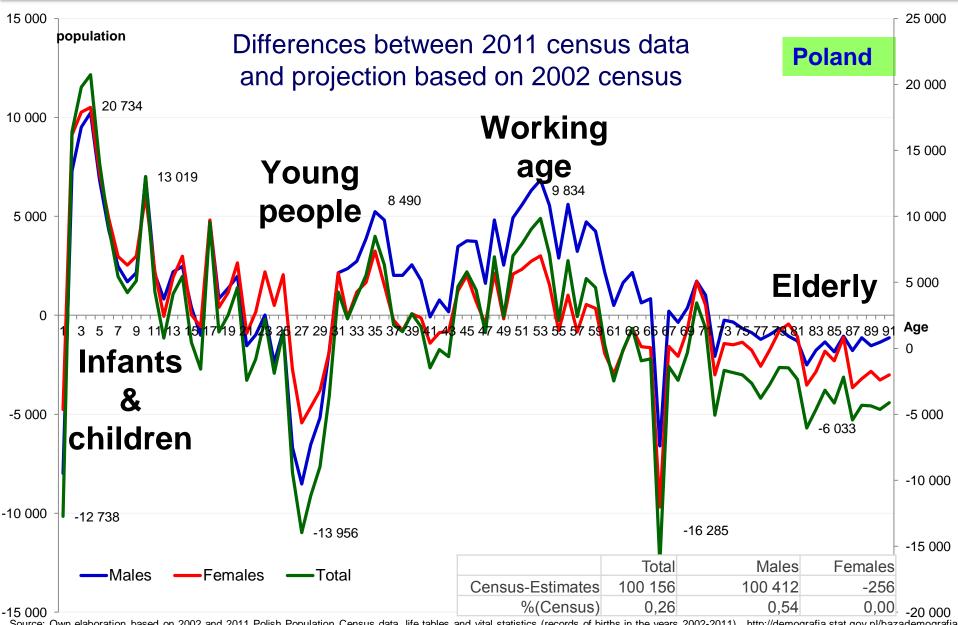
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## **Coverage assessment** – infants and children

Differences between 2011 census data and projection based on 2002 census - Infants and children

Poland

Age	Total		Ма	les	Females			
Aye	persons	%	persons	%	persons	%		
0	-12 846	-3,3	-8075	-4,0	-4 771	-2,5		
1	16 414	3,8	7 297	3,3	9 117	4,3		
2	19 776	4,5	9 511	4,3	10 265	4,8		
3	20 734	5,1	10 229	4,9	10 505	5,3		
4	14 086	3,6	6 857	3,4	7 230	3,8		
5	9 192	2,5	4 304	2,3	4 888	2,7		
Population aged 0 – 4 years and the difference between estimates								
2011								
Census	2057998		1055902		1002096			
Birth								
Register	1999725		1029989		969736			
Difference	58273	2,83%	25913	2,45%	32360	3,23%		

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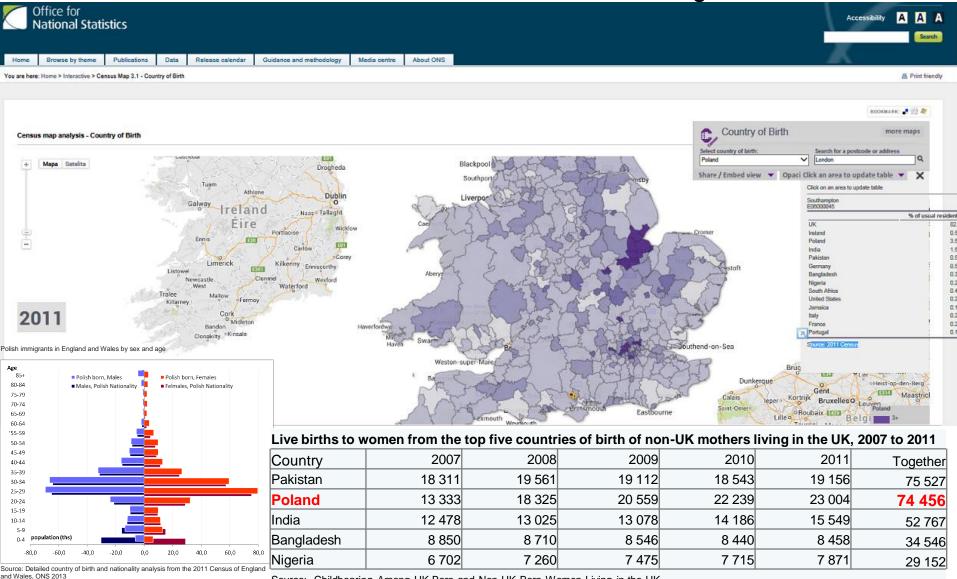
Comparison between 2011 and 2002 census data with Birth Register - Infants and children

Poland

Data source	2011 Census			2002 Census			
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	
Census	389903	200592	189311	351662	180116	171546	
Birth Register	402641	208573	194068	357096	183440	173656	
Difference	-12738	-7981	-4757	-5434	-3324	-2110	
Difference (%)	3,27	3,98	2,51	1,55	1,85	1,23	

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### Mirror statistics: In the search for missing children

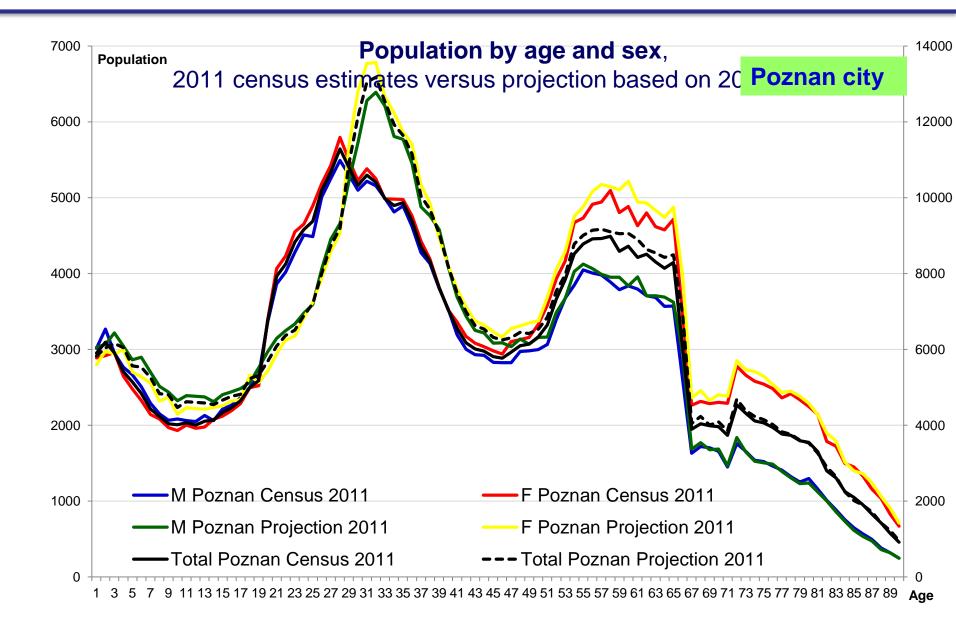


Source: Childbearing Among UK Born and Non-UK Born Women Living in the UK

Source: http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/interactive/census-rr Author Name(s): Jo Zumpe, Oliver Dormon, Julie Jefferies - ONS p.24

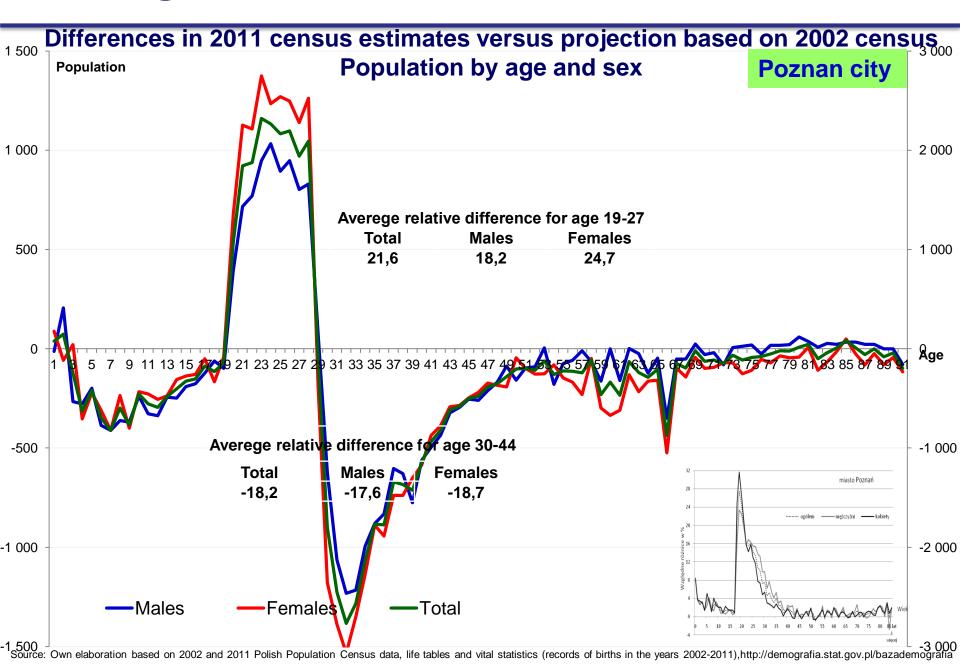
## Data for the smallest geographical sub-territories

## Coverage assessment – by territorial division



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#### Differences in 2011 census estimates versus projection based on 2002 census Population by age and sex, Poznań

	Census				Difference between				
							2011 census		
			Projectio		2011 census and		population and		
			n based		adequate		projection		
			on 2002	'Survival'	2002 census		based on 2002		
	2002	2011	census	ratio	popul	population		census	
						Relative		Relative	
Age					Absolute	(%)	Absolute	(%)	
0-4	22 858	22 682	24 923						
5-9	24 827	21 549	23 814						
10-14	31 653	20 652	23 012	0,9035	-2 206	-9,65	-2 360	-11,430	
15-19	44 285	26 025	25 804	1,0483	1 198	4,83	221	0,848	
20-24	63 232	43 540	33 069	1,3755	11 887	37,55	10 471	24,050	
25-29	52 044	53 267	48 949	1,2028	8 982	20,28	4 318	8,106	
30-34	36 352	50 637	62 321	0,8008	-12 595	-19,92	-11 684	-23,073	
35-39	32 488	41 087	48 145	0,7895	-10 957	-21,05	-7 058	-17,178	

### **2011 Census versus previous traditional censuses**

The census carried out using the traditional method was not "better" than the one conducted with a mixed method, because of variety of sources used.

There is well documented evidence on coverage errors in Polish traditional censuses: R. Jończy (2010), M. Kędelski (1990), J. Kordos (2007, 2008), B. Sakson (2002), P. Śleszyński (2004, 2004a, 2005)

Jan Paradysz (1989, 2010):

- 1988 Census shortage of up to 30% of women with the shortest length of the marriage
- **2002 Census** omission of **10%** of the youngest **infants** up to 6 months
- **2002 Census** omission of the population with **increased mobility** (20-29)
- 2002 Census lack of elderly (over 90)

## Conclusion

- 1. Census based on multiple data sources enforces application of modern methodology:
  - Statistical Data Integration
  - Estimation using multiple sources of information
  - Calibration
- 2. Surveys based on multiple sources include a mechanism for **mutual control**, research compliance, comparative analyses, what results in more reliable information

# Quality assessment system is built into procedures using various data sources

- 3. When using different data sources a 'natural' danger appears of obtaining inconsistent results. Divergent estimates force attempts to provide consistent estimates and explain the reason of differences - calibration
- 4. Use of different sources of information, including sample surveys, implies the need to consider **random errors**
- 5. Error estimation for analysis using integrated data (register and sample survey) requires **development of new theoretical concepts**

## Conclusion

## **Quality evaluation of 2011 Census in Poland should include**

1. Advantages of the applied methodology estimation for small areas, calibration, GIS, statistical data integration

### **Development of science in response to the needs**

- 2. An in-depth exploration of the results of demographic analyses
- 3. Implementation of modern information and communication technologies website, online database, GIS, web-database
- 4. Cost reduction
- 5. The multiplicity of sources of information Improvement of the data quality
- 6. Verification of quality of administrative records

### The most important success 2011 censuses

The quality of the 2011 Population Census in Poland is the subject of discussion, and not tacitly accepted as unquestionable

## Thanks for your attention



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