

ALBANIA

Region: Europe and Central Asia

Income group: Upper-middle income

Summary: Albania has reported 3 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are two survey-based sources such as the *Population and Housing Census* and *Labour Force Survey*, which are carried out by the Institute of Statistics and one administrative record of the *Payroll File* held by the General Directorate of Taxation.

Geographically all of the sources cover whole country, however different population groups such as:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the Population and Housing Census and the Labour Force Survey),*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the Population and Housing Census and the Labour Force Survey, and the Payroll File),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Population and Housing Census), and*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Population and Housing Census and the Payroll File).*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The *Population and Housing Census* in Albania was last processed in 2011. The *Labour Force Survey* is carried out on continuously basis starting from 2007. The *Payroll File* collects the data every three months starting from 2015. Both survey based sources cover persons aged 15 years and older.

The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the surveys are age, gender, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. In the *Payroll File*, the data on age and sex also can be found. The *Population and Housing Census* and the *Labour Force Survey* provide statistics on the country of birth, country of citizenship, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. The *Payroll File* contain questions on the nationality and foreign workers in the country. Information on the household members who left to live abroad is collected by the survey based sources. For the *Population and Housing Census* this information is related to persons left to live abroad for at least 12 months or less but with the intention to stay for more than 12 months. In the *Labour Force Survey* if a household member left Albania, information is collected for the month/year of departure, main reason for leaving, and destination country. Labour related characteristics, such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and hours usually worked are available in the surveys. Data on disability can be found in the *Population and Housing Census*. The administrative record generate statistics on occupation and individual earnings of persons examined in the record.

Definitions of “*employment*” are applied in source. The classifications used for occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in the surveys are internationally adapted classifications.

Micro data files from the surveys are available for research and analysis outside the INSTAT free of charge.

Metadata sources:

Type of source	Name of the source	Agency Responsible	Periodicity of data collection	Year the source started	Year of the last source
Q1. Population Census	Population and Housing Census 2011	Institute of Statistics (INSTAT)	-	-	2011
Q2. Household Survey	Labour Force Survey	Institute of Statistics (INSTAT)	Continuously	2007	-
Q6. Administrative Sources	Payroll File	General Directorate of Taxation	Every 3 months	2015	-

Findings:

The latest *Population and Housing Census* in the Albania was carried out in 2011 by the Institute of Statistics covering the country's entire population. There are four population groups examined in the *Population and Housing Census*:

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country,*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, even if arrived recently, and*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country.*

The *Population and Housing Census* obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of these population groups. The questions raised in the assessment on the topic of international migration related characteristics, comprise of country of birth, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. Statistics on household members that have left the country to live abroad in the last 12 months or less but with the intention to stay for more than 12 months are collected in the source. The following characteristics of these persons are outlined:

- Name,
- Sex,
- Main reason for leaving, and
- Age at present.

In addition to demographic characteristics, the *Population and Housing Census* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 15 years and older such as:

- Employment status,
- Occupation,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Hours usually worked, and
- Disability.

The *Population and Housing Census* contains questions, which help to collect information on immigrants and return migrants such as: 'Have you ever lived outside this country?' and 'When did you arrive to this country?'

“Employment” includes all persons aged 15 years and older, that during the week before the census day did any work for pay or profit, or were not working but had jobs from which they were temporarily absent for reasons such as maternity leave, sickness or temporary incapable to work, being trained directly connected with their actual work, etc.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in Albania, internationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO - 08 (where one digit is used to release the data);
- ISIC Rev 4 (Nomenclature of Economic Activities NACE rev 2) (where one digit is used to release the data);
- ICSE - 1993; and
- ISCED - 2011.

Three percent of micro-data files on population groups covered by the **Population and Housing Census** are available in the INSTAT website for all the users who know how to use the SPSS free of charge.

The **Labour Force Survey** in Albania commenced in 2007, and is held continuously by the Institute of Statistics. A completed sample size of the examination is 5,040 households with 12,490 individuals. It geographically measures the whole country covering two following population groups aged 15 years and over.

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country, and*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country.*

The **Labour Force Survey** retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household. Questions raised on the international migration comprise of country of birth, country of citizenship, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, and nationality. Information on the household members who left Albania is collected for a month and year of leaving Albania, main reason for leaving and to which country did he/she go. For the population groups assessed in the survey, the data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for:

- Employment status,
- Occupation,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment, and
- Hours usually worked.

The household survey questionnaire includes questions on the following possible benefits that may be received from employer:

- Unemployment benefits,
- Paid vacation, and
- Health insurance or subsidized health care.

The source contains question, which help to collect information on immigrants and return migrants such as: *‘Have you ever lived outside this country?’*

“Employed” are considered all persons who have worked even for one hour with a respective salary or profit during the reference week. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in Albania internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO - 08 (where one digit is used to release the data);
- Nomenclature of Economic Activities, NACE rev 2 (where one digit is used to release the data);
- ICSE – 1993; and
- ISCED – 2011.

Micro data are available for research and analysis free of charge.

The register of data from private and governmental employment services is the **Payroll File** carried out by the General Directorate of Taxation every three months, starting from 2015. The source geographically appraises the whole country covering two following population groups such as:

- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country, and*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country.*

In the register, data can be found on demographic characteristics such as age and sex. Migration related characteristics accessible through the source are nationality and foreign workers in the country. Labour related characteristics include occupation, industry/economic sector, and individual earnings. To classify industry the NACE, NAICS is applied.

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: Population and Housing Census 2011

Year of last census: 2011

Agency responsible: INSTAT (Institute of Statistics)

COVERAGE

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population groups covered: Nationals (*citizens*) in the country, nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country, foreigners (*non-citizens*) living in the country, foreign workers (*non-citizens*) living in the country.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Nationals (*citizens*) in the country, nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country.

TOPICS COVERED

Demographic characteristics: Age, marital status, household size, sex, educational attainment.

International migration related characteristics: Country of birth, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.

Information about household members left to live abroad: 12 months or less but with the intention to stay for more than 12 months.

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Yes
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** No
- **Limited to those who left the household abroad within the last X years and have not returned:** No
- **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:** Name, sex, main reason for leaving, age at present.

Labour related characteristics of all current household members: Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, hours usually worked, disability.

- **Age coverage:** 15+

Remittances related characteristics: N.A.

Information on immigrants and return migrants: Persons who ever lived outside this country, period of arrival to this country.

- **Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the household last time is obtained:** N.A.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: It is defined as usual resident population according to the Census Recommendations.

Definition of employment: Employed are considered all persons aged 15 years and over, during the week before the census day, did any work for pay or profit, or were not working but had jobs from which they were temporarily absent for reasons such as maternity-leave, sickness or temporary incapable to work, being trained directly connected with their actual work, etc.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO - 08

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 1

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 4, Nomenclature of Economic Activities NACE Rev 2

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 1

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE - 1993

Classification used for status in education: ISCED - 2011

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: Face-to-face interview by census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI).

Compulsory participation of households: Yes

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: 3% of total population

Dissemination of results: Printed publications: Web site.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- **Limitations:** 3 percent of the micro data are available in the INSTAT website for all the users that know how to use SPSS.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** Free of charge.

Q2. Household Survey

SOURCE

Title of survey: Labour Force Survey

Agency responsible: INSTAT (Institute of Statistics)

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Continuously

Year the survey first started: 2007

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population groups covered: Nationals (*citizens*) in the country, nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Nationals (*citizens*) in the country, nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country.

Age coverage: 15+

TOPICS COVERED

Demographic characteristics: Age, marital status, household size, sex, educational attainment.

International migration related characteristics: Country of birth, country of citizenship, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, nationality.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** All persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** Second country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners – information is not collected.

Information about household members left to live abroad: If the household member left Albania, information is collected for the month and year of leaving Albania, main reason of leaving and to which country did he/she goes.

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Yes
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** No
- **Limited to those who left the household abroad within the last X years and have not returned:** 1st January 2014
- **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:** Name, sex, month/year of departure, main reason for leaving this country, age at present, marital status at present.

Labour related characteristics of all current household members: Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, hours usually worked.

Benefits received from the employer: Retirement pension, health insurance or subsidized health care, paid vacation.

Remittances related characteristics: No

Information on immigrants and return migrants: Persons who ever lived outside this country.

- **Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the country of residence is obtained:** N.A.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

Information on persons who left to live or work abroad (*recruitment, communication, assistance etc.*): No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: N.A.

Definition of employment: Employed are considered all persons who have worked even for one hour with a respective salary or profit during the reference week. Employed covers persons who were receiving a salary or wage while they were in on the job training.

Employed are also considered all persons temporarily not at work during the reference week for some reasons: (1) maternity leave, illness, injury or temporary disability and expect to return to actual work; (2) salaried employees absent from work for some reasons other than the above that (a) lack of the duration is three months or less, and the person is not a seasonal worker or (b) the person takes 50 % or more salary; (3) the self-employed who intend to return to the business / farm / or professional practice; (4) workers not being paid who expect to return to work in three months or less.

People who work on their small farm, who do not sell their products, but produce only for self-consumption, are considered as employed.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO - 08

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 1

Classification used for industry: Nomenclature of Economic Activities, NACE rev 2

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 1

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE - 1993

Classification used for status in education: ISCED - 2011

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: Face-to-face computer assisted interview (CAPI).

Compulsory participation of households: Yes

Dissemination of results: Printed publications – Labour Market in Albania, 30 April; Web site – <http://www.instat.gov.al/en/themes/labour-market.aspx>

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- **Limitations:** N.A.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** The micro data files are available for all users for free.

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Population Census

Completed sample size:

- Total households – 5,040;
- Total individuals – 12,490.

Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: Yes

Q6. Administrative Sources

SOURCE

Title of source: Payroll File

Agency responsible: General Directorate of Taxation

Kind of source: Data from private and government employment services.

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Every 3 months

Year the source first started: 2015

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: Nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country, foreign workers (*non-citizens*) living in the country.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** N.A.

Age coverage: N.A.

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex.

Migration related characteristics: Nationality, foreign workers in the country.

Labour related characteristics: Occupation, industry/economic sector, individual earnings.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: N.A.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

Definition of short-term migrant worker: N.A.

Definition of a national (citizen) living abroad: N.A.

Definition of employment: N.A.

Definition of individual earnings: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: N.A.

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** N.A.

Classification used for industry: NACE, NAICS

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** N.A.

Classification used for status in employment: N.A.

Classification used for status in education: N.A.

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Compulsory registration for the population groups covered: N.A.

Official estimate of coverage rate: N.A.

Dissemination of results: N.A.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency: No