

Measuring Emigration through censuses Paris , 15 January 2018

Tunisian emigration through censuses: Pros and cons

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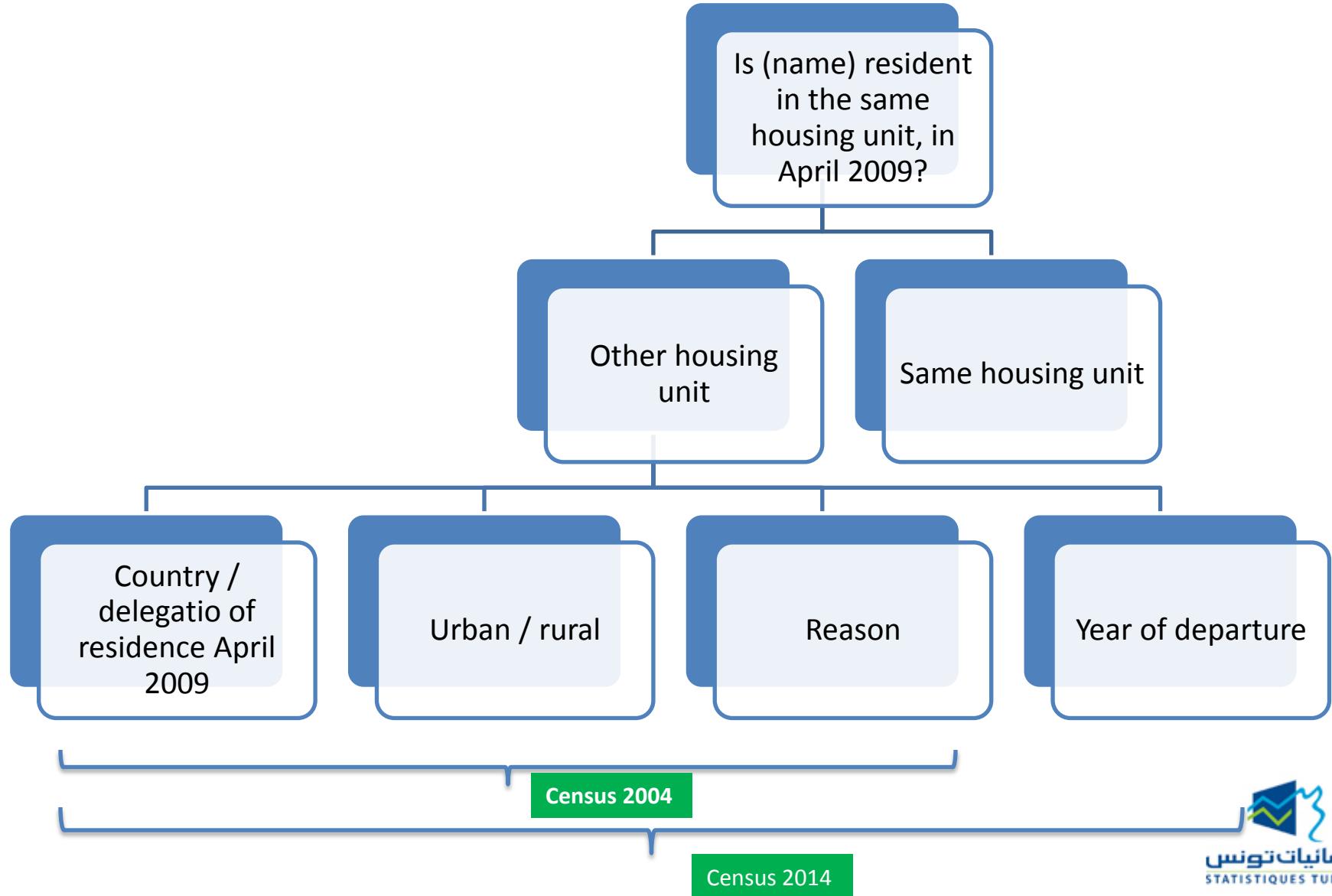


- Spatial mobility is one of the fundamental axes of the societies functioning and changing.
- It is impossible to understand these societies without taking into consideration spatial mobility.
- Mobility can not be analyzed separately, because it is linked to the economic, social, cultural, geographical and demographic elements at the place of departure and at the place of arrival.
- Thus, population censuses remain the most relevant source of information on migration, given its completeness and the opportunity it for further cross-checks with other key variables of migrants.



- Tunisian population census represents a snapshot of the resident population in the country at a given point in time (exp: 23 April 2014, round 2010)
- Periodicity : 10 years
- face to face interview
- Emigration module introduced in round 2000 (census 2004)
- Emigration is measured over a period of 5 years

Immigration and return migration



Emigration

Are there any member of your household reside currently abroad, and was resident in this household in April 2009?

Oui
Non

Relationship with the head of hh
Gender
Year of birth
Reason
Current country of residence
Year of departure
Level of education

Census 2004

Census 2014

05 | limits of measuring emigration through census

- Information about emigrant gathered by proxy
- It recall interviewer 's memory
- No information about emigrants after migration; situation, profile, integration
- Only a limited set of question could be inserted into census questionnaire; it's not the purpose of a census
- Departure of entire Household (no left behind); possibility of missing some emigrants

Measuring emigration through census allows to:

- Get information about the structure of emigrant within a given period
- Get information about the level of education of emigrant before departure
- Get information about the country of destination

A cross check with the other census modules, allows in depth analysis to understand the emigrant behavior:

- Housing unit characteristics,
- Life conditions of household ,
- Individual characteristics of the head of household

To improve data quality :

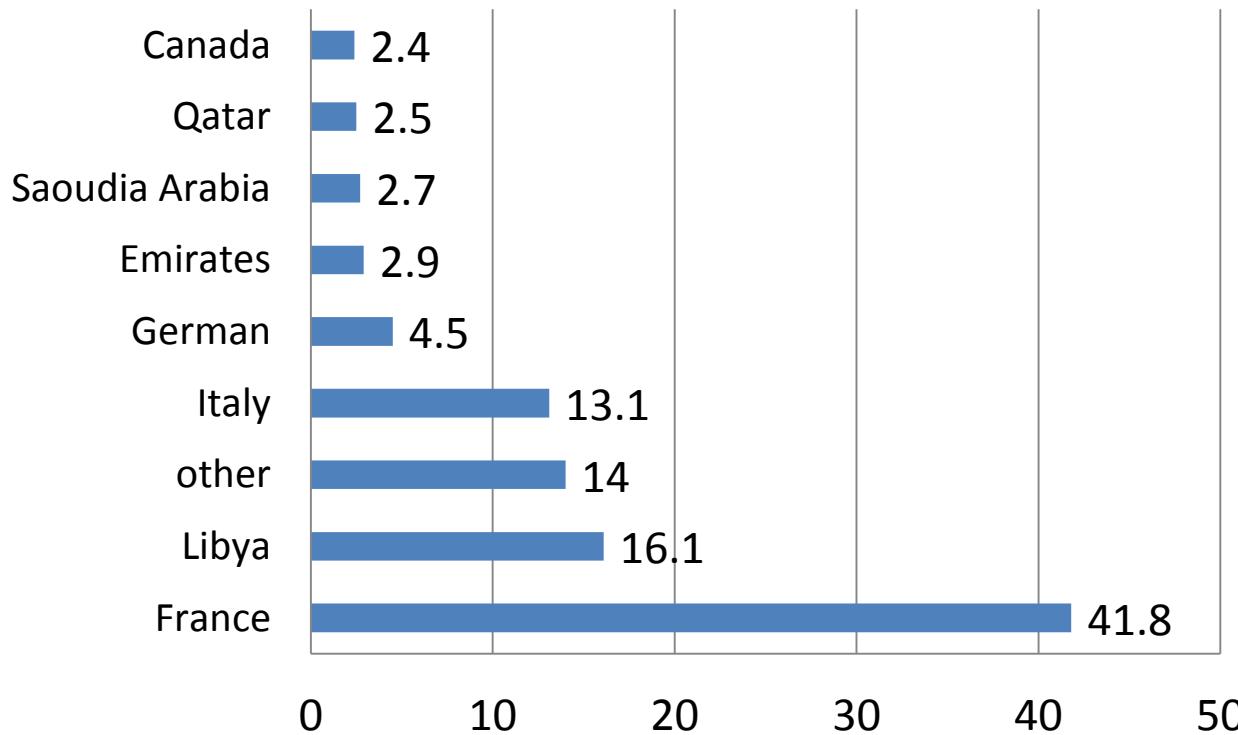
- Improving enumerator training, and instructions
- Providing a full explanation to enumerators about the migratory context and its concepts,
- Formulating easy and clearly worded questions
- Choosing good position and sequence of items within the census: the migration modules appears in the 7th out of 14 theme,
 - for household that emigrate with all his members; questions should be addressed neighbors in order to get at least information about their number and their gender

For census 2014; emigration is measured between 2009 and 2014:

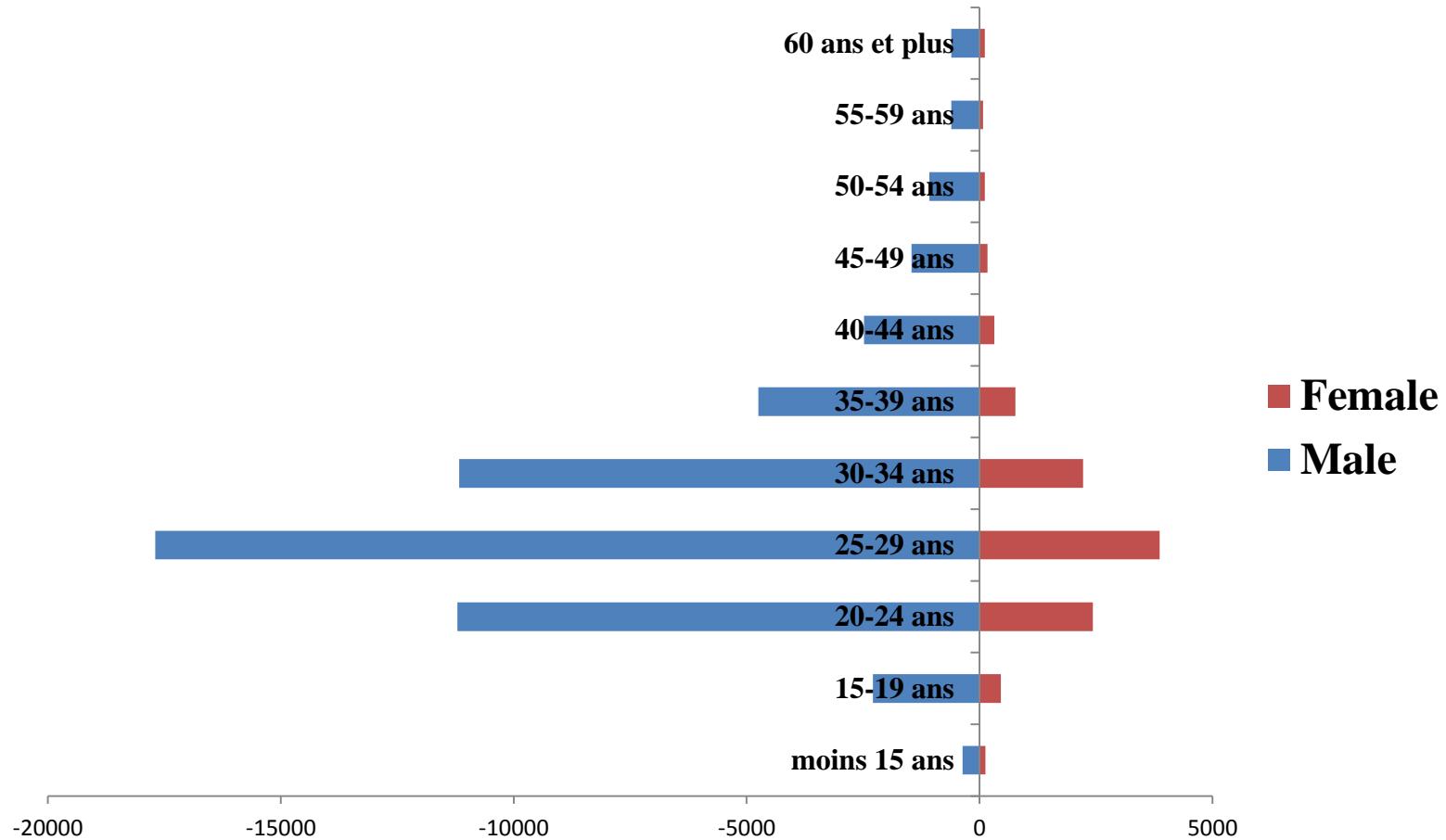
- First results was dessiminated from the 20% of
- A core tabulation with descriptives analysis was provided in a publication titeled « Carectéristiques migratoires en Tunisie »
- Specific tabulation are addressed to migration unit in INS

Destination country

- The number of emigrants between April 2009 and April 2014 was about 66 thousands; a yearly average of 13 thousand.

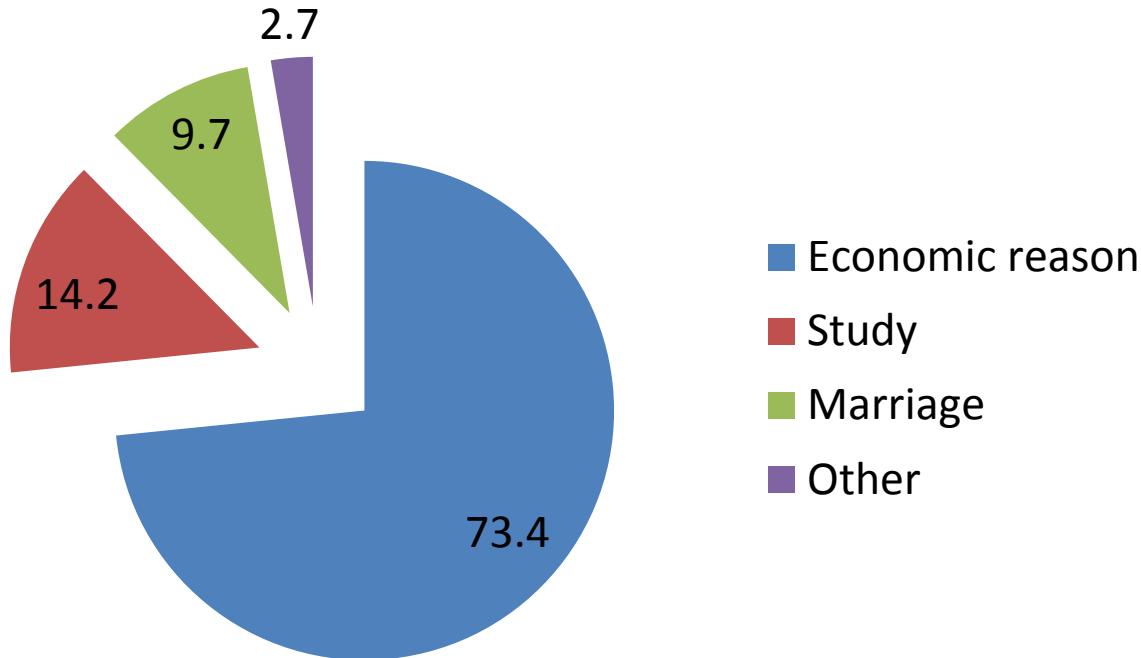
% of emigrants by country of destination

Structure of Emigrants



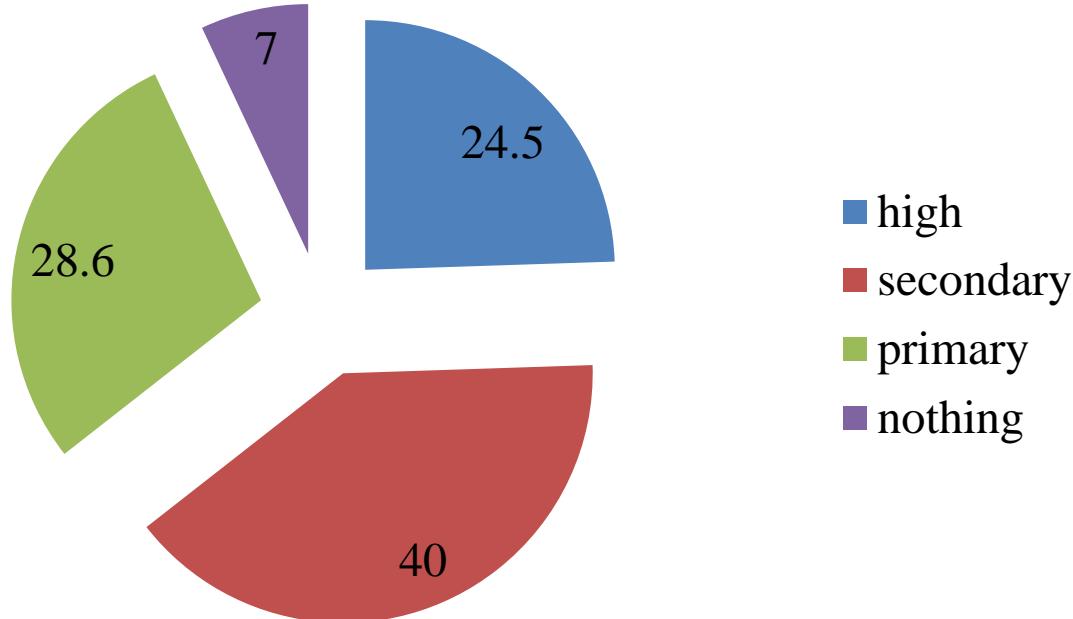
Reason for Emigration

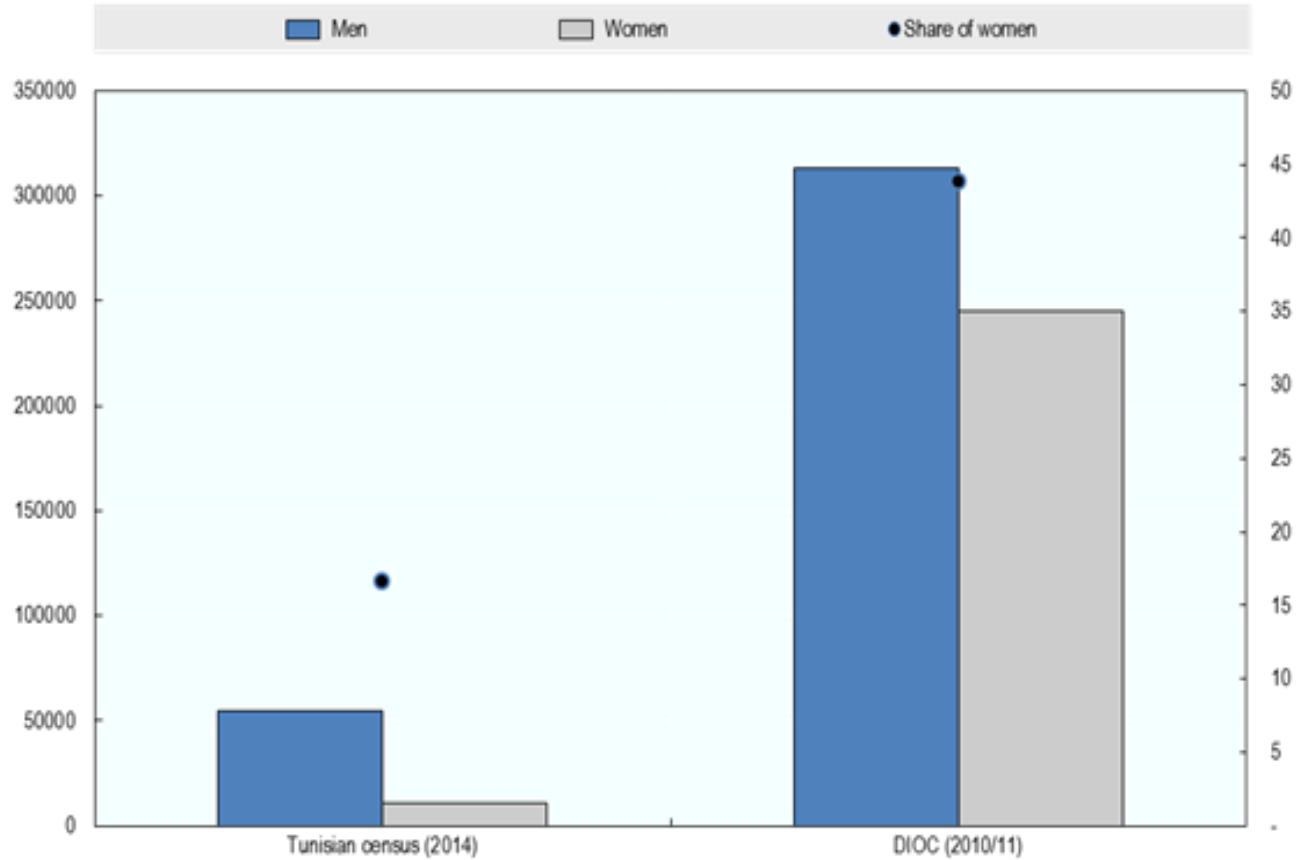
% of emigrants by reason of departure



Level of education of Emigrants

% of emigrants by level of education before departure



Share of women from Tunisian total stocks (DIOC) and Tunisian Emigrants (Census)

- Although its limits, and with the absence of accurate administrative data, and the high cost of specific migration survey, Census remain a reliable source and an opportunity to measure emigration.
- Provide a database for sampling purposes to undertake survey about migration; limit cost
- Emigration module will be considered in the next round where the variable “economic situation before departure” will be added
- Specific migration survey is needed to cover some aspects that could not be covered by population Census (emigrant profile, situation after emigration,...)



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