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## CHAPTER 19:09

## STATISTICS ACT

## ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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14 of 1965

**An Act to provide for the taking of censuses, the collection, compilation, analysis and publication of certain statistical information and for other matters relating thereto.**

[3<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 1965]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Statistics Act.

Interpretation.  
[24 of 1969  
4 of 1972  
25 of 1973  
25 of 1991]

2. In this Act—

“Chief Statistician” means the person appointed as Chief Statistician;

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“local authority” means a local authority constituted under the Local Government Act or a council within the meaning of the Municipal and District Councils Act or a Town Council;

First Schedule.

“statistics” means information in connection with or incidental to any census or all or any of the matters specified in the First Schedule.

“undertaking” means any undertaking by way of a trade or business whether or not the trade or business is carried on for profit.

Functions of the Bureau of Statistics.  
[25 of 1991]

3. (1) It shall be the function of the Bureau of Statistics—

- (a) to take any census;
- (b) to collect, compile, analyse, abstract and publish statistical information relating to the social, agricultural, mining, commercial, industrial and general activities and conditions of the inhabitants of Guyana;
- (c) to collaborate with departments of the Government in the collection, compilation, analysis and publication of statistical records of administration; and
- (d) generally to organise a co-ordinated scheme of social and economic statistics relating to Guyana.

(2) Nothing contained in subsection (1)(c) shall be deemed to authorise the Chief Statistician to inspect the returns of the income of any person submitted to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue:

Provided that it shall be lawful for the Chief Statistician or any person duly authorised by him to analyse summaries or abstracts of income tax returns prepared in such a manner by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue that the identity of any individual, company or undertaking is not revealed in any such summary or abstract, and to compile and publish data from such summaries or abstracts.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Chief Statistician to make such arrangements and to do all such things as are necessary for the performance of his duties under this Act.

Delegation of functions.

4. The Chief Statistician may, in writing, appoint any person as an authorised officer for the purposes of this Act.

Power to direct that a census be taken.

5. The Minister may, by order, direct that a census shall be taken for Guyana or any part thereof, or any class of inhabitants thereof and any such order may prescribe—

- (a) the date or dates on or between which such census is to be taken;
- (b) the information to be obtained in such census.

Collection and compilation of statistics.  
[25 of 1991]  
First Schedule.

6. (1) Subject to this Act, the Chief Statistician may, and on the direction of the Minister the Chief Statistician shall, collect, whether in conjunction with any census or not, statistics relating to all or any of the matters set out in the First Schedule either in Guyana generally or in any part thereof.

(2) The Chief Statistician shall cause the statistics collected under this Act to be compiled, tabulated and analyzed and, subject to this Act, may cause such statistics or abstracts thereof to be published, with or without comments thereon in such a manner as he may determine.

Use of sampling methods.  
[25 of 1991]

7. The Chief Statistician may, if he considers it fit to do so, use sampling methods in the taking of any census in terms of section 5, or in the collection of statistics in terms of section 6, of this Act.

Advisory Committees.  
[25 of 1991]

8. (1) The Minister may appoint one or more committees, including persons engaged in, or otherwise conversant with the conditions of, various trades and businesses, for the purpose of advising the Chief Statistician with regard to the preparation of the forms and instructions necessary for the collection, compilation, analysis, abstraction and publication of statistical information relating to the several activities specified in section 3(1) (b) and to the conditions of the inhabitants of Guyana, and of advising the Minister or the Chief Statistician with regard to such other matters as may be referred to any such committee.

(2) There shall be paid to members of any such committee such travelling and other allowances as the Minister may determine.

Power to obtain information.  
[25 of 1991]

9. (1) It shall be lawful for the Chief Statistician or any authorized officer to require any person —

(a) to furnish, in such form and manner and within such time as may be specified by any notice in writing, such periodical or other information, estimates or returns, concerning such of the matters set out in the First Schedule as may be so specified; and

First Schedule.

(b) to supply him with particulars either

by interviewing such person personally or by leaving at the last known address or by posting by registered post to the last known address of such person a form having thereon a notice requiring such form to be completed and returned in the manner and within the time specified in the notice.

Any such notice under this subsection shall state that it is served in exercise of the powers conferred by this subsection.

(2) Any person having the custody or charge of any public records or documents, or of the records or documents of any local authority, corporation, person, partnership, firm, company, society, or association from which, in the opinion of the Chief Statistician, information in respect of the matter in relation to which the collection of statistics is required can be obtained or which would aid in the completion or correction of such statistics, shall grant to the Chief Statistician or any authorized officer, access to such records or documents for the purpose of obtaining therefrom such information.

(3) The Chief Statistician may, by advertisement in the official *Gazette*, and in at least two newspapers circulating in Guyana publish a list of classes or descriptions of businesses or callings in relation to which particulars or information will be required for the purpose of any statistical enquiry under this Act and upon such publication it shall be the duty of every person carrying on a business or calling of any such class or description as aforesaid, who has not received a notice under subsection (1), to inform the Chief Statistician or any person specified in the advertisement within such period, being not less than twenty eight days after the date of publication of the advertisement, as may be specified therein, that he is carrying on such a business or

calling as specified, and to give the Chief Statistician such particulars or information of the business or calling as may be so specified.

(4) (a) Nothing in this Act shall affect any law relating to the disclosure or non-disclosure of any secret or confidential information, evidence or document and any person required by the Chief Statistician or by an authorized officer to supply any information, to give any evidence or to produce any document shall be entitled in respect of such information, evidence or document to plead the same privilege before the Chief Statistician or such authorized officer as before a court of law. In particular nothing in this Act shall be deemed to make it lawful for the Chief Statistician or an authorized officer to require a banker to disclose particulars relating to the banking accounts of any individual or company or undertaking, or to require any person or concern providing professional services to disclose information concerning the business or personal affairs of individual clients of such a person.

(b) A person shall not be required to supply any information under this Act which involves the disclosure of any technical process or trade secret in or relating to the undertaking of which he is the owner or in the conduct or supervision of which he is engaged.

Powers of  
entry.  
[25 of 1991]

10. (1) The Chief Statistician, or any authorized officer may, for any purpose connected with the taking of a census, enter at all reasonable times any dwelling house or any premises where persons are employed or any premises where it appears to him likely that persons are employed; and may make such enquiries as may be necessary for the performance of his duties.

(2) The Chief Statistician shall produce proof of his appointment as Chief Statistician and an authorized officer shall produce his written authorization before exercising the powers conferred by subsection (1) if required to do so by the

owner, occupier or person in charge of such dwelling house or premises.

Restriction on publication.

**11.** Except for the purposes of a prosecution under this Act—

- (a) no individual return, or part thereof, made for the purposes of this Act;
- (b) no answer given to any question put for the purposes of this Act;
- (c) no report, abstract, or other document, containing particulars comprised in any such return or answer so arranged as to enable identification of such particulars with any person, undertaking or business,

shall be published, admitted in evidence, or shown to any person not employed in the execution of a duty under this Act, unless the previous consent in writing thereto has been obtained from the person making such return or giving such answer, or, in the case of an undertaking, or business, from the owner for the time being of the undertaking or business:

Provided that nothing in this section shall prevent or restrict the publication of any such report, abstract, or other document, without such consent where the particulars in such report, abstract, or other document, enable identification merely by reason of the fact that the particulars relate to an undertaking or business within its particular sphere of activities, so, however, that in no case shall such particulars enable identification of the costs of production, the capital employed, or profits arising in, any such undertaking or business.

Major offences.

**12.** (1) Any person being a person employed in the execution of any duty under this Act, who—

- (a) by virtue of such employment becomes possessed of any information which might exert an influence upon or affect the market value of any share, interest, product or article, and before such information is made public in accordance with this Act, directly or indirectly use such information for personal gain;
- (b) without lawful authority publishes or communicates to any person otherwise than in the ordinary course of such employment any information acquired by him in the course of his employment;
- (c) knowingly compiles for issue any false statistics or information,

shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of sixty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for one year.

(2) Any person, being in possession of any information which to his knowledge has been disclosed in contravention of this Act, who publishes or communicates such information to any person, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of sixty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for one year.

Miscellaneous  
offences.  
[25 of 1991]

**13. Any person who—**

- (a) hinders or obstructs the Chief Statistician or any authorized officer in the exercise of any of his powers or the discharge of any of his duties under this Act;
- (b) refuses or fails to supply the particulars required in any return, form or other

document lawfully left with or sent to him, or who refuses or fails to answer any question or enquiry addressed to him under the authority of this Act, or to supply the information required in accordance with section 9(3);

- (c) knowingly makes in any return, form or other document completed or supplied pursuant to this Act, in any answer to any questions asked him under the authority of this Act, any statement which is untrue in any material particular;
- (d) without lawful authority, destroys, defaces or mutilates any return, form or other document containing particulars collected under this Act, or writes or makes on any return, obscene, blasphemous or insulting remarks, drawing or other matter, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Penalties.  
[25 of 1991  
6 of 1997]

**14.** Every person who is guilty of an offence against this Act or any regulations made thereunder for which no special penalty is provided shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of thirty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for six months for each such offence, and in the event of a continuing offence to a further fine of seven thousand five hundred dollars for each day on which the offence is continued after conviction.

Regulations.

**15.** The Minister may make regulations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act and, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, may make regulations prescribing—

- (a) The particulars and information to be furnished on the taking of a census or

concerning any matter in respect of which statistics may be collected under this Act;

- (b) The manner and form in which and the times and places at which, such particulars and information shall be furnished.

Oath of secrecy.  
[25 of 1991]

Second  
Schedule.

**16.** (1) Subject to subsection (2) every person employed in the execution of any duty under this Act shall before entering on his duties make before the Chief Statistician an oath or affirmation in the form set out in the Second Schedule.

(2) The Chief Statistician shall before entering on his functions or duties under this Act make before the Minister an oath or affirmation in the form set out in the Second Schedule.

Power to  
revoke or  
amend First  
Schedule.

**17.** Subject to affirmative resolution of the National Assembly, the Minister may by order amend or revoke the First Schedule.

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## FIRST SCHEDULE

ss. 2, 6(1), 9(1),  
17.

*Matters on which statistics may be collected*

1. Population and housing.
2. Vital occurrences and morbidity.
3. Immigration and emigration.
4. Internal and external trade.
5. Primary and secondary production.
6. Agriculture, including dairying, horticulture, pastoral and allied industries.
7. Fishing.
8. Factories, mines and productive industries generally.
9. Employment, unemployment and underemployment.
10. Salaries, wages, bonuses, fees, allowances and any

other payments and honoraria for services rendered.

11. Income, earnings, profits and interest.
12. Social, educational, labour and industrial matters including cooperative groups and societies, associations of employers, employees, and other persons generally.
13. Industrial disturbances and disputes.
14. Banking, insurance and finance generally.
15. Commercial and professional undertakings.
16. Distributive trades.
17. Health.
18. Transport and communication in all forms by land, water and air.
19. Wholesale and retail prices of commodities, rent and cost of living.
20. Injuries, accidents and compensation.
21. Stocks of manufactured or unmanufactured goods.
22. Sweepstakes, lotteries, charitable and other public collections of money.
23. Land tenure and the occupation and use of land.
24. Local Government.
25. Orders, work in progress outgoings and cost (including work given out to contractors) and details of capital expenditure.
26. Debts outstanding, fixed capital assets and plant (including the acquisition and disposal of those assets and plants).

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**SECOND SCHEDULE**  
**OATH OF OFFICE**

I.....swear  
that I will faithfully and solemnly and sincerely declare and  
affirm           honestly           fulfill           my           duties  
as.....in conformity with  
the requirements of the Statistics Act (Cap. 19:09) and of all  
laws made thereunder and that I will not without due

authority in that behalf disclose or make known any matter or thing which comes to my knowledge by reason of my employment as such.

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**SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

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O.6/1992.           **STATISTICS (CONSUMER EXPENDITURE CENSUS)  
(HOUSEHOLD) ORDER**  
*made under section 5*

Citation.           1. This Order may be cited as the Statistics (Consumer Expenditure) (Household) Order 1992.

Interpretation.       2. In this Order “the Regulations” means the Statistics (Consumer Expenditure) (Household) Regulations 1992.

Period of census.       3. A Household Consumer Expenditure Census for Guyana shall be taken during the period commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1992 and ending on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1993.

Information to be furnished.   4. The information to be furnished on the taking of the census mentioned in clause 3 of this Order shall be in respect of the matters specified in the Regulations.

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O. 6/1992           **STATISTICS (CONSUMER EXPENDITURE CENSUS)  
(HOUSEHOLD) REGULATIONS**

Citation.           1. These Regulations may be cited as the Statistics (Consumer Expenditure Census) (Household) Regulations 1992.

Interpretation.       2. In these Regulations—

(a) “Census” means the Census directed to be

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*Statistics (Consumer Expenditure Census) (Household) Regulations*

taken by Statistics (Consumer Expenditure Census) (Household) Order 1992.

- (b) “householder” means any occupier who manages any dwelling house.

Particulars in form and detail as directed by Statistician.

3. The particulars to be supplied by a householder or a member of a household, as the case may be, on taking of the Census, shall be in respect of the matters specified in regulations 4 of these Regulations and shall be supplied in such form and details as the statistician may direct.

Information to be supplied by householder.

4. Every householder, on the taking of the Census, shall when required to do so by the Statistician or any authorized officer; furnish the following information—

- (a) the name, address, age, educational attainment, marital status, principal occupation, sex, ethnicity and relationship to head, of any member of his household;
- (b) the salary, wages, allowances, bonuses, fees, and any other remuneration received by any member of his household;
- (c) the expenditure incurred on alcohol, clothing, entertainment, food, fuel, lighting rent, travel and other goods and services, by any member of his household;
- (d) such other information as the Statistician or authorized officer may consider necessary for the purposes of the Census;

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[Subsidiary]

*Statistics (Consumer Expenditure Census) (Household) Regulations*  
*Statistics (Labour Force Census) (Household) Order*

Provided that where it is not practicable to obtain from the householder any information required to be furnished in respect of any member of his household, the Statistician or authorized officer shall require that member of the household to furnish the information.

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O.30/1997.

**STATISTICS (LABOUR FORCE CENSUS) (HOUSEHOLD)  
ORDER**

*made under section 5*

Citation.

1. This Order may be cited as the Statistics (Labour Force Census) (Household) Order 1997.

Interpretation.

2. In this Order "the Regulations" means the Statistics (Labour Force Census) (Household) Regulations 1997.

Period of census.

3. A Labour Force Census for Guyana shall be taken during the period commencing on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 1997 and ending on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 1998.

Information to be furnished.

4. The information to be furnished on the taking of the census mentioned in clause 3 of this Order shall be in respect of the matters specified in the Regulations.

Method of collection.

5. The Statistician shall use sampling methods in the taking of the census mentioned in clause 3.

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[Subsidiary]

*Statistics (Labour Force Census) (Household) Regulations*

Reg. 8/1997

**STATISTICS (LABOUR FORCE CENSUS) (HOUSEHOLD)  
REGULATIONS**

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Statistics (Labour Force Census) (Household) Regulations 1997.

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations—

- (a) “Census” means the Census directed to be taken by Statistics (Labour Force Census) (Household) Order 1997.
- (b) “householder” means any occupier who manages any dwelling house.

Particulars in form and detail as directed by Statistician.

3. The particulars to be supplied by a householder or a member of a household, as the case may be, on taking of the Census, shall be in respect of the matters specified in regulations 4 of these Regulations and shall be supplied in such form and details as the statistician may direct.

Information to be supplied by householder.

4. Every householder, on the taking of the Census, shall when required to do so by the Statistician or any authorized officer; furnish the following information—

- (a) the name, address, age, educational attainment, marital status, principal occupation, sex, ethnicity and relationship to head, of any member of his household;
- (b) the salary, wages, allowances, bonuses, fees, and any other remuneration received by any member of his household;

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*Statistics (Labour Force Census) (Household) Regulations*  
*Statistics (Population and Housing Census) Order*

- (c) the status of economic activity during the past twelve months and current economic activity during the reference week of the survey of any member of his household'
- (d) the demographic, educational, skill and occupational profiles of members of his household who have migrated during the past 365 days preceding the survey;
- (e) such other information as the Statistician or authorized officer may consider necessary for the purposes of the Census;

Provided that where it is not practicable to obtain from the householder any information required to be furnished in respect of any member of his household, the Statistician or authorized officer shall require that member of the household to furnish information.

O. 22/2002

**STATISTICS (POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS)  
ORDER**

*made under section 5*

Citation.

1. This Order may be cited as the Statistics (Population and Housing Census) Order 2002.

Interpretation.

2. In this Order "census day" means the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2002.

Census to be taken.

3. A population and Housing Census for Guyana shall be taken on census day.

Information to be given.

4. The information to be furnished on the taking of

the census mentioned in clause 3 shall be in respect of the matters specified in the Statistics (Population and Housing Census) Regulations 2002, and shall be in such form and detail as the Statistician may direct.

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**STATISTICS (POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS)  
REGULATIONS**

*made under section 15*

Citation.                    1. These Regulations may be cited as the Statistics (Population and Housing Census) Regulations.

Interpretation.            2. In these Regulations—

“Census” means the Census directed to be taken by Statistics (Population and Housing Census) Order;

“census day” means the 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2002;

“census information” means any information necessary for the making of a true and accurate entries in a census form;

“census night” means the period of time;

“enumeration district” means any one of the districts into which Guyana is divided under regulation 6;

“householder” means any occupier who manages any dwelling house;

“returns” means the forms provided by the Statistician to enumerators for the purpose of the census;

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**[Subsidiary]***Statistics (Population and Housing Census) Regulations*

Persons  
in respect of  
whom census  
to be taken.

3. The returns shall be completed by enumerators appointed by the Statistician under regulation 7 and shall be in respect of all persons who are alive on census night—

- (a) at any place on land within Guyana;
- (b) on any ship or boat within territorial waters of Guyana not being a ship registered at a port other than a port of a Commonwealth country or in the Caribbean; or
- (c) on any ship or boat, not being a ship registered at a port other than a port of a Commonwealth country in the Caribbean that arrives in Guyana within five days following census day without having called at a port of any Commonwealth country in the Caribbean since midnight on census day.

Information to  
be supplied.

4. On the taking of the census the information with respect to persons referred to in regulation 3 shall be furnished;

- (a) by every adult person with respect to himself/herself and all children or other persons for whom he/she may be responsible and who pass census night in Guyana
- (b) any householder or any other responsible member of the household with respect to himself/herself and all other persons who pass census night on the premises of that household;

- (c) by the proprietor or manager of every hotel boarding house, boarding school, orphanage, hostel or other similar institution or any person thereunto duly authorised by the proprietor or manager with respect to all persons who pass census night on the premises of those places;
- (d) by the person in charge of every public or private hospital, nursing home, almshouse, house for the aged and infirm, religious or charitable home or other similar institution with respect to all persons who pass census night on the premises of those places;
- (e) by the officer in charge of every prison, police station, lock-up or other place of detention with respect to all persons who pass census night on the premises of those places;
- (f) by the officer or other person appointed for the purpose in pursuance of arrangements made between the Statistician and the Chief of Staff of the Guyana Defence Force with respect to all the persons belonging to the Guyana Defence Force, and any other person who passes census night in any of their barracks, station or other premises; or

Particulars to be given.

5. The particulars to be furnished on the taking of the Census shall be as follows-

- (a) in respect of every person- the name, relationship to head of household, sex, age, religion, ethnicity, disability or informality,

type of disability, effect of disability on activities, in what areas handicapped, place of birth, where last lived, usual place of residence, educational attainment and vocational training, mode of travel to school

- (b) in respect of every person fifteen years and over, marital status, union status, main activity engaged in over the past twelve months, months worked during the last twelve months, economic situation during the past week, main occupation last week, dependence of job on tourism, type of business done at workplace, name and address of present workplace; main mode of travel to work and income;
- (c) in respect of all females fifteen to sixty five years not attending school- number of live births, the age of the mother at birth of the first live born child; age of mother at birth of last live born child, number of live births during last twelve months, sex of child/ children and number of babies died;
- (d) in respect of every private dwelling house – the type of dwelling, tenancy, land tenure, materials of outer walls, materials for roofing, year dwelling was built, water supplies, toilet facilities, lighting and kitchen facilities, main type of fuel used, number of rooms, number of bedrooms, radio, television, video recording sets, personal computers, internet connections and telephones; and

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[Subsidiary] *Statistics (Population and Housing Census) Regulations*  
*Statistics (Household Budget and Living Conditions Survey) Order*

- (e) such information as the Statistician or authorised officer may consider necessary for the purpose of the census.

Enumeration districts.

6. The Statistician shall divide Guyana into enumeration districts for the purposes of the census.

Appointment of coordinators, supervisors

7. The Statistician may appoint—

- (a) coordinators to assist in the training of census staff and to coordinate census activities in the field;
- (b) supervisors to assist in the training of, and to supervise enumerators in the execution of their duties and a supervisor may be appointed for one or more enumeration districts;
- (c) enumerators to collect census information and an enumerator may be assigned to one or more enumeration districts.

O.28/2005.

**STATISTICS (HOUSEHOLD BUDGET AND LIVING CONDITIONS SURVEY) ORDER**

*made under section 5*

Citation.

1. This Order may be cited as the Statistics (Household Budget and Living Conditions Survey) Order 2005.

Interpretation.

2. In this Order “the Regulations” means the Statistics

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*Statistics (Household Budget and Living Conditions Survey) Order*  
*Statistics (Household Budget and Living Conditions Survey) Regulations*

(Household Budget and Living Conditions Survey)  
 Regulations 2005.

Period of survey.                   3. A Household Budget and Living Conditions Survey for Guyana shall be taken during the period commencing in 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2005 and ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2006.

Information to be furnished.       4. The information to be furnished on the taking of the survey mentioned in clause 3 shall be in respect of the matters specified in the Regulations.

Reg. 7/2005

**STATISTICS (HOUSEHOLD BUDGET AND LIVING  
 CONDITIONS SURVEY) REGULATIONS**

*made under section 15*

Citation.                           1. These Regulations may be cited as the Statistics (Household Budget and Living Conditions Survey) Regulations 2005.

Interpretation.                   2. In these Regulations—

(a) “householder” means any occupier who manages any dwelling house;

(b) “survey” means the survey directed to be taken by the Statistics (Household Budget and Living Conditions Survey) Order 2005.

Particulars in form and detail as           3. The particulars to be supplied by a householder or a member of a household, as the case may be, on

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*Statistics (Household Budget and Living Conditions Survey) Regulations*directed by  
Statistician.

taking of the survey, shall be in respect of the matters specified in regulations 4 of these Regulations and shall be supplied in such form and details as the statistician may direct.

Information to  
be supplied by  
householder.

4. Every householder, on the taking of the Census, shall when required to do so by the Statistician or any authorized officer; furnish the following information—

- (a) the name, address, age, educational attainment, marital status, principal occupation, sex, ethnicity and relationship to head, of any member of his household;
- (b) the salary, wages, allowances, bonuses, fees, and any other remuneration received by any member of his household;
- (c) the expenditure incurred on alcohol, clothing, entertainment, food, fuel, lighting rent, travel and other goods and services, by any member of his household;
- (d) such other information as the Statistician or authorized officer may consider necessary for the purposes of the survey;

Provided that where it is not practicable to obtain from the householder any information required to be furnished in respect of any member of his household, the Statistician or authorized officer shall require that member of the household to furnish the information.

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*Statistics (Population and Housing Census) Order*  
*Statistics (Population and Housing Census) Regulations*

O. 175/2012

**STATISTICS (POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS)  
ORDER**

*made under section 5*

Citation.

1. This Order may be cited as the Statistics (Population and Housing Census) Order 2012.

Interpretation.

2. In this Order—

“census day” means the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012;

“Regulations” mean the Statistics (Population and Housing Census) Regulations 2012.

When census to be taken.

3. A population and Housing Census for Guyana shall be taken on census day.

Information to be given.

4. The information to be furnished on the taking of the census mentioned in clause 3 shall be in respect of the matters specified in the Regulations and shall be in such form and detail as the Statistician may direct.

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**STATISTICS (POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS)  
REGULATIONS**

*made under section 15*

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Statistics (Population and Housing Census) Regulations 2012.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“Census” means the Census directed to be taken by Statistics (Population and Housing Census) Order 2012;

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“census day” means the 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2012;

“census information” means any information necessary for the making of a true and accurate entries in a census form;

“census night” means the period of time;

“enumeration district” means any one of the districts into which Guyana is divided under regulation 6;

“householder” means any occupier who manages any dwelling house;

“returns” means the forms provided by the Statistician to enumerators for the purpose of the census;

Persons in respect of whom census to be taken.

3. The returns shall be completed by enumerators appointed by the Statistician under regulation 7 and shall be in respect of all persons who are alive on census night—

- (a) at any place on land within Guyana;
- (b) on any ship or boat within territorial waters of Guyana not being a ship registered at a port other than a port of a Commonwealth country or in the Caribbean; or
- (c) on any ship or boat, not being a ship registered at a port other than a port of a Commonwealth country in the Caribbean that arrives in Guyana within five days following census day without having called at a port of any Commonwealth country in the Caribbean since midnight on census day.

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Class of  
persons to  
give  
information.

4. On the taking of the census the information with respect to persons referred to in regulation 3 shall be furnished—

- (a) by every adult person with respect to himself/herself and all children or other persons for whom he/she may be responsible and who pass census night in Guyana
- (b) any householder or any other responsible member of the household with respect to himself/herself and all other persons who pass census night on the premises of that household;
- (c) by the proprietor or manager of every hotel boarding house, boarding school, orphanage, hostel or other similar institution or any person thereunto duly authorised by the proprietor or manager with respect to all persons who pass census night on the premises of those places;
- (d) by the person in charge of every public or private hospital, nursing home, almshouse, house for the aged and infirm, religious or charitable home or other similar institution with respect to all persons who pass census night on the premises of those places;
- (e) by the officer in charge of every prison, police station, lock-up or other place of detention with respect to all persons who pass census night on the premises of those places;

- (f) by the officer or other person appointed for the purpose in pursuance of arrangements made between the Statistician and the Chief of Staff of the Guyana Defence Force with respect to all the persons belonging to the Guyana Defence Force, and any other person who passes census night in any barrack, station or other premises under military, naval or air force discipline; or
- (g) by the master of every ship or boat described in the regulation 3(b) and (c) with respect to all persons who pass census night aboard that ship or boat.

Particulars to be given.

5. The particulars to be furnished on the taking of the Census shall be as follows—

- (a) in respect of every person- the name, relationship to householder, sex, age, the place of birth and usual place of residence, years of residence, ethnicity, religion, disability status, and educational attainment;
- (b) in respect of every person fifteen years and upwards- marital status, vocational training, the main economic activity; engaged in during the past week, occupational status during the past week, the main type of job or occupation engaged in during the past week, the industry or type of business engaged in during the past week, the total number of hours worked during the past week, and the main economic activity engaged in during the past twelve months;
- (c) in respect of all females fourteen to fifty-

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four years the total number of children born alive and of these the number still alive, the number of still births, the number of live births and still births during the past twelve months and the survival status of the child in the case of the former, the age of the mother at the birth of the first live born child, and at the birth of the last live born child and the type and duration of union;

- (d) in respect of every private dwelling house – the type of dwelling, tenancy, water supply, toilet facilities, the materials of the outer walls, the number of rooms, the lighting, year the dwelling was built, fuel used for cooking, garbage disposal facilities, number of durable household appliances, environmental issues, number of persons died in the household during the past twelve months, number of women who died in the household during the past twelve months due to childbirth, victims of crime in the household during the past twelve months, and number of out migrants from the household during the past five years and some basic profile of the migrants.
- (e) such information as the Statistician or authorised officer may consider necessary for the purposes of the census.

Enumeration districts.

6. The Statistician shall divide Guyana into enumeration districts for the purposes of the census.

Appointment of regional census coordinators, area

7. The Statistician may appoint—

- (a) regional census coordinators to manage the

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coordinators,  
supervisors  
and  
enumerators.

preparation and execution of the census within a specific region or part thereof;

- (b) area coordinators to train and supervise an assigned section of a particular region to ensure supervisors and enumerators execute their duties.
  - (c) supervisors to supervise enumerators in the execution of their duties, and a supervisor may be appointed for one or more enumeration districts;
  - (c) enumerators to collect census information and an enumerator may be assigned to one or more enumeration districts. This is dependent on the size of the enumeration districts.
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