

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

Book 26: Housing units according to the number of occupants and households

In the book "Housing Units According to the Number of Occupants and Households" the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia publishes the final results of the 2011 Census of Population, Households and Dwellings¹⁾ on the number of occupants and households living in dwellings or other housing units. In addition to the number of households and occupants in a dwelling, the Book also presents the average floor space and number of rooms per occupant in a dwelling.

The 2011 Census was carried out during the period from 1st to 15th October, 2011, in compliance with the Law on the Census of Population, Households and Dwellings ("The Official Gazette of the RS," no. 104/09 and 24/11). The Census is financially supported by the European Union which has participated in the total costs with 60%.

Dwellings according to the number of occupants and households

The number of occupants in a dwelling includes all persons who spend the largest part of their time, that is, the day/night rest, in that dwelling, as well as persons who were at the critical census moment temporarily (for a shorter period of time) absent from the place of usual residence due to schooling, work, vacation, business trip, medical treatment, etc.

A household in a dwelling is any family or other community of individuals who live together and jointly spend their income for covering basic life necessities, then any person who lives alone, but who is not a member of some other household (one-person household), as well as a collective household.

Table 1. Occupied dwellings in the Republic of Serbia according to the number of occupants

	2011	%	2002	%
Occupied dwellings	2 423 208	100,0	2 409 002	100,0
Dwellings according to the number of occupants in a dwelling				
1 occupant	527 270	21,8	435 864	18,1
2	609 228	25,1	566 597	23,5
3	459 719	19,0	445 334	18,5
4	441 108	18,2	508 681	21,1
5	202 688	8,4	230 250	9,5
6 and more occupants	183 195	7,6	222 276	9,2
Dwellings according to the number of households in a dwelling				
1 household	2 378 849	98,2	2 268 090	94,8
2	41 096	1,7	114 300	4,8
3 and more households	3 263	0,1	10 192	0,4

In the Republic of Serbia, 2.9 persons on an average live in a dwelling. 98.2% of the enumerated dwellings have only one household living in them.

¹⁾ The 2011 Census was not carried out on the territory of the AP Kosovo and Metohia, while the coverage of the census units in the municipalities of Presevo and Bujanovac was decreased owing to the boycott by the majority of the Albanian ethnic community.

A total of 1,136,498 dwellings in which one or two persons live were enumerated, which accounts for 46.9% out of the total number of occupied dwellings. In 1,103,515 or 45.5% of the enumerated dwellings there are three to five persons living, while the number of dwellings with six and more persons is significantly lower and amounts to 183 195, which is 7.6% of the total number of dwellings.

Comparing this with the 2002 Census, there is an increased share of dwellings with one, two and three persons, while the share of the dwellings with four, five, six and more persons has declined in relation to the total number of occupied dwellings. Also, there is an increase in the number of dwellings with one household in comparison to the 2002 Census, while the share of the dwellings with two, three and more households has gone down.

If observed by municipalities and cities, 40.7% of the dwellings in Crna Trava were enumerated with only one person in a dwelling. The similar situation can be found in the Belgrade municipalities Vračar, Stari grad and Savski venac, where every third dwelling has one resident alone. The dwellings with the highest number of occupants (six and more occupants) were enumerated in Tutin, 32.0% of the total number of enumerated occupied dwellings, then in Novi Pazar, 25.6%, and in Sjenica, 22.9%.

Average floor space per occupant in the dwelling

The average floor space per occupant was calculated by dividing the useful floor space of a dwelling with the number of occupants in the dwelling.

Table 2. Occupied dwellings according to the average floor space per occupant in the dwelling in the Republic of Serbia, the 2011 Census

	Occupied dwellings	Under 10 m ²	10–19.9	20–29.9	30–39.9	40–59.9	60 m ² and more
Republic of Serbia	2 423 208	94 341	671 666	621 692	371 840	378 587	285 082
Beogradski Region	586 337	24 113	179 033	154 491	89 475	86 921	52 304
Region Vojvodine	677 559	16 150	147 684	173 523	113 452	121 515	105 235
Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije	648 371	30 191	196 265	165 075	94 879	93 804	68 157
Region Južne i Istočne Srbije	510 941	23 887	148 684	128 603	74 034	76 347	59 386
Region Kosova and Metohije

The average floor space of the occupied dwellings per occupant in the dwelling in the Republic of Serbia is 25.2 m². The majority of the enumerated dwellings have average floor space per occupant in the dwelling from 10 m² to 20 m², 671,666 dwellings.

If observed by the regions, the most densely occupied dwellings are in the Region Šumadija i Zapadna Srbija, where the average floor space per occupant in the dwelling is 23.8 m². Out of the total number of the enumerated dwellings that have the average floor space per occupant under 10 m², most were enumerated precisely in that region. On the other hand, the biggest average floor space per occupant is in the Region Vojvodina and it amounts to 28.4 m², and this is also the region with the highest number of enumerated dwellings with 60 m² and more per occupant.

If observed by municipalities/cities, the most densely occupied dwellings are in the municipalities Tutin, Sjenica, Priboj, Novi Pazar and Trgovište, where more than 10% of the enumerated dwellings have the floor space under 10 m² per occupant. The occupants in the municipalities Bački Petrovac, Sečanj, Žitiste, Malo Crniće and Kanjiža have the highest number of square meters per occupant and this is where every fourth dwelling has an average floor space per occupant of 60 m² and more.

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