



# Demographic and Economic Analysis

## Building Statistical Capacity

High-quality analysis of population and economic data is vital for evidence-based decision making at all stages of a country's development. Combining exceptional access to international data with the expertise of its staff, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts applied research on a range of demographic, economic, and health issues.

Census Bureau experts work on a diverse spectrum of ongoing and short-term projects, including:

- The International Data Base (IDB)
- Country profiles on a range of socioeconomic issues
- Analytical reports on topics such as HIV/AIDS and aging
- Government consultations, training seminars, and modeling

The International Data Base (IDB) is a time series of estimates and projections that provide a consistent set of demographic indicators, including population size and growth, mortality, fertility, and net migration, for more than 200 countries and areas. The IDB is updated annually with the addition of new data for a subset of countries and areas. It is widely used by policymakers and researchers, and is often cited by global news sources, websites, and other reports on population trends.

Thematic reports on critical topics such as HIV/AIDS and aging are regularly developed and published by the Census Bureau. These projects are supported by U.S. and international agencies such as the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), U.S. National Institute on Aging (NIA), and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

The U.S. Census Bureau works with international assistance partners, such as the USAID Office of Population and Reproductive Health and bilateral and international organizations, to provide training and technical assistance to countries.

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Census Bureau experts engage in specialized research and consultancy projects tailored to data user and sponsor needs. Example activities include:

- Report on fertility trends in Central America
- Comprehensive analytic report on aging trends for the world
- Subnational population projections for China, Nigeria, India, Pakistan, and cities around the world
- Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimates for several island economies
- Advanced modeling of HIV/AIDS global incidence and prevalence and the demographic impact
- Estimation of maternal mortality from survey data in the Philippines
- Complete socioeconomic profiles of several Asian countries
- Consultancy with a government ministry to determine demographic data needs and existing capacities
- Research on socioeconomic effects of banking reform in China
- Assessment of the impact of the 2004 tsunami on Indonesia
- Research project on the role and status of women in the world
- Assessment of census coverage and data quality for several countries
- Research on language, ethnicity, and literacy trends
- Analysis of Pakistan's diaspora
- Mortality trends in North Korea

The U.S. Census Bureau has capabilities to engage in highly specialized demographic and socioeconomic research on a wide range of topics.

This is one in a series of fact sheets introducing the Census Bureau and the assistance it provides to countries around the world. The Census Bureau helps countries improve their national statistical systems by engaging in statistical capacity building activities that aim to enhance competencies in several areas in sustainable ways.

Topics in this series include:

- Statistical Capacity Building
- Population Census
- Socioeconomic and Demographic Surveys
- Population Estimates and Projections
- The Tool for Assessing Statistical Capacity (TASC)
- CSPro – Processing Census and Survey Data
- Demographic and Economic Analysis
- Geographic Information Systems
- Courses and Workshops



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