

COMBINING REGISTER AND SURVEY INFORMATION IN THE DUTCH CENSUS 2011

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Since the last census based on a complete enumeration was held in 1971, the willingness of the population to participate has fallen sharply. Statistics Netherlands no longer uses census questionnaires and has found an alternative to the traditional census in the register-based census, using only existing data. The Dutch 2011 Census tables were produced by combining available register and sample survey data. Additional to the technique of repeated weighting, for the 2011 Census the micro macro method (an IPF method) was used as a key method to obtain consistent tables based on survey data. The register-based census is cheaper and more socially acceptable than a traditional census. The table results of the Netherlands are not only comparable with earlier Dutch censuses, but also with those of the other countries in the 2011 European Census Round. More information can be found in the book Dutch Census 2011.

References

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