



Prezentarea numărului revizuit al populației Republicii Moldova, inclusiv date despre migrație

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REVISED POPULATION ESTIMATES AND DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

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High reliability of revised estimates



1. **Reliable basis:** estimates from the 2014 Census properly corrected using state of the art statistical methodology
2. **Updated definitions:** population estimates are now based on internationally agreed definitions (place of usual residence)
3. **Accurate and realistic estimates of international migration** developed based on a solid basis
4. **Improved births and deaths statistics**

The basis: 2014 census corrected estimates



- The 2014 census had high undercount in Chisinau and light undercount in the rest of the country
- **The undercount was corrected** using a Post Enumeration Survey and **state of the art statistical methodology**
- The results are **highly reliable estimates of the population at the time of the census** to replace the “overinflated” previous RM population estimates

Alignment with recommended definitions



- **Place of usual residence** (the place where a person spends most of the year) has been adopted for population estimates and international migration calculations
- **RM aligns with internationally recommended definitions allowing full comparability with other countries**

International migration estimates

- Based on a solid basis: the border-cross recording of entrances and exits to/from RM
- For each individual it was possible to calculate accurately how much time was spent abroad/in-RM
- Migration estimates calculated using international recommended definitions
- For the **first time** in many years **RM** has a **full and realistic picture of migration flows** in and out the country

Improved births and deaths statistics



- Births and deaths statistics now calculated on the basis of date of occurrence (and not date of registration)
- Births taking place in RM but not directly registered (only **transcribed**) in the civil registration to mothers declaring to live in RM **have been added** (after it was discovered their number increased lately – resulted in increasing the yearly number of births by about 5%).

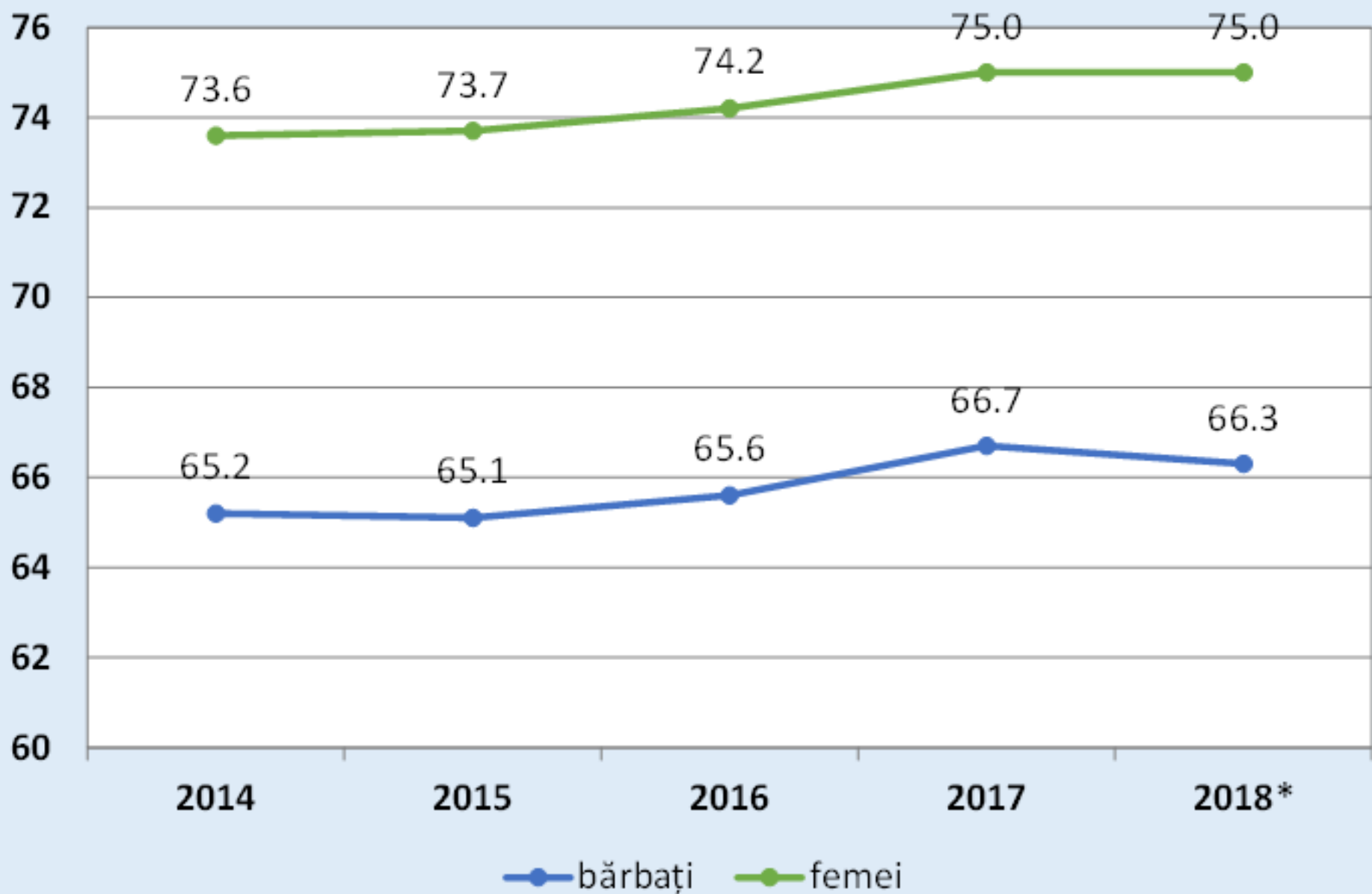
The result: **highly reliable statistics**

From now on NBS will be able to provide much better and reliable statistics for policy design, funding, monitoring & evaluation, planning and research

In the next months NBS will gradually update remaining social and economic indicators that depend on the revised population estimates

Some additional comments

- Migration is a **key issue** in RM
- **Moldovans are intensively involved in international migration in both directions** challenging existent migration definitions and concepts
- Migration should not only be measured in terms of the net migratory balance: **high exposure of RM inhabitants to other cultures and countries may have extremely positive implications** and open new opportunities in the future



Main remaining tasks

- Calculate **additional social and economic indicators** based on the revised population estimates
- Further **improve international migration calculations**
- Calculate disaggregated net international and internal migration estimates at detailed geographic resolution
- **Reconstruct backwards statistical time series** by revising previous population estimates (before 2014)

Main conclusion

The Revised Population Estimates are an **enormous contribution to RM statistical system** by providing a much more **accurate and realistic picture of RM demographic situation**

Accumulated expertise will allow NBS to keep the quality and further improve additional indicators in the very near future

**Thanks for your
attention**