

Statistical secrets and the protection of personal data

In accordance with the provisions of Acts quoted in § 1, all individual and personal data collected in the census, are confidential and under special protection. They are also covered by statistical secrets in line with rules set out in Article 10 of the Act on public statistics [4] and the Act on the protection of personal data [5]. Data obtained in the census can be used exclusively for reports, breakdowns, and statistical analyses, and for the updating of the sampled frame for surveys conducted by public statistics services. The provision or use of data obtained in the census for purposes other than those specified, is prohibited, under pain of criminal liability.

Persons responsible for the preparation, obtaining, and formulation of census results are strictly obliged not to reveal statistical secrets, and can only be admitted to these duties after undergoing training, being advised on the statistical secrets, and submitting the following written obligation:

"I hereby oblige to perform my duties for public statistics with due diligence, observing the statistician's professional ethics, and to keep confidential the individual data of third persons obtained in the performance of these duties." (Art. 12 of the Act on public statistics [3]).

Revealing statistical secrets results in legal consequences specified in Articles 54 and 55 of the Act on public statistics. Additionally, persons participating in Census 2011 are obliged to conform to the provisions of the Act on the protection of personal data.