

Importance of questions asked in Section A: Demographics

Question	Importance/use
Sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Policy formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation ○ Determines population structure, i.e. how many are children, youth and elderly ○ Planning in terms of service delivery. Provides information regarding educational requirements, health and social services ○ Input in population projections
Date of birth and Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provides basis for actuarial analysis ○ Provides information on economic aspects such as child dependency ratios ○ Input in population projections
Marital status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provides useful information on fertility studies ○ Provides information on studies pertaining to family structures ○ Provides information regarding relationship status of individuals in relation to the marriage laws of the country
Population group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information used in analysis of population group dynamics
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning purposes
Relationship to head or acting head of household	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Determine relationships between household members ○ Planning ○ Determines the extent of family nuclei or extended families. ○ Uses may range from calculation of housing needs to determining extent of dependency burden

Importance of questions asked in Section B: Migration

Question	Importance/use
Place of usual residence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Province ○ Municipality ○ City/town 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Useful in terms of service delivery and resource allocation ○ The best choice for calculation of locality total population ○ Provides statistics for analysing internal and international migration
Place of birth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Province 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development of policies related to migration ○ Investigation of inter-provincial and international migration
Country of citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For classification purposes of citizens and non-citizens ○ Provides statistics for analysing international migration ○ Informs decision-makers
Usual residence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Province ○ Municipality ○ City/town 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Differentiating usual members of household from non-members (4x6) ○ Planning ○ Determining residents of the province ○ Determining residents of the Municipality
Ten years ago	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reference period for migrants(census 2001)
Year moved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Determining migration trends

Province of previous residence	○ Analysis of internal and international migration
Municipality of previous residence	○ Planning
City/town of previous residence	○ Determining municipality of previous residence

Importance of questions asked in Section D: Parental Survival and Income

Question	Importance/use
Mother alive	○ Information also used in indirect estimation methods of adult mortality
Father alive	○ Analysis of orphanhood
	○ Planning
	○ Useful in measuring social conditions of a country
Income	○ Information also used to generate indicators on population welfare, poverty
	○ For planning and resource allocation

Importance of questions asked in Section E

Question	Importance/use
Literacy	○ Provides information on literacy rates
	○ Planning and policy formulation
School attendance	○ Provides information for planning, monitoring and policy formulation
	○ Information used in generating indicators such as school enrolment ratios (gross, net, primary...)
Level of education	○ Produces statistics on educational attainment
Field of education and educational qualifications	○ Can be used to analyse the demand and supply of human resources by various skill levels and fields of study
Educational institution type	○ Planning and resource allocation

Importance of questions asked in Section F: Employment

Question	Importance/use
Employment status	○ Provides information on employed and unemployed population
Occupation	○ Provides information on the type of work according to International Standard Classifications of Occupation (ISCO)
	○ Planning
	○ International comparison
Industry	○ Provides information on the branch of economic activity within which the activity is performed
<i>Refers to the activity of the establishment in which an employed person worked during the reference period.</i>	○ Assists in identifying which branch of the economy absorbs more people
	○ Information assists in classifying different areas of the economy
	○ Provides information for purposes of international comparison based on International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC)
Type of sector	○ Provides information on distribution of employed population between formal and informal sectors

Importance of questions asked in Section G: Fertility

	Importance/use
Children ever born	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides information on lifetime fertility
Age at first birth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information used in fertility and reproductive health studies
Children living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generate indirect estimates for infant and child mortality Provides information on conditions of living
Children no longer alive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information used to generate child mortality indicators
Date of last child born alive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides information for estimation of current fertility Information obtained can be used to derive both national and sub-national fertility estimates Data obtained can be used to estimate number of live births in the last twelve months for the estimation of current fertility levels Provides information on current age-specific rates and other fertility measures
Date of death of last child born	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information used for the estimation of child mortality

Importance of questions asked in Section H: Housing, household goods and services and agricultural activities

Question	Importance/use
Type of living quarters/main dwelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning: formulation of housing programmes and policies Identifies standard of living/peoples' welfare Monitoring housing programmes and policies
Tenure status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning purposes Formulation of housing programmes and policies Determines ownership of dwellings
Estimated value of property Age of property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information to be used in generating economic indicators
Number of rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides information on the size of dwelling Planning purposes
Water source Access to piped water Reliability of piped water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning purposes Monitoring purposes; Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – 'sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation
Toilet facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies standard of living/peoples' welfare Planning purposes
Sewage disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies standard of living/peoples' welfare Planning purposes
Energy used Cooking Lighting Heating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies standard of living/peoples' welfare Planning purposes
Construction material of outer walls, floor, roof	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies standards of living/peoples' welfare Information to be used in generating economic and social indicators

Household goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identifies standards of living/peoples' welfare ○ Information to be used in generating socio indicators (LSM)
Agriculture questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information to be used for creating the sampling frame for agriculture census. ○ Determining extent of subsistence farming in the country on household level

Importance of questions asked in Section I: Mortality

Question	Importance/use
Household deaths in the past 12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provides information to estimate the level and pattern of mortality ○ Indicator of health performance of a country
Sex of the deceased	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information used in generating gender specific mortality rates
Age of the deceased	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information used in generating age specific mortality rates
Cause of death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provides information to estimate cause specific mortality rates
Maternal deaths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy at time of death • Death during birth • Postnatal death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provides information to estimate maternal mortality indicators