

## **The objective of the census**

A national census provides the most detailed information on the numbers in the population, its territorial spread, socio-demographic and professional structures, and the socio-economic specificity of households and families, as well as their resources and dwelling conditions at all levels of the country's territorial division: national, regional, and local. Considerable weight in the 2011 National Census is attached to acquiring knowledge on the changes in demographic and social processes, inter alia, due to the increased migration after Polish accession to the European Union. The results of the census are directly applicable to the needs of public statistics as a basis for creating sampled frames to be employed in later sample surveys conducted on a sample of households.

In the census scheduled to be conducted in 2011 it will be important to obtain information about issues that were covered by the census in 2002. It is still necessary to conduct comparative analyses of developments over time and to describe the changes that have occurred in demographic, social and economic processes, in terms of: population, dwellings and buildings status, and households and families, in relation to housing conditions. The planned approach will allow the completion of time series and comparison with results from previous censuses.