

Disability Studies

Country

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Background

- Total Country Area: 163,820 km²
- Total population: 487,024 (2004 Census)
- Institutional Population: 6,768 (2004 Census)

The Suriname government together with the Bureau of Statistics organized two Censuses within two years.

First one

- Was held on the 31th of March 2003 ,called “The Sixth Census”

Second one

- Was held on the 2th of August 2004, called “The Seventh Census”

Sixth Census

Due to the fire that destroyed the Bureau of Statistics on the 5th of August 2003 all the data gathered at the Sixth Census, hardly processed, is lost.

Questionnaire Sixth Census

In the questionnaire of the Sixth Census two disability questions were incorporated. The questions were as follow:

- 1 Does this person suffer from a chronic or other disease?
- 2 Does this person have a handicap?

Seventh Census

- The year 2004 was the last year of the UNITED Nations 2000 Census Decennium to collect census data. So it was decided to do another census under the name “Seventh General Population and Housing Census”. The reference period was August 2, 2004.
- Because of the response burden, some questions of the Sixth Census were excluded, such as the disability questions.

Data availability

□ **The fifth census held in 1980.**

This census shows us that 2.8 % of the population was disable

By kind, the division of disability was;

- physical 28%
- psychiatric 20%
- deaf 8%
- blind 11%
- other kind of sensory 3%
- Multiple 9%
- Disability Unknown 19%by

Data availability continue

□ **The Disability Study in the Last quarter of 2004**

This study was done by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Housing and the NARG.

- . Sample: 100 persons was drawn out of the administrative records of persons with a disability
- . Area: the two districts Paramaribo and Wanica

The purpose of this study had to do with;

- The social-economic situation of persons with a disability
- The special needs of this group

The characteristics measured in this study are:

- **demographic characteristics such as date of birth and place, age, sex, religion, ethnic group, also**
- **education level**
- **kind of disability**
- **type of living**
- **kind of social benefits**
- **health facilities**
- **income and expenditure**

Up till now the results are not available yet

There is in Suriname special
need for a special study on this
subject

The end

