

**Handbook of European Contemporary Census Microdata
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Book precis. A vast stock of contemporary census microdata exists for most European countries. This book has two goals. First, it will inventory holdings, census-by-census with one chapter for each country. Second, each chapter, authored by a national expert, will discuss the principal opportunities and obstacles for harmonization of the microdata.

Authors are encouraged to draft a succinct account of the status of the microdata for the country assigned. An example from an International census microdata handbook published in 2000 may be seen at:

http://www.hist.umn.edu/~rmccaa/ipums-europe/chapter_example_ipums_rokorea.pdf

Country chapter outline.

1. History of census taking (paragraph)
2. Census Documentation (Table 1: www.hist.umn.edu/~rmccaa/ipums-europe/table1_docs_ipums-europe.xls)
3. History of census microdata, availability and accessibility (i.e., for use beyond the walls of the statistical agency) (Table 2. www.hist.umn.edu/~rmccaa/ipums-europe/table2_data_ipums-europe.xls)
4. Contents of microdata files: variables for dwellings, households/family, persons (Table 3 www.hist.umn.edu/~rmccaa/ipums-europe/table3_vars_ipums-europe.xls)
5. Harmonization: comparability (or lack thereof) from one census to another and with international standards, section-by-section:
 - a. Social Variables (marital status, relationship to householder, etc.)
 - b. Administrative geography and migration
 - c. Educational variables
 - d. Economic variables
 - e. Demographic variables
 - f. Dwelling variables
6. Completeness of enumeration
7. Publications
8. Research Possibilities
9. Bibliography

Note: The book will be divided in two sections: IPUMS-Europe countries, and others (where microdata are accessible by academic researchers).

Style considerations. Need to select a style sheet