

Population Register in Belarus: State and Problems

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One of the most progressive systems used to obtain information on population nowadays is population register, which represents a by-name and regularly updated list of attributes of country residents. The aim of formation and implementation of population register is to increase the quality of analysis and prognosis of demographic data. Population register provides that for each person an individual birth record or record at arrival for permanent residence is made. The register also records all changes in a person's life: marriage, childbearing, moving to a new place of residence, a range of economic indicators. Such data makes it possible to estimate expected changes in the intensity and direction of various demographic processes, territorially and in dynamics. It can also be used in households and population sample surveys.

Similar information resources in the form of population register already exist in more than 65 countries of the world, including the EU countries.

The basis for creating a single information resource on Belarusian residents is the Law of the Population Register that entered into force in 2008. In accordance with it State centralized automated information system is formed on the basis of the database of citizens of the Republic of Belarus personal data, as well as of foreign citizens and persons without citizenship, who permanently reside in the country.

In this paper a number of problems connected with the population register are considered:

- 1) the use of register data as a tool of population census, in the future –instead of population census;
- 2) the use of register data in households sample surveys;
- 3) the difficulty of register qualification (administrative, statistical);
- 4) providing access to register for individual users.

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