



CENTRAL POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS COMMISSION

PRESS RELEASE

February 2, 2012

**on the provisional results of
the 2011 Population and Housing Census**

The Central 2011 Population and Housing Census Commission gathered today, February 2, 2012, and decided to issue this press release.

The results of the complex process involved in the conducting of the Population and Housing Census (2011 PHC), as set out in the 2011 PHC Programme, are provisional, preliminary and final statistical data. The provisional results of the Population and Housing Census of 20 October 2011 are a first estimate of the number of persons, households and the housing stock.

The provisional data of the census were obtained through the operative processing of the main statistical information summed up at locality level (municipality, town, commune), on the basis of the **summarising tables** drawn up by the enumerators after the data collection period, for the 105.5 thousand census sectors. The information entered in these summarising tables was aggregated by the county commissions based on the validation reports drawn up by the local census commissions, which were signed and complied with by their members. The results obtained and processed so far are provisional and may change during the subsequent stages that involve the processing of the individual data included in the **registration forms** for persons and dwellings.

According to the 2011 PHC Programme, the Technical Secretariat of the Central PHC Commission compiled – at national level – the general information on the stable population and the housing stock. The provisional results obtained show the following:

Stable population: 19.0 million (19,042,936) persons

Households: 7.1 million (7,086,717) households

Dwellings (including other housing units): 8.5 million dwellings (of which: 8,450,607 conventional dwellings and 8,149 other housing units)

Buildings: 5.1 million buildings (5,117,940 buildings of which: 5,103,013 buildings with dwellings and 14,927 buildings classified as collective living quarters)

The above indicators broken down by county are presented in the Annex.

The 2011 Population and Housing Census in Romania was conducted in accordance with the Conference of European Statisticians Recommendations for the 2010 Censuses of

Population and Housing and with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on population and housing censuses.

According to these recommendations, Romania's **stable population** includes:

- Romanian citizens, foreign citizens or persons with no citizenship who had their *domicile* in Romania and who, at the time of the census, were on the country's territory (persons present) or were temporarily absent, as they *had been abroad for less than 12 months*;
- Romanian citizens, foreign citizens or persons with no citizenship who *had been in the country for at least 12 months* or who *intended to stay in the country for at least 12 months* (to work, to look for a job, to study, for business etc.) and who only had their *residence* in Romania;
- Romanian citizens who were abroad on diplomatic or military missions or who were working for Romanian consular offices and branches of Romanian companies abroad.

According to the international definition, the following were not included in the country's stable population:

- Romanian citizens, foreign citizens or persons with no citizenship who had their *domicile* in Romania and who *had been abroad for at least 12 months* or who *intended to stay abroad for at least 12 months* (to work, to look for a job, to study, for business etc.) (persons who had been away for a long period of time);
- foreign citizens or persons with no citizenship who *had been in Romania for less than 12 months* (temporarily present persons).

In accordance with the international recommendations, the following population categories did not have to be covered by the census, and hence they were not recorded at the census:

- foreign citizens who were in Romania on diplomatic or military missions or who were working for foreign consular offices and branches of foreign companies in Romania;
- foreign citizens who happened to be in Romania at the time of the census for various purposes (business, tourism etc), who had been in the country for less than 12 months and did not have their domicile or residence in Romania.

The following population categories had to be covered by the census but they couldn't be registered in the individual forms or in the summarising tables:

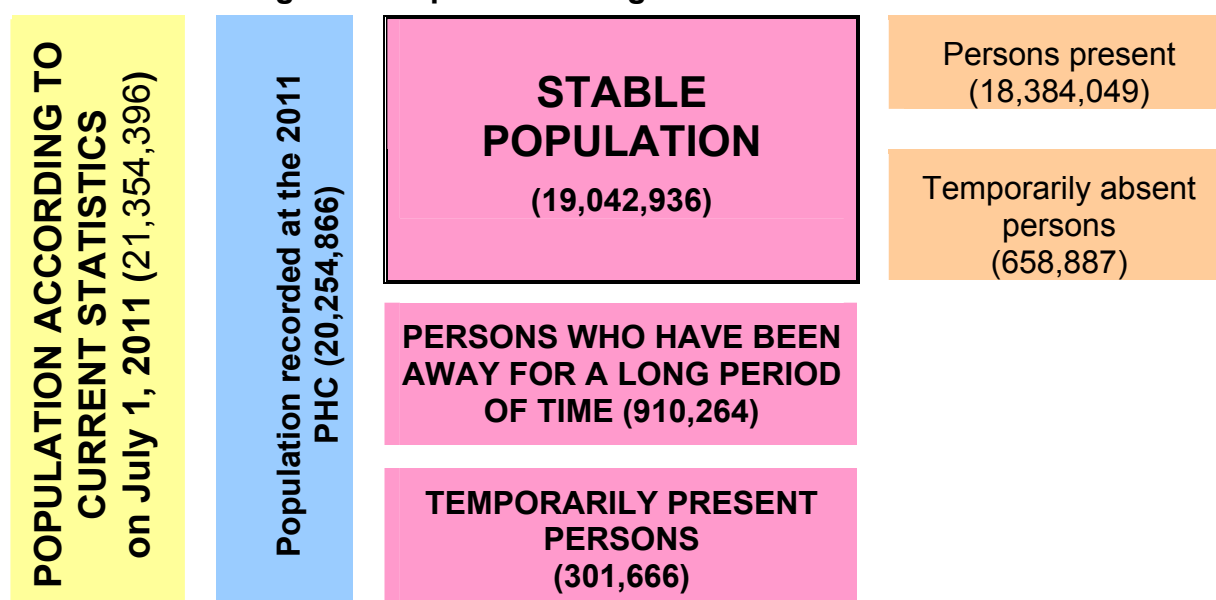
- Romanian citizens, foreign citizens or persons with no citizenship who had their domicile in Romania, who, at the time of the census, were abroad with the entire family and for whom there were no other persons (in the country) to declare their existence;
- persons who explicitly or tacitly refused to be enumerated, by avoiding the visits of the census personnel (uncontacted population).

In order to obtain the results of this stage (the data processing stage), a provisional estimate of the number of dwellings was made. A more accurate estimate can only be made after the processing of the information included in the individual forms, on the basis of scientific statistical methods developed in accordance with the UN and EU recommendations and standards.

The dwellings where the census enumeration could not be carried out accounted for 2.8% of the total number of dwellings, namely approximately 1 million persons (i.e. the persons who were abroad – the entire family – for whom there was no one to declare their existence; the uncontacted population). Higher percentages were recorded in the big towns: Bucharest (6.0%), Timișoara (5.8%), Iași (3.0%), Constanța (2.9%) etc.

The population categories identified at the October 2011 census, the number of persons by category and a relevant numerical comparison with the data provided by the current demographic statistics are shown below (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Population categories identified at the census



The processing, checking and validation of the data included in the summarising tables completed by the enumerators will continue during the following stage, in order to estimate a greater number of indicators that will be presented as preliminary results of the census. The preliminary results of the 2011 Population and Housing Census are to be presented by the Central 2011 PHC Commission at the end of March, current year, in accordance with the 2011 PHC Programme.

The final results of the 2011 Population and Housing Census will be obtained through the processing of the individual information included in the census registration forms. The dissemination of these results in Romania and to international bodies will be done in compliance with the announced timetable, starting with the second semester of 2013.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF THE POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS OF 20 OCTOBER 2011

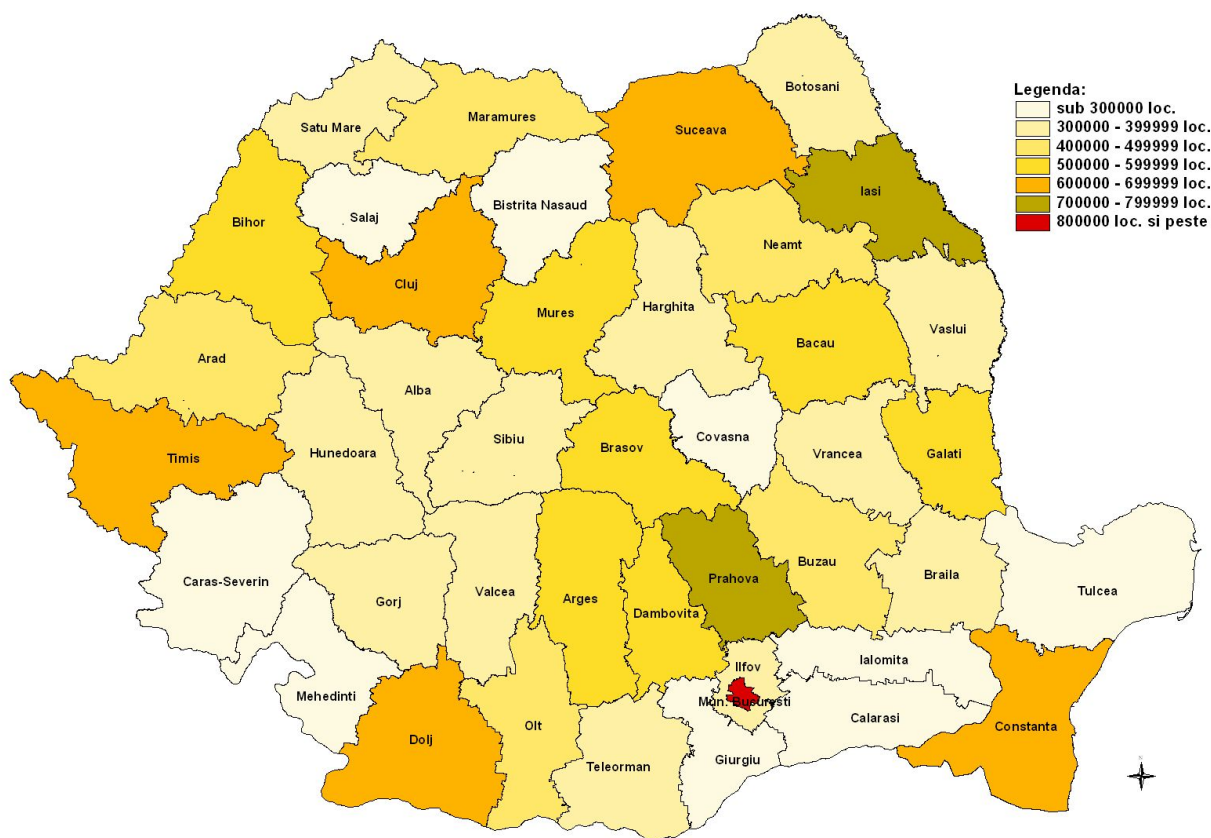
The provisional data of the census were obtained by operatively compiling the main statistical information summed up at locality level – municipality, town, commune (on the basis of the summarising tables drawn up by the census enumerators), for the 105.5 thousand census sectors.

Number and territorial structure of the stable population

According to the provisional results of the census of 20 October 2011, Romania's stable population amounted to 19,043 thousand persons, of which 18,384 thousand were present and 659 thousand were temporarily absent. Of the total stable population of Romania, 10,054 thousand persons had their domicile¹/residence² in municipalities and towns (52.8%) and 8,989 thousand persons lived in communes (47.2%).

According to the breakdown by stable population number, 22 counties had less than 400 thousand inhabitants, accounting for 35.6% of the country's population, 17 counties had a population of between 400 and 700 thousand, making up 47.9%, and only 2 counties exceeded 700 thousand inhabitants, representing 7%. Of the total 19,043 thousand persons, 8.8% lived in Bucharest Municipality (namely 1,678 thousand persons).

Figure 2. Distribution of the stable population by county



¹ The domicile is the address listed on the identity document by the population register offices.

² The residence is the address where the person spends most of his/her time, regardless of the fact that this address is listed on his/her identity document under residence visa or not.

The counties with the most numerous population are Prahova (with 735.9 thousand inhabitants), Iași (with 723.6 thousand), Cluj (with 659.4 thousand), Timiș (with 649.8 thousand), Constanța (with 630.7 thousand), Dolj (with 618.3 thousand) and Suceava (with 614.5 thousand). The smallest population numbers were recorded in the following counties: Tulcea (with 201.5 thousand), Covasna (with 206.3 thousand), Sălaj (with 217.9 thousand), Mehedinți (with 254.6 thousand), Ialomița (with 258.7 thousand), Giurgiu (with 265.5 thousand), Caraș-Severin (with 274.3 thousand) and Bistrița-Năsăud (with 277.9 thousand).

In 13 counties, more than half of the persons have their residence in municipalities and towns. The counties with a high percentage of urban population are Hunedoara (with 74.1%), Brașov (with 71.2%), Constanța (with 67.9%) and Cluj (with 65.9%), while the counties with the lowest percentages of urban population are Giurgiu (with 27.9%), Dâmbovița (with 28.3%), Teleorman (with 31.3%), Neamț and Călărași (with 35.0%).

Ethnic structure of Romania's stable population

At the October 2011 census, the answer to the question regarding the ethnic origin was not compulsory, in compliance with every individual's fundamental right to freely and unconstrainedly declare what ethnical group he/she belongs to. The provisional results of the population census revealed that 16,870 thousand persons (88.6%) of the total stable population declared that they were of Romanian origin.

The population of Hungarian origin amounted to 1,238 thousand persons, accounting for 6.5% of the country's stable population, and the number of those who indicated that they were of Roma origin was 619 thousand (3.2%). Other ethnic groups with populations of over 20 thousand were the Ukrainians (51.7 thousand persons), the Germans (36.9 thousand), the Turks (28.2 thousand), the Russian Lipovans (23.9 thousand) and the Tatars (20.5 thousand persons).

The number of persons for whom no ethnic origin was recorded (they did not wish to declare it or they weren't present) was 59.2 thousand, accounting for 0.3% of the country's stable population.

At regional level, the distribution of the population by ethnic group shows that the population is mostly of Romanian origin in Bucharest Municipality (96.6%) and in 39 counties (ranging between 98.5% in Botoșani and 52.6% in Mureș). In 26 of these counties, the persons of Romanian origin account for more than 90% of the population.

The population is mostly of Hungarian origin in Harghita County (84.8%) and Covasna County (73.6%). The Hungarians are also numerous in the following counties: Mureș (37.8%), Satu Mare (34.5%), Bihor (25.2%) and Sălaj (23.2%).

The persons of Roma origin make up 3.2% of the total stable population, with a relatively uniform territorial distribution and percentages ranging between 1.1% in Botoșani County and 8.8% in Mureș County. There are relatively higher percentages of persons of Roma origin, of over 6.0% of the stable population, in Călărași (8.1%), Sălaj (6.9%) and Bihor (6.1%).

The most numerous population of Ukrainian origin is that of the following counties: Maramureş (31.2 thousand persons), Timiş (6.0 thousand persons), Suceava (5.7 thousand persons) and Caraş-Severin (2.6 thousand persons). 88.0% of the Ukrainians live in these counties.

Nearly three quarters of the persons of German origin (73.0%) live in Timiş County (8.5 thousand persons), Satu Mare County (5.0 thousand persons), Sibiu County (4.1 thousand persons), Braşov County (3.3 thousand persons), Caraş-Severin County and Arad County (with 3.0 thousand persons each).

Approximately 90% of the persons of Turkish origin were recorded in Constanţa County (21.0 thousand persons), Tulcea County (1.9 thousand persons) and Bucharest Municipality (2.4 thousand persons).

87.7% of the Russian Lipovans live in the following counties: Tulcea (10.9 thousand persons), Constanţa (3.5 thousand persons), Iaşi (2.8 thousand persons), Brăila (1.9 thousand persons) and Suceava (1.7 thousand persons).

The most numerous population of Tatar origin was recorded in Constanţa County, where 96.4% of the persons who declared that they belonged to this ethnic group lived (19.7 thousand persons).

Number of households

99.1% (18,878 thousand persons) of Romania's total stable population live in the 7,087 thousand households, with an average of 2.66 persons per household (266 persons per 100 households). The remaining population (165 thousand persons) resides in collective living quarters or is homeless.

Table 1. Households by type of locality

	Number of households	%	Persons living in households	%	Average number of persons per household
TOTAL	7,086,717	100.0	18,877,964	100.0	2.66
Municipalities and towns	3,915,653	55.3	9,914,121	52.5	2.53
Communes	3,171,064	44.7	8,963,843	47.5	2.83

More than half of the number of households and persons living in households were in the urban area. In 16 counties, most households are found in municipalities and towns, with higher percentages in the following counties: Hunedoara, Braşov and Constanţa (between 76.3 and 71.2%), Sibiu (68.7%), as well as Cluj and Timiş (66.1%). The lowest percentages of urban households are found in Giurgiu County (28.4%), Dâmboviţa County (30.7%) and Teleorman County (32.1%).

The average size of a household is smaller in the urban area (2.53 persons/household) than in the rural area (2.83 persons/household).

The territorial distribution reveals that the average size of a household is greater in the

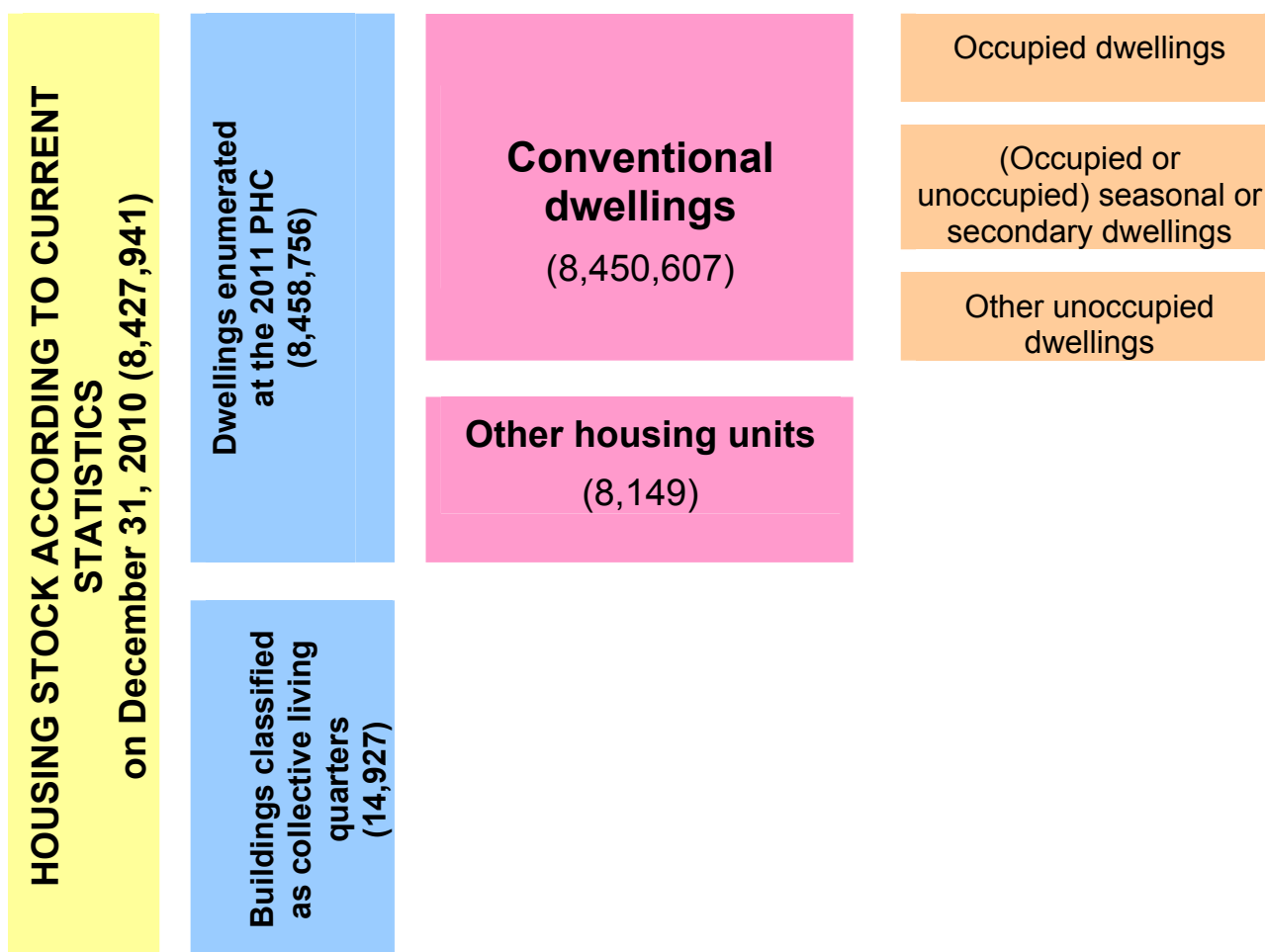
following counties: Ilfov (3.10 persons/household), as well as Dâmbovița, Giurgiu, Bistrița-Năsăud, Maramureș and Suceava (between 2.93 and 2.82 persons/household). The smallest average number of persons per household is found in Bucharest Municipality (2.39 persons/household) and in Neamț County and Hunedoara County (2.50 persons/household).

With the exception of Sălaj County, the average size of a household is smaller in municipalities and towns than in communes.

Buildings – Dwellings

The census covered conventional dwellings³, other housing units which are not designed for human habitation but which are actually inhabited and collective living quarters. By recording characteristics related to the construction and facilities of the housing units, the census allows the estimation of indicators that are necessary for describing the population’s living conditions.

Figure 3. Method of calculating the size of the housing stock at the census



³ A conventional dwelling is a **functionally distinct unit** made up of one or more rooms for habitation and (usually) accessories (kitchen, bathroom etc.) and/or other utility areas (larders, storerooms etc.), **independent from other dwellings or areas**, with a separate entrance, whether occupied by one or several households or unoccupied.

5,103 thousand buildings⁴ with 8,451 thousand conventional dwellings were recorded at the October 2011 census. In these dwellings there were 22,739 thousand rooms for habitation, whose total useful floor space amounted to 398,037 thousand square metres. In the urban area the conventional dwellings have a smaller average number of rooms than in the rural area, but the average floor space of the dwellings and rooms for habitation is larger.

Table 2. Rooms for habitation and floor space of the rooms for habitation by type of locality

		Total	Municipalities and towns	Communes
Number of conventional dwellings		8,450,607	4,582,717	3,867,890
Number or rooms for habitation		22,739,300	11,417,793	11,321,507
Floor space of the rooms for habitation (thousand sq m)		398,037	220,453.7	177,582.8
Average number of rooms per dwelling		2.7	2.5	2.9
Average floor space of the rooms for habitation (sq m) per:	dwelling	47.1	48.1	45.9
	room for habitation	17.5	19.3	15.7

The number of rooms for habitation is greater in Ilfov, Giurgiu, Tulcea, Buzău, Călărași, Ialomița, Olt and Vrancea (between 3.3 and 3.0 rooms/dwelling) and smaller in Harghita (2.3), Cluj, Covasna, Hunedoara and Bucharest Municipality (2.4).

A larger floor space of the rooms for habitation was recorded, on average, in Bucharest Municipality (21.1 sq m/room) and in the following counties: Brașov, Cluj, Satu Mare, Ilfov, Sibiu, Harghita and Covasna (between 20.8 and 19.1 sq m/room). The smallest average floor spaces per room were recorded in Călărași County (13.4 sq m/room), Giurgiu County and Teleorman County (14.0 sq m/room).

Dwellings whose average floor spaces are among the largest are found in Ilfov County, Timiș County, Satu Mare County and Constanța County (between 65.7 and 52.0 sq m/dwelling). The smallest average floor spaces were recorded in the following counties: Brăila (39.4 sq m/dwelling), Călărași and Vaslui (39.7 sq m/dwelling), Teleorman (40.7 sq m/dwelling) and Mehedinți (41.0 sq m/dwelling).

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Additional information broken down by county and locality is available on the websites of the regional and county statistical divisions.

⁴ Residential buildings and non-residential buildings with conventional dwellings

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- PROVISIONAL DATA -

Table 1. Number of buildings, dwellings and households, by county

Counties	Number of buildings		Number of dwellings		Number of households
	TOTAL	of which: buildings with dwellings ⁵	TOTAL	of which: conventional dwellings	
A	1	2	3	4	5
ROMANIA	5117940	5103013	8458756	8450607	7086717
ALBA	103367	102983	146878	146781	118889
ARAD	128721	128244	188183	187814	150698
ARGES	172494	172189	267518	267188	223253
BACAU	172602	172253	267970	267800	222170
BIHOR	158293	157662	241657	241539	201352
BISTRITA-NASAUD	81590	81448	113959	113851	96666
BOTOSANI	125228	124989	170001	169837	148032
BRASOV	91738	91077	230521	230165	193527
BRAILA	76133	76049	133685	133655	118496
BUZAU	147318	147089	193060	193047	160779
CARAS-SEVERIN	76349	76142	130022	129895	100276
CALARASI	92504	92389	118074	118073	99485
CLUJ	143661	143065	304810	303716	253624
CONSTANTA	126826	125161	262790	262109	227922
COVASNA	57174	56887	88954	88909	76345
DAMBOVITA	161455	161322	207423	207352	170651
DOLJ	189708	189537	275757	275685	225496
GALATI	116071	115925	223167	223127	188729
GIURGIU	95568	95494	112710	112688	91710
GORJ	112318	112085	156053	156037	119942
HARGHITA	90584	89925	132847	132591	112593
HUNEDOARA	80469	80005	194766	194560	157195
IALOMITA	82482	82409	108882	108859	93329
IASI	172289	171867	293398	293333	257121
ILFOV	111463	111244	142582	142325	116325
MARAMURES	132522	132282	195278	194685	163291
MEHEDINTI	91553	91424	128805	128797	97561
MURES	144953	144426	223762	223211	194864
NEAMT	147123	146592	213100	212806	181703
OLT	140813	140728	184355	184276	151321
PRAHOVA	213061	212395	315664	315498	263702
SATU MARE	100196	100026	141044	140971	119286
SALAJ	74630	74478	100464	100419	80445
SIBIU	93091	92569	166983	166773	137503
SUCEAVA	189688	188916	255579	255487	216478
TELEORMAN	133612	133560	164933	164830	136449
TIMIS	141789	141422	270804	270459	240762
TULCEA	66438	65996	93947	93844	79097
VASLUI	123175	123042	166279	166231	141557
VALCEA	132982	132520	177924	177736	138142
VRANCEA	112046	111863	149881	149854	127932
BUCHAREST Municipality	113863	113334	804287	803794	692019

⁵ Excluding the buildings designed to be used as collective living quarters where there were conventional dwellings

Table 2. Stable population by ethnic group, by county

- persons -

Counties	Stable population TOTAL	Of which, by ethnic group:									
		Romanian	Hungarian	Roma	German	Ukrainian	Turkish	Tatar	Russian Lipovan	Other ethnic groups ¹⁾	Ethnic group not specified
A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
ROMANIA	19042936	16869816	1237746	619007	36884	51703	28226	20464	23864	96040	59186
ALBA	327224	294335	15870	15492	780	21	26	-	19	282	399
ARAD	409072	343163	37067	16546	2956	1295	51	3	29	6983	979
ARGES	591353	573678	288	15300	61	20	89	3	23	1132	759
BACAU	583588	561034	4373	15254	114	29	58	5	36	1331	1354
BIHOR	549752	367221	138441	33697	710	105	47	*	29	6862	2638
BISTRITA-NASAUD	277861	249925	14773	12165	494	61	25	-	18	146	254
BOTOSANI	398938	393084	53	4237	28	684	21	3	437	156	235
BRASOV	505442	442078	39275	17929	3313	66	81	12	88	1069	1531
BRAILA	304925	293763	75	7961	31	26	178	6	1938	422	525
BUZAU	432054	411041	171	20219	132	14	55	*	12	120	288
CARAS-SEVERIN	274277	244748	3276	7533	3070	2600	19	3	15	12470	543
CALARASI	285050	260819	156	22974	14	8	522	5	17	365	170
CLUJ	659370	523424	103457	22468	659	173	90	9	53	2339	6698
CONSTANTA	630679	567799	742	8401	139	88	21014	19720	3538	8165	1073
COVASNA	206261	45560	151787	8238	109	15	12	-	8	272	260
DAMBOVITA	501996	472402	180	26281	43	16	63	*	18	2844	148
DOLJ	618335	587549	218	28911	92	21	53	4	8	740	739
GALATI	507402	488382	252	17258	74	37	83	3	183	735	395
GIURGIU	265494	249841	178	14848	17	4	46	*	11	107	441
GORJ	334238	326873	161	6815	24	24	10	*	10	121	198
HARGHITA	304969	40431	258615	5422	72	17	11	3	3	214	181
HUNEDOARA	396253	369782	16219	7567	991	139	35	7	31	736	746
IALOMITA	258669	241880	265	15612	14	16	74	*	364	283	159
IASI	723553	706328	161	11286	89	53	76	6	2839	1616	1099
ILFOV	364241	343730	303	15372	105	48	517	42	73	2575	1476

Counties A	Stable population TOTAL 1	Of which, by ethnic group:									
		Romanian 2	Hungarian 3	Roma 4	German 5	Ukrainian 6	Turkish 7	Tatar 8	Russian Lipovan 9	Other ethnic groups ¹⁾ 10	Ethnic group not specified 11
MARAMURES	461290	380018	34781	12638	1243	31234	30	*	17	432	895
MEHEDINTI	254570	241501	153	10956	156	13	38	-	*	1561	190
MURES	531380	279488	200989	46637	1471	88	51	4	73	576	2003
NEAMT	452900	444994	189	6703	91	35	44	6	231	259	348
OLT	415530	405393	246	9601	11	5	31	-	7	105	131
PRAHOVA	735903	716047	448	17798	150	16	166	6	54	453	765
SATU MARE	329079	189991	113541	17513	4986	1397	7	-	7	405	1232
SALAJ	217895	150143	50659	15137	70	29	*	*	5	1270	579
SIBIU	375992	340836	10893	17901	4117	28	30	3	60	671	1453
SUCEAVA	614451	590741	178	11858	699	5698	32	-	1717	2762	766
TELEORMAN	360178	348299	140	10550	15	3	36	*	3	598	533
TIMIS	649777	555752	35294	14534	8497	5953	133	24	105	17967	11518
TULCEA	201462	179582	97	3768	49	1317	1891	179	10908	3512	159
VASLUI	375148	368317	49	5933	11	5	12	3	82	95	641
VALCEA	355320	348344	198	6384	63	13	38	*	8	145	125
VRANCEA	323080	309999	72	11916	14	10	41	*	6	166	855
BUCHAREST Municipality	1677985	1621501	3463	21394	1110	279	2388	388	779	12978	13705

* – the fields marked with * indicate a reduced number of cases observed (smaller than 3)

1) – it also includes the ethnic groups with less than 20,000 declared persons at national level: the Serbs, the Slovaks, the Jews, the Bulgarians, the Czechs, the Croats, the Greeks, the Poles, the Armenians, the Ruthenians, the Italians, the Albanians, the Macedonians