

Population and Housing Census – Collection of ethno-cultural characteristics



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IMPORTANCE OF HAVING STATISTICS ON ETHNICITY

- Ethnic identification is a subjective and multidimensional phenomenon and this makes this sort of information particularly difficult to collect
- Having statistics on ethnicity can help to build up a picture of ethnic groups over time and promote equal opportunities
- Knowing their living conditions, level of education and state of employment will help the government and stakeholders to have a better picture in order to undertake the right politics



METHODOLOGY

- Every action in a Census must be directed towards producing relevant outputs that meet the needs of users.
- Therefore, the methodology was based on the Eurostat and UN recommendations for the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses, taking into consideration the specific needs of Albanian data users.



Questions on ethno-cultural characteristics

- The questions on ethnicity affiliation and religion were included for the first time in a Census in Albania
- In late 2009 a consultative process with census stakeholders was launched by INSTAT in order to provide information and raise awareness on the census process and fulfill the needs of user's
- The objective of the working meetings was to get their suggestions, opinions mainly about formulation of these questions, in order to achieve a final version which could satisfy all user's requirements



Questions on ethno-cultural characteristics

- These questions were based on free declarations of the individuals who had also the possibility to chose the alternative: “Prefer not to answer”
- Type of questions: Open questions, no precoded modalities were indicated (regarding stakeholder's recommendations)
- The enumerators were instructed to inform the respondents that answering these specific questions is not obligatory



Questions on ethno-cultural characteristics

- The output of the processing of textual information was a total of 159 different answers for languages, 430 for data on ethnicity and 608 for the data collected on religion
- The codification of data collected through open-ended questions is more complex than the usual pre-coded lists displayed in censuses.
- The advantage is to offer more freedom to the respondents to self-declare their own definition of ethnicity and religion



Decisions with stakeholders

- From the meetings with stakeholders were decided that Armenian, Roma and Egyptian were going to be employed as enumerators to do the interviews of their ethnics groups



Ethnic and cultural affiliation	Resident population	Percentage of resident population
Total	2.800.138	100
Albanian	2.312.356	82,58
Greek	24,243	0,87
Macedonian	5,512	0,20
Montenegrin	366	0,01
Aromanian	8,266	0,30
Roma	8,301	0,30
Egyptian	3,368	0,12
Other	2,644	0,09
Prefer not to answer	390,938	13,96
Not relevant/not stated	44,144	1,58

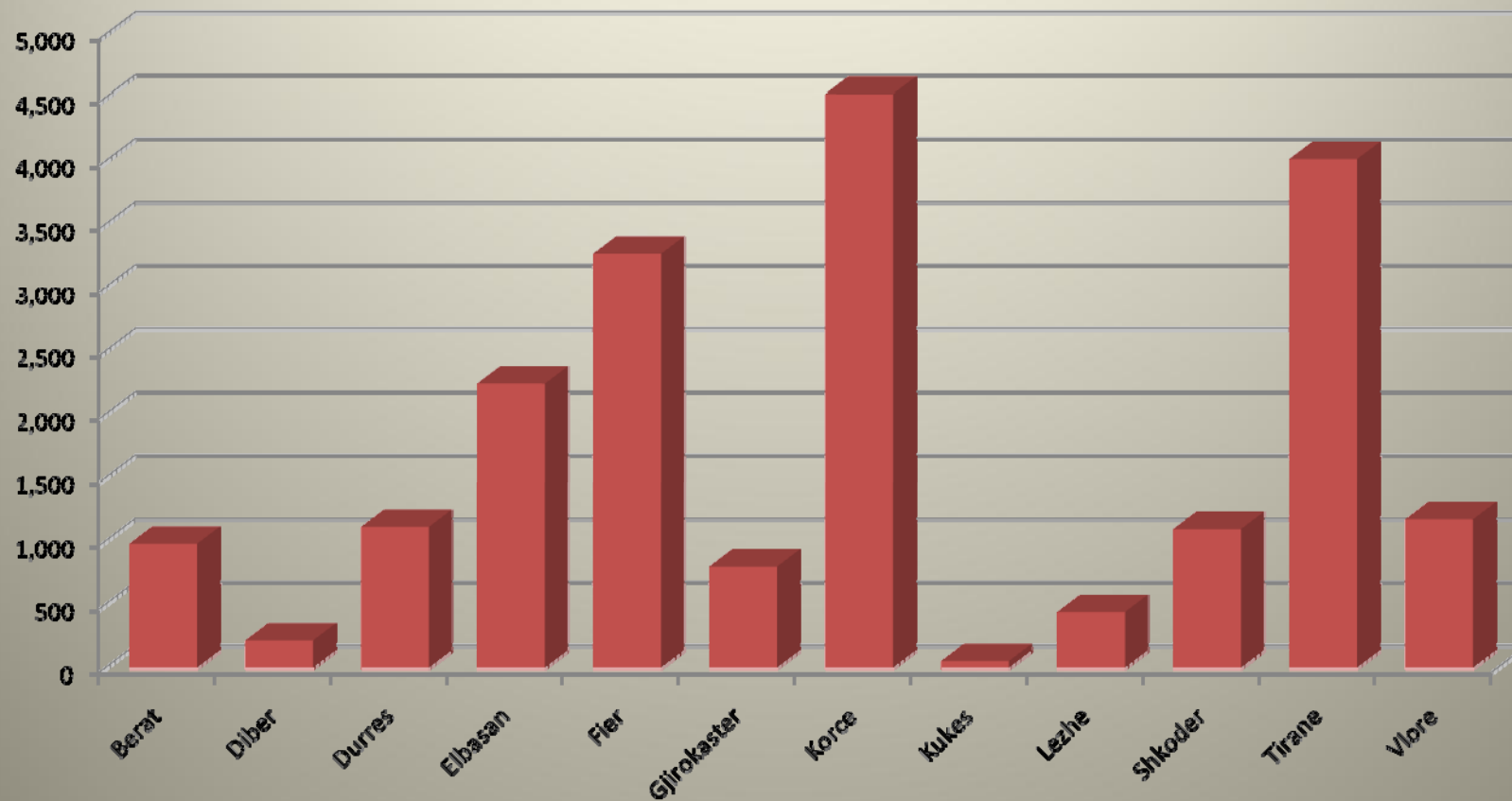


RESULTS

Ethnic and cultural affiliation	Resident population	Percentage
Total	11,669	100
Roma	8,301	0.72
Egyptian	3,368	0.28



RESULTS IN PREFECTURE LEVEL



FURTHER ANALYSES

- INSTAT is going to have a thematic publication on Roma, Aromanian and Egyptian ethnicity, also considering that they are one of the highest minorities here in Albania
- This publication will be mainly focused on their living condition, education level and state of employment



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

