CENSUS MICRODATA OF TURKEY

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HISTORY OF POPULATION CENSUS

- First census was in 1927,
- Second census was in 1935,
- Between 1935-1990, censuses in 5 years interval,
- Since 1990, censuses in 10 years interval,
- Last census was in 2000.

As total, 14 population censuses.
METHOD OF THE CENSUS

- De facto definition,
- Traditional method (Face to face interview),
- One day application with curfew,
AVAILABILITY OF CENSUS MICRODATA

- 5% sample of 2000, 1990 and 1985 censuses,
- Size of samples
  - 2000 census: 3,388,218
  - 1990 census: 2,817,455
  - 1985 census: 2,507,758

*Geographical breakdown: Province level (urban-rural) and administrative units with the population 50,000 and over*
SAMPLING METHOD

- Systematic random sampling for each province separately,
- Contains two parts:
  - 5% sample of the households,
  - 5% sample of individuals enumerated in non-household places on census day
HARMONIZATION

Highly harmonized: almost same questions in each census and same classification

For topics: educational, demographic and economic (activity and occupation) variables,

Except topics: unemployment and place of birth (definition improved in line with ILO, UN recommendations).
HARMONIZATION

- Administrative divisions not harmonized:
  - 2000 census: 81 provinces
  - 1990 census: 73 provinces
  - 1985 census: 67 provinces

- 1990 census does not cover variables on disability, number of rooms
NEW VARIABLES INTRODUCED IN 2000 CENSUS

- Housing Variables: Kitchen, Bathroom, Piped Water and Toilet,
- Migration: Reason for migration
MAIN LIMITATIONS

- Persons (except head of the household) who were present at home on census day were listed in the household.

- Relationships between household members are not available for all members of the household.
MAIN LIMITATIONS

- Data on household composition is only available for the households in which all members were present at home.

- There might be a bias for cities (more households with absent members).
DOCUMENTS FOR IPUMS PROJECT

- Census forms in Turkish and English
- Data dictionaries and code books
- Country report
- Metadata for microdata
Thank you...