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## Preliminary results of the 2023 Census of Population, Households, and Dwellings

The release presents preliminary results of the census of population, households and dwellings carried out in period from 3 to 30 December 2023, in line with international recommendations of UNECE and instructions of the implementing Regulation (EC) No 763/2008 of the European parliament and of the Council.

According to the preliminary results of the Census of Population, Households and Dwellings in 2023, there are 633 158 people living in Montenegro. The census collected the data on 217 441 households, 396 873 dwellings, while there were 673 203 persons in total enumerated during the data collection phase.

The aim of releasing the preliminary results of the census is to timely meet the need of users until the final census data are released.

Preliminary results of the census comprise the main data on total number of enumerated persons, number of population, households and dwellings derived based on the results of enumeration areas during the field work, and presented via summary values by settlements, local self-government units, and for territory of Montenegro. These data have not passed the overall process of statistical data processing and are subject to change, i.e. revision until the final results are released.

After having the preliminary results of the census entered, statistical control and statistical processing done in line with the defined Methodology, the final results of the census will be provided, and released successively in the second half of 2024.

**Table 1.** Population, households and dwellings, the 2023 Census<sup>(p)</sup> and the 2011 Census

Montenegro	Number of population <sup>1</sup>			Households			Dwellings		
	2023 <sup>(p)</sup>	2011	<i>Index</i> 2011=100	2023 <sup>(p)</sup>	2011	<i>Index</i> 2011=100	2023 <sup>(p)</sup>	2011	<i>Index</i> 2011=100
	633 158	620 029	102.1	217 441	188 376	115.4	396 873	314 704	126.1

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<sup>1</sup> In line with the definition of usual place of residence

**Table 2.** Population, households and dwellings by local self-government units, the 2023 Census<sup>(p)</sup>

	<b>Total enumerated persons</b>	<b>Number of population<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Households</b>	<b>Dwellings</b>
<b>Montenegro</b>	<b>673 203</b>	<b>633 158</b>	<b>217 441</b>	<b>396 873</b>
Andrijevica	4 154	3 978	1 435	3 325
Bar	50 226	46 171	16 362	42 003
Berane	26 948	25 162	8 096	12 422
Bijelo Polje	45 033	39 710	12 602	18 378
Budva	28 971	26 667	10 842	34 255
Cetinje	14 859	14 465	5 318	9 624
Danilovgrad	19 167	18 832	6 121	9 708
Gusinje	5 189	4 662	1 416	1 900
Herceg Novi	33 022	31 471	12 200	30 069
Kolasin	6 926	6 765	2 418	5 631
Kotor	22 857	21 916	7 927	17 092
Mojkovac	7 028	6 824	2 430	3 646
Niksic	68 425	66 725	22 400	29 682
Petnjica	8 279	5 552	2 020	2 767
Plav	11 056	10 378	3 031	4 677
Pljevlja	26 061	24 542	9 136	14 293
Pluzine	2 268	2 232	840	2 586
Podgorica	186 827	180 186	64 140	88 431
Rozaje	29 198	25 247	6 595	8 399
Savnik	1 620	1 588	561	2 176
Tivat	17 120	16 340	6 165	15 440
Tuzi	14 252	13 142	3 103	4 421
Ulcinj	24 026	21 395	6 471	25 023
Zabljak	3 103	3 002	1 105	4 746
Zeta	16 588	16 206	4 707	6 179

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<sup>1</sup> In line with definition of usual place of residence

**Table 3.** Population by local self-government units, the 2023 Census<sup>(p)</sup> and the 2011 Census

	Number of population <sup>1</sup>		Index 2011=100
	2023 <sup>(p)</sup>	2011 <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Montenegro</b>	<b>633 158</b>	<b>620 029</b>	<b>102.1</b>
Andrijevisa	3 978	5 071	78.4
Bar	46 171	42 048	109.8
Berane	25 162	28 488	88.3
Bijelo Polje	39 710	46 051	86.2
Budva	26 667	19 218	138.8
Cetinje	14 465	16 657	86.8
Danilovgrad	18 832	18 472	101.9
Gusinje	4 662	4 027	115.8
Herceg Novi	31 471	30 864	102.0
Kolasin	6 765	8 380	80.7
Kotor	21 916	22 601	97.0
Mojkovac	6 824	8 622	79.1
Niksic	66 725	72 443	92.1
Petnjica	5 552	5 482	101.3
Plav	10 378	9 081	114.3
Pljevlja	24 542	30 786	79.7
Pluzine	2 232	3 246	68.8
Podgorica	180 186	158 327	113.8
Rozaje	25 247	22 964	109.9
Savnik	1 588	2 070	76.7
Tivat	16 340	14 031	116.5
Tuzi	13 142	11 379	115.5
Ulcinj	21 395	19 921	107.4
Zabljak	3 002	3 569	84.1
Zeta	16 206	16 231	99.8

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<sup>1</sup> In line with definition of usual place of residence<sup>2</sup> For the municipalities of Gusinje, Petnjica, Tuzi and Zeta, the data were estimated according to the applicable territorial organization of Montenegro

**Table 4.** Households by local self-government units, the 2023 Census<sup>(p)</sup> and the 2011 Census

	Households		Index 2011=100
	2023 <sup>(p)</sup>	2011 <sup>2,3</sup>	
<b>Montenegro</b>	<b>217 441</b>	<b>188 376</b>	<b>115.4</b>
Andrijevica	1 435	1 648	87.1
Bar	16 362	13 840	118.2
Berane	8 096	8 297	97.6
Bijelo Polje	12 602	12 778	98.6
Budva	10 842	6 874	157.7
Cetinje	5 318	5 552	95.8
Danilovgrad	6 121	5 383	113.7
Gusinje	1 416	1 113	127.2
Herceg Novi	12 200	10 859	112.3
Kolasin	2 418	2 703	89.5
Kotor	7 927	7 438	106.6
Mojkovac	2 430	2 655	91.5
Niksic	22 400	21 109	106.1
Petnjica	2 020	1 331	151.8
Plav	3 031	2 406	126.0
Pljevlja	9 136	10 250	89.1
Pluzine	840	1 127	74.5
Podgorica	64 140	48 746	131.6
Rozaje	6 595	5 350	123.3
Savnik	561	673	83.4
Tivat	6 165	4 718	130.7
Tuzi	3 103	2 594	119.6
Ulcinj	6 471	5 440	119.0
Zabljak	1 105	1 184	93.3
Zeta	4 707	4 308	109.3

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<sup>2</sup> For the municipalities of Gusinje, Petnjica, Tuzi and Zeta, the data were estimated according to the applicable territorial organization of Montenegro.

<sup>3</sup> The number of households is adapted to the household concept from the 2023 Census.

**Table 5.** Dwellings by local self-government units, the 2023 Census<sup>(p)</sup> and the 2011 Census

	Dwellings		Index 2011=100
	2023 <sup>(p)</sup>	2011 <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Montenegro</b>	<b>396 873</b>	<b>314 704</b>	<b>126.1</b>
Andrijevica	3 325	3 462	96.0
Bar	42 003	33 371	125.9
Berane	12 422	11 542	107.6
Bijelo Polje	18 378	17 521	104.9
Budva	34 255	23 805	143.9
Cetinje	9 624	8 975	107.2
Danilovgrad	9 708	8 186	118.6
Gusinje	1 900	1 641	115.8
Herceg Novi	30 069	24 287	123.8
Kolasin	5 631	5 039	111.7
Kotor	17 092	13 516	126.5
Mojkovac	3 646	3 802	95.9
Niksic	29 682	26 894	110.4
Petnjica	2 767	2 024	136.7
Plav	4 677	3 791	123.4
Pljevlja	14 293	13 963	102.4
Pluzine	2 586	2 386	108.4
Podgorica	88 431	63 922	138.3
Rozaje	8 399	6 664	126.0
Savnik	2 176	2 181	99.8
Tivat	15 440	9 656	159.9
Tuzi	4 421	3 252	135.9
Ulcinj	25 023	15 763	158.7
Zabljak	4 746	3 547	133.8
Zeta	6 179	5 514	112.1

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Preliminary census data by settlements are released at the website of Statistical Office, link: [www.monstat.org](http://www.monstat.org)<sup>2</sup> For the municipalities of Gusinje, Petnjica, Tuzi and Zeta, the data were estimated according to the applicable territorial organization of Montenegro.

## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The Census of population, households, and dwellings was implemented in period from 3 to 30 December 2023, in line with the [Methodology for Preparation, Organization and Implementation of Census](#). The 2023 Census Methodology is aligned with the international standards by which are defined common rules for collecting the data on population, out of which the most important are:

- UNECE Conference of European Statisticians Recommendations for the 2020 Censuses of Population and Housing;
- Framework Regulation (EC) No 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on population and housing censuses, as well as other implementing regulations, together with the compliance with the European Statistics Code of Practice.

The Census was implemented as of 31 October 2023 at midnight, which is considered to be the census reference moment. The Census was implemented in the traditional manner, by using the interview method, in paper form, by door-to-door approach.

The release of census results is defined by Article 30 of the Law on Census.

The mentioned law defines that preliminary results of the census, by settlements, local self-government units, and territory of Montenegro, on number of population, households, and dwellings, and other occupied units are released by Statistical Office within deadline of 30 days after the end of the census.

Statistical data are considered preliminary (they are subject to change during statistical data processing) until they end to be subject of regular revisions.

Statistical Office will release the final data in line with the Annual Plan of Official Statistics and the Statistical Release Calendar.

**Enumerated population** represents the total number of persons for whom the Questionnaire for Person (P-1) was filled in.

Pursuant to the Law on Census of Population, Households, and Dwellings, the census included the following persons:

- Montenegrin citizens with the place of permanent or temporary residence in Montenegro regardless of whether they are present in the place of residence or temporary reside in another place in Montenegro or abroad;
- Foreigners with permanent or temporary residence in Montenegro, as well as foreigners with the usual place of residence in Montenegro.

**Population** includes persons with their usual place of residence in Montenegro.

**Usual place of residence** is a place where a person usually spends the day, regardless of temporary absence due to recreation, vacation, visiting friends or relatives, business absence as well as absence due to treatment or religious pilgrimage, as well as a place where the person stays uninterrupted, at least one year before the Census reference moment or who has arrived at the usual place of residence in the course of 12 months prior the Census reference moment with the intention of staying there for at least one year.

**Household** any family or other community of persons that live together, regardless of whether all members have been permanently located in the place where the household has been located or some of them stay for a long time in another settlement, or foreign country, for work, schooling or other reasons. Household is also a person that lives on their own (one-person household) in a place covered by the census and who does not have a household in another place or abroad. Household is also a collective household, although they are not included in this data release. For the purpose of comparison, the 2011 Census data are adapted to the mentioned definition of household.

The Census included all **dwellings** intended for housing, regardless of whether they are used at the census reference moment: only for housing; for housing and performing business activity; only for performing business activity; for seasonal use or is unoccupied and structurally independent. In addition to the dwellings in terms of given definition, the census included other housing units not built as dwellings, but nevertheless used for habitation at the time of census. The census also included collective dwellings, although they are not included in this data release.

Preliminary census data by settlements are released on the website of Statistical Office: [www.monstat.org](http://www.monstat.org). For the purpose of data protection and respecting the confidentiality principle, for all settlements with less than 10 inhabitants, the data are protected ("z" symbol), and for this reason are not presented in the table by settlements for population and households.

When using the data, state: *"Data source: Statistical Office of Montenegro - MONSTAT"*

**More data, as well as detailed methodological notes can be found in the section: [2023 Census](#)**