

2011 Census of Population, Households and Dwellings in the Republic of Serbia

Book 10: Households by number of members

The Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, in the book "Households by number of members" publishes the final results of 2011 Census of Population, Households and Dwellings in the Republic of Serbia, according to average size and number of members in a household, by settlements.

2011 Census was conducted in the period 1-15 October, 2011¹⁾ in accordance with the Law on Census of population, households and dwellings („Official Gazette of RS“, No. 104/09 and 24/11). The 2011 Census is financially supported by the European Union which has participated in the total costs with 60%.

Households

Household is taken to be every family or other people community, whose members live together and share their living expenses (habitation, food etc). Household is also meant to be any person living alone in the place of enumeration (so-called single-person household) and not being a member of another household living in some other place, regardless whether living in a separate or shared dwelling, as a single-tenant, in a hotel for singles or any similar establishment, or sharing a room with another single person or household members of the landlord, but not spending the own income with them.

According to 2011 Census results, there are 2 487 886 households in the Republic of Serbia. Observed by number of members, the most frequent are two-member households (every fourth household, i.e. 25.6%), followed by a one-person households, with share of 22.3%, then three-member households (share of 19.2%) and four-member households (18.3%). Share of households with more than four members is far smaller. Average household has 2.88 members.

Households by number of members, by regions

	Total	1 member	2	3	4	5	6 and more members	Average number of members
REPUBLIC OF SERBIA	2 487 886	555 467	638 091	476 642	454 127	197 506	166 053	2,88
Region of Belgrade	606 433	148 973	156 006	123 973	110 341	40 265	26 875	2,73
Region of Vojvodina	696 157	164 346	184 366	136 730	127 235	49 646	33 834	2,76
Region of Sumadija and West Serbia	662 769	133 533	162 845	120 331	123 016	62 236	60 808	3,06
Region of South and East Serbia	522 527	108 615	134 874	95 608	93 535	45 359	44 536	2,98
Region of Kosovo and Metohija	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
%								
REPUBLIC OF SERBIA	100.0	22.3	25.6	19.2	18.3	7.9	6.7	
Region of Belgrade	100.0	24.6	25.7	20.4	18.2	6.6	4.4	
Region of Vojvodina	100.0	23.6	26.5	19.6	18.3	7.1	4.9	
Region of Sumadija and West Serbia	100.0	20.1	24.6	18.2	18.6	9.4	9.2	
Region of South and East Serbia	100.0	20.8	25.8	18.3	17.9	8.7	8.5	
Region of Kosovo and Metohija	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

¹⁾ Census 2011 was not conducted on the territory of AP Kosovo and Metohija, while in the municipalities of Presevo and Bujanovac, recorded was the decreased coverage of the census units, due to boycott by the majority of Albanian population.

Observed by regions, the greatest average number of members is recorded in households in Sumadija and West Serbia region (3.06 members), followed by South and East Serbia region (2.98 members), while average number of members in households of Belgrade and Vojvodina region is almost equal (2.73 members in Belgrade region and 2.76 members in Vojvodina region).

Share of one-person households in total number of households is the largest in Belgrade region, where almost every fourth household is one-person (24.6%). Households with more than four members are the most frequent in Sumadija and West Serbia region (18.6% of households with 5 and more members).

Households by number of members and average size, 2002 and 2011 Censuses

	Census 2002		Census 2011	
	total	%	total	%
Republic of Serbia – total	2 521 190	100.0	2 487 886	100,0
With 1 member	504 775	20.0	555 467	22,3
2	625 301	24.8	638 091	25,7
3	480 181	19.0	476 642	19,2
4	535 963	21.3	454 127	18,2
5	205 979	8.2	197 506	7,9
With 6 and more members	168 991	6.7	166 053	6,7
Average number of members	2.97		2.88	

Average number of household members has decreased from 2.97 members (2002 Census) to 2.88 members (2011 Census).

The greatest changes in the household structure, according to number of members, in the inter census period was recorded in one – person and four-member households. Namely, number of one-person households in total number of households have increased from 20% (2002 Census) to 22.3% (2011 Census), while share of four-member households has decreased from 21.3% (2002 Census) to 18.2% (2011 Census).

Municipalities with the smallest average household size are as follows: Crna Trava (2.09 members), Vračar (2.23 members), Stari grad (2.25 members), Gadžin Han (2.3 members) and Savski venac (2.38 members), while the largest average size of households was noted in Tutin (4.65 members), Novi Pazar (4.17 members) and Sjenica (3.99 members).

Share of one-person households in total number of households is the greatest in municipality of Crna Trava – 41%. Every third household is one-person in the municipality of Gadžin Han (33.3%), as well as in Belgrade municipalities: Stari grad (35.9%) and Vracar (36.5%).

On the other side, in the municipality of Tutin, every second household (51%) has five or more members and it is recognized as the municipality with the greatest share of multi-person households in total number of households.

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