



## **EXPRESS RESULTS FROM BULGARIAN POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2011**

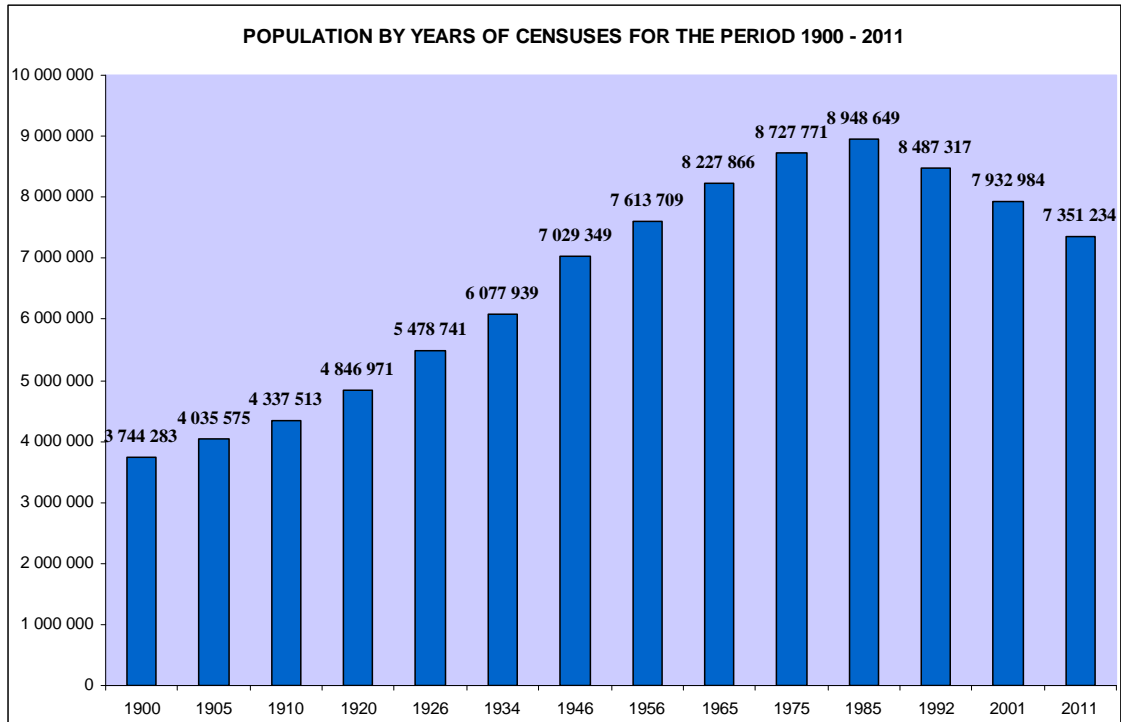
On April 5, 2011 the express data on population by districts and municipalities from the Population and Housing Census in Bulgaria were presented.

The 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive population census in the demographic history of Bulgaria took place from February 1 to February 28, 2011. For the first time Bulgaria conducted a census as a country - member of EU.

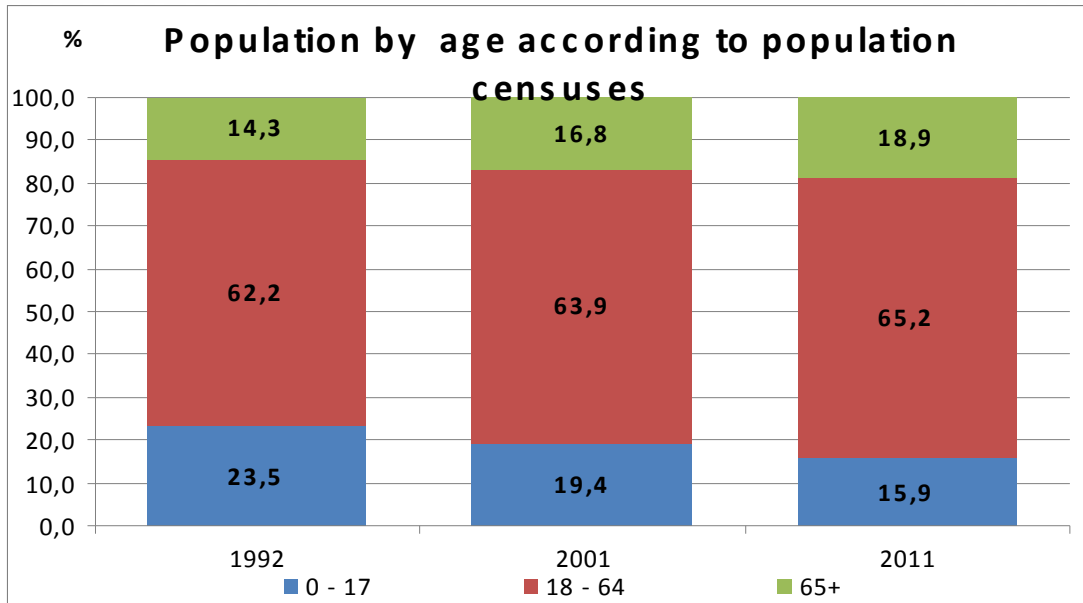
- February 1 - 9, 2011 - an internet census was conducted for the first time
- February 10 - 28, 2011 - the census was conducted by visits of vote counters

According to express results of Census 2011:

- The country's population is 7,351,234 people.
- The number of counted dwellings was 3,898,688, on the average 1.9 people live in one dwelling.
- For the past 10 years (since the previous census in 2001 till now) the population has decreased by 581,750 people.



- Two thirds (67%) of the decrease in population is due to negative natural growth (more deaths than persons born) and one third (33%) due to emigration. In other words, Bulgarian population has decreased by 389,087 people due to the larger number of deaths than births and by 192,663 people due to emigration.
- By comparison, during the previous ten year period between censuses from 1992 to 2001, the country's population has decreased by 554,333 people. Of these, 344,697 are due to negative natural growth and 217,809 due to emigration.
- Total for the period 1992-2011, 410,472 people have emigrated from the country
- Nearly three quarters (72.9%) of the population lives in cities and the remaining one-quarter (27.1%) in villages.
- There is an upward process of demographic aging, which is expressed in the reduction of the number and proportion of population under 18 years of age on the one hand and increase of the number and proportion of population over 65 years on the other hand.



- As per 01.02.2011, the ratio by sex is 1000 men to 1053 women. Women in Bulgaria are 3,770,897 (51%), men - 3,580,337 people (49%).
- Sofia - city region has the largest population - 1,359,520 people, followed by Plovdiv region - 671,918 people. These are the two regions with a population over 500 000 people, 27.6 percent of the population lives there, respectively 18.5% in Sofia - city and 9.1% in Plovdiv region.