Nationalities/ethnic minorities in Hungary

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All about 2011 Census
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Question about mother tongue

- Since second Hungarian census in 1880
- In every census since 1880

Question about nationality

- Since 1941
- “Without any influence and irrespectively of mother tongue” (from the 1941 questionnaire)
- In every census since 1941 with the exception of 1970
Population by mother tongue of 13 nationalities listed in Nationality Act, 1900-2011

By mother tongue, 1900-2011
By nationality, 1941-2011

Population by affiliation of 13 nationalities listed in Nationality Act, 1900-2011
New method of collecting nationality data in Census 2001

• In 2001 new methodology to enumerate the population belonging to a nationality/ethnic group as extensively as possible
• 4 questions about:
  • nationality
  • mother tongue
  • language spoken among family members, friends
  • cultural roots
• More than one answer possible to each to be able to declare multiple national/ethnic/cultural belonging
• Considering the personal nature of the data and following Hungarian privacy legislation, answering these questions was optional
Questions regarding nationality on Personal Questionnaire of Census 2001 (Serbian language)

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<th>Question</th>
<th>Options</th>
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<tr>
<td>23.1 Kojoj narodnosti priradate?</td>
<td>Balkan, Albanian, Bosnian, Croatian, English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Macedonian, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Turkish, Ukrainian, and others</td>
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<tr>
<td>23.2 Za koji narodnost se vezujete na osnovu nacionalno-kulturnih vrednosti i tradicija?</td>
<td>Same as above</td>
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<td>23.3 Koji nam je maternji jezik?</td>
<td>Same as above</td>
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<td>23.4 Kojoj jezik obično upotrebljavaete u porodici ili u krunu prijatele?</td>
<td>Same as above</td>
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• During the preparation for Census 2011 close co-operation with
  • Association of Nationality Self-Governments
  • Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights
  • acclaimed researchers of the field

• As a result, in 2011 national/ethnic affiliation was asked once again by 4 questions but with slightly different content:
  • two separate questions about nationality
  • question about mother tongue
  • question about the language used among family members or friends

• More than one answer possible to each
• Answering was optional
### Questions regarding nationality on Personal Questionnaire of Census 2011 (Serbian language)

#### 34. Којој народности припадате?
- мађарска
- бугарска
- циганска (ромска)
- грчка
- хрватска
- пољска
- немачка
- друга, и то: ...........................................................
  - не жели да одговори ...  

#### 35. Осим претходно означене, да ли припадате још некој народности?
- мађарска
- бугарска
- циганска (ромска)
- грчка
- хрватска
- пољска
- немачка
- друга, и то: ...........................................................
  - не жели да одговори ...  

#### 36. Шта је Ваш материјал језик? (могу се означити највише два одговора!)
- мађарска
- бугарска
- циганска (ромска)
- грчка
- хрватска
- пољска
- немачка
- друга, и то: ...........................................................
  - не жели да одговори ...  

#### 37. Који језик користите обично у породичном и пријатељском кругу? (могу се означити највише два одговора!)
- мађарска
- бугарска
- циганска (ромска)
- грчка
- хрватска
- пољска
- немачка
- друга, и то: ...........................................................
  - не жели да одговори ...  

### Results of Census 2011

**Population of 13 nationalities, 2011**

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<tr>
<th>Nationality</th>
<th>Persons</th>
<th>In percentage of 2001</th>
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<tr>
<td>Armenian</td>
<td>3 571</td>
<td>306,5</td>
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<td>Bulgarian</td>
<td>6 272</td>
<td>270,8</td>
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<td>Croatian</td>
<td>26 774</td>
<td>104,1</td>
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<td>German</td>
<td>185 696</td>
<td>154,3</td>
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<td>Greek</td>
<td>4 642</td>
<td>70,1</td>
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<td>Polish</td>
<td>7 001</td>
<td>136,1</td>
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<td>Roma</td>
<td>315 583</td>
<td>153,4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Romanian</td>
<td>35 641</td>
<td>241,1</td>
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<td>Ruthenian</td>
<td>3 882</td>
<td>186,7</td>
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<td>Serbian</td>
<td>10 038</td>
<td>136,6</td>
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<td>Slovak</td>
<td>35 208</td>
<td>89,7</td>
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<td>Slovenian</td>
<td>2 820</td>
<td>58,4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ukrainian</td>
<td>7 396</td>
<td>100,0</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>644 524</td>
<td>145,6</td>
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Distribution of population belonging to 13 nationalities, 2011
Population of 13 nationalities compared to the whole population and to responding population, 2001, 2011
Elements of nationality affiliation, 2001, 2011

Population belonging to nationality by answers to certain questions, 2001, 2011

- **2001**
  - Only by nationality: 17%
  - Only by mother tongue: 3%
  - Only by family language: 7%
  - Only by cultural roots: 9%
  - By more questions: 19%
  - By all questions: 45%

- **2011**
  - Only by nationality: 16%
  - Only by mother tongue: 2%
  - Only by family language: 11%
  - Only by cultural roots: 12%
  - By more questions: 59%
Evaluation of the 4 question method

Advantages
- Complex analysis of nationalities made possible
- Answers from otherwise non-responding people
- Importance of nationality affiliation is indicated

Disadvantages
- Limited comparability with earlier censuses (before 2001)
- Limited comparability with other countries
- Broad group of persons belonging to a nationality – belonging is possible based on only one question e.g. family language
Thank you for your attention

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