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*Using the national population census to improve official  
statistics on stateless persons in the Kyrgyz Republic*



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# Legal framework

- Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Citizenship of the Kyrgyz Republic"
- Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On External Migration"
- Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On the Legal Status of Foreign Citizens in the Kyrgyz Republic"
- Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Acts of Civil Status"

*The legislation of the KR does not provide for the provision of an international standard:*

- National legislation ensures that quantitative data on stateless persons is publicly available (*from the Global Plan of Action to End Statelessness 2014-24, UNHCR, paragraph 10). UNHCR, Paragraph 10)*





## Population census - source of data on stateless persons

*Population and Housing Census of the Kyrgyz Republic 2022 (from March 25 to April 3, 2022).*

- Model block of questions on labor migration developed for EAEU and CIS member states
- Collection of information on stateless persons: by gender, age, nationality, level of education, employment and other categories.

*Monitoring of SDG 16.9.1 indicators in the CD:*

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- "Proportion of children under five whose births were registered with civil authorities, by age."







## UNHCR support in Kyrgyzstan to prevent the spread of COVID-19 during the census

- Provision of personal protective equipment for census staff and consumables for conducting training sessions for census staff





# Basic census enumeration units

- **Person** - a citizen of the KR, a foreign citizen and a *stateless person* permanently (usually) residing or temporarily staying in the territory of the KR, as well as temporarily absent at the time of the population count.
- **Stateless person** - a person who is not a citizen of the Kyrgyz Republic and has no proof of his/her belonging to the citizenship of another state.
- **Asylum seekers** - persons who wish to be admitted to the country as refugees and are awaiting a decision on their *asylum* claims in accordance with available international and national legislation.





# Census questionnaires

## **The permanent (usually) resident population includes:**

- All citizens of the KR, foreign citizens and *stateless persons* permanently (usually) residing in the republic, **who at** the time of the population count were at their place of residence (place of stay) in the territory of the KR.
- Foreign citizens and *stateless persons* who came to the KR for work, study or other purposes for a period of 1 year or more.
- Persons who arrived within 12 months prior to the census, with the intention to stay for at least 1 year, as well as those who *arrived in search of asylum but have not yet obtained a residence permit* if their stay in the KR is 1 year or more.







# Census questionnaires

## Question: Your country of citizenship

Citizenship is defined as a person's legally established belonging to a State

*Persons without citizenship: code 999 "stateless"*

**Form 2** "Census Questionnaire - Population"

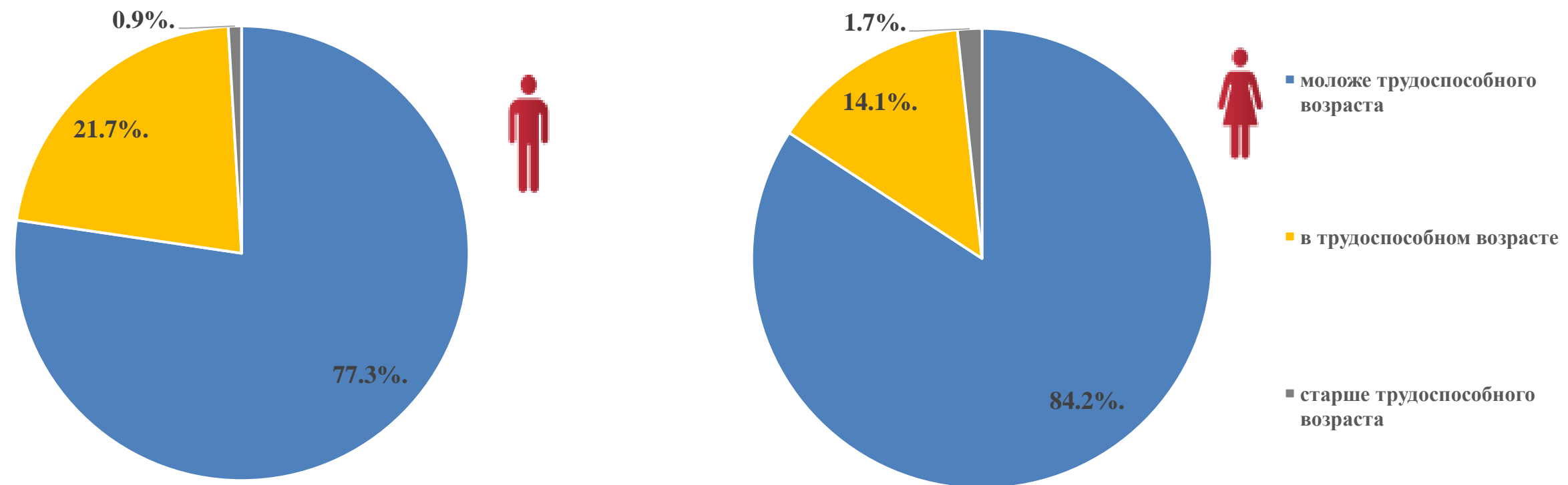
**Form 4** "Census form - Former household members currently living abroad"

**Form 5** "Census List - Temporarily staying (residing) on the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic, staying in a collective residence institution, etc.".





## Structure of the stateless population by age and gender, *in %*



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Note on age categories:

- *Younger than working age* - children and adolescents aged 0-15 years old
- *At working age* - men 16-62 years old and women 16-57 years old
- *Older working age* - men 63 years and older, women 58 years and older







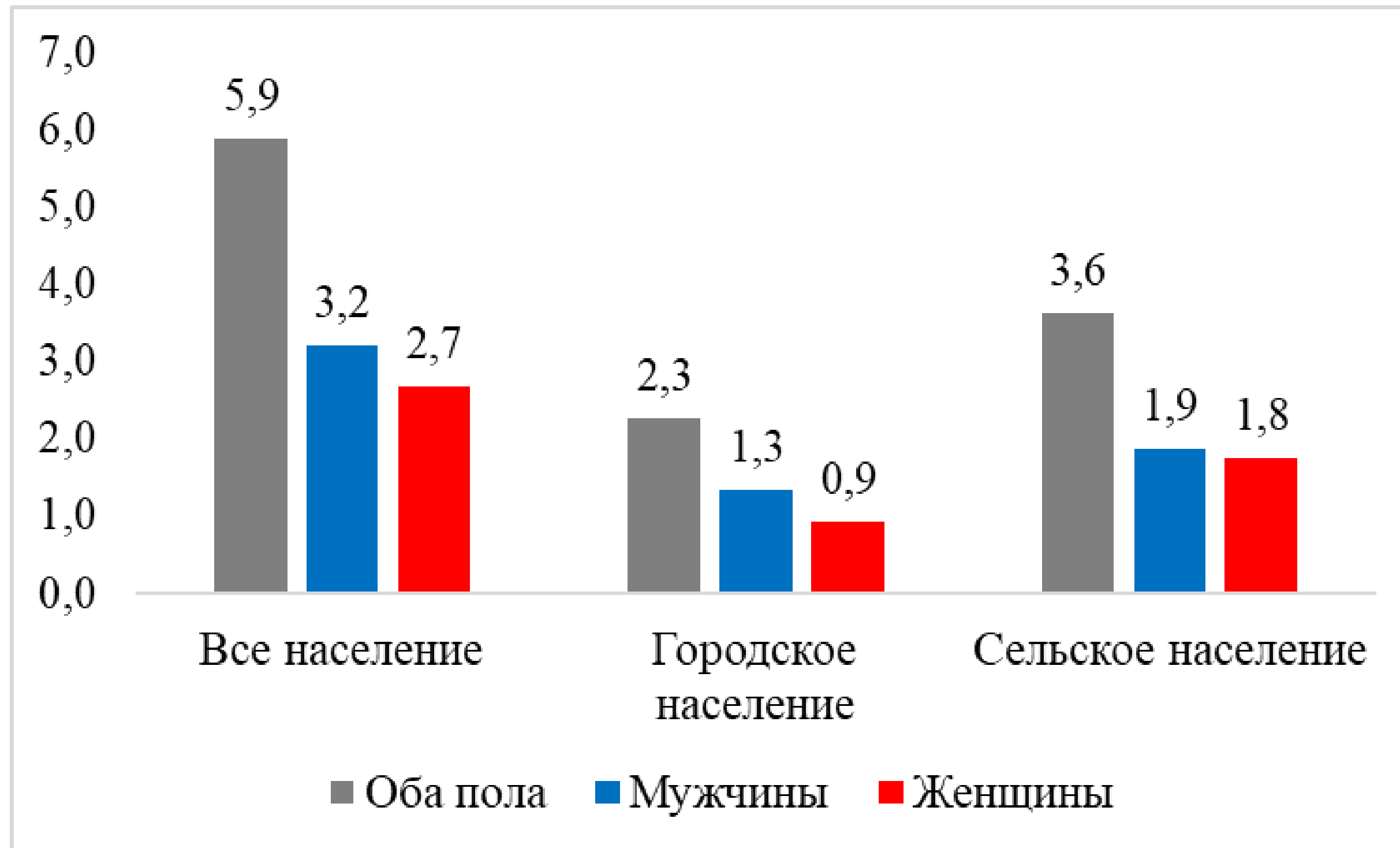
## Distribution of stateless population by sex, age groups and duration of residence in the Kyrgyz Republic

	Всего	Мужчины	Женщины	Из общего числа проживают с рождения		
				Всего	Мужчины	Женщины
<b>Всего проживают в КР лиц без гражданства, человек</b>	<b>5 887</b>	<b>3 203</b>	<b>2 684</b>	<b>4 997</b>	<b>2 651</b>	<b>2 346</b>
моложе трудоспособного	4 737	2 477	2 260	4431	2317	2114
в трудоспособном возрасте	1 074	696	378	531	320	211
старше трудоспособного	76	30	46	35	14	21
<i>Удельный вес в общем числе лиц без гражданства, в %</i>	<i>100,0</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>54,4</i>	<i>100,0</i>	<i>82,8</i>	<i>87,4</i>





## Distribution of stateless persons by sex and place of residence, *thousand persons*





## Distribution of the population aged 15 years and older who have lived continuously for 1 year or more in another country, by reasons for arrival in the Kyrgyz Republic

	Total	including:								
		Work	Study	Family circumstances	Medical treatment, rehabilitation	Return to previous place of residence	Change of housing conditions	Searching for shelter	Environmental disasters and natural disasters	Another reason
<i>Total continuously residing for 1 year or more in another country</i>	156 545	17 253	14 549	58 269	422	46 431	8 281	1 310	158	9 872
under working age	8 945	42	372	6 466	21	1 019	537	72	12	404
working age	122 459	15 754	13 502	42 334	285	36 418	6 200	998	123	6 845
over working age	25 141	1 457	675	9 469	116	8 994	1 544	240	23	2 623





*Thank you for your attention!*



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