ALGERIA

Region: Africa

Income group: Upper-middle income

Summary: Algeria has reported 4 metadata sources, which collect information on international migration statistics. There are two census based sources such as the *General Census of Population and Housing* and *Economic Census*, which are carried out by the National Statistics Office. There are also two administrative records, such as *Trans-boundary Movement Statistics* carried out by the DGNS and *Register of the Ministry of Labour and Employment* held by the Directorate-General for Employment and Integration - Directorate for Employment Regulation.

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

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the **General Census of Population and Housing**),*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the **General Census of Population and Housing**),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the **General Census of Population and Housing**),*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the **General Census of Population and Housing** and the **Register in the Ministry of Labour and Employment**),*
- *Entry nationals returning from residence abroad (covered by the **Trans-boundary Movement Statistics**),*
- *Exit nationals going abroad to live (covered by the **Trans-boundary Movement Statistics**),*
- *Exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc. (covered by the **Trans-boundary Movement Statistics**),*
- *Foreigners entering country to live (covered by the **Trans-boundary Movement Statistics**),*
- *Foreigners entering country for temporary purposes, such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc. (covered by the **Trans-boundary Movement Statistics**), and*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The *General Census of Population and Housing* was last processed in 2008; the *Economic Census* was carried out in 2011; the *Trans-boundary Movement Statistics* is carried out continuously; the *Register of the Ministry of Labour and Employment* is monthly carried from 2011.

Age coverage also varies depending on the type of sources. The *General Census of Population and Housing* cover persons aged 5 years and older, whereas administrative records comprise population groups of all ages.

The two essential demographic characteristics covered by all the sources are age and sex. Other demographics topics such as marital status, educational attainment, and household size are available from various sources.

International migration related characteristics vary depending on the sources. Country of birth, country of citizenship, and nationality are covered in various sources. The *Trans-boundary Movement Statistics* covers country entering from, reason for coming to country, and country of destination and the *Register of the Ministry of Labour and Employment* collects year of arrival, reason for departure, nationality, foreign workers in the country, country of previous residence, time period allowed to stay, and year of departure. The *General Census of Population and Housing* asks information about household members and their characteristics who left to live, work or study abroad for the last five years.

Labour related characteristics such as employment status and occupation are generated in all the sources except to the *Economic Census*. The *General Census of Population and Housing* and the *Trans-boundary movement statistics* also cover industry/economic sector. Data on individual earnings can be found in the register.

Definitions of *"international migrant workers", "short-term migrant workers", "employment", "individual earnings", "overseas visitor",* and *"country of residence"* are applied in the sources. Definition of *"employment"* used in the *General Census of Population and Housing* is the standard ILO definition.

To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education internationally adapted classifications are used in the **General Census of Population and Housing**. The **Economic Census** applies an internationally adapted classification of industry. The register uses a nationally adjusted classification of occupation.

Micro data files from the **General Census of Population and Housing** and the **Economic Census** are available for research and analysis at different costs or for free.

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	General Census of Population and Housing	National Statistics Office	-	-	2008
Q3. Border/Admission Statistics	Trans-boundary Movement Statistics (MTF)	DGNS	Continuously	-	-
Q4. Establishment Survey	Economic Census	National Statistics Office	Irregularly	2011	2011
Q6. Administrative Sources	Register of the Ministry of Labour and Employment	Directorate-General for Employment and Integration - Directorate for Employment Regulation	Monthly	2011	-

Findings:

The latest **General Census of Population and Housing** was processed in 2008 by the National Statistics Office covering the whole country. There are population groups examined in the Census:

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

The **General Census of Population and Housing** obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of these population groups, such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. The questions on international migration related characteristics are country of birth, and country of citizenship. In addition to the characteristics, the **General Census of Population and Housing** asks information about household members who left to live, work or study abroad for the last five years, such as:

- Name,
- Month/Year of departure,
- Sex,
- Age at time of leaving household,
- Marital status at time of leaving,

- Education at time of leaving, and
- Employment status at time of leaving.

The *General Census of Population and Housing* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged five years and over, such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, and status in employment.

"*Employment*" is a person who works or has a remunerative activity in cash or in kind at least 1 hour during the reference week. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education, both internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- ISCO-08;
- National adaptation of ISIC;
- National adaptation of ICSE ; and
- National adaptation of ISCED.

Micro data from the source are available for research and analysis outside the agency.

The *Border/Admission Statistics* are covered by the *Trans-boundary Movement Statistics.* The DGNS continuously collects data covering the following population groups of all ages.

- *Entry nationals returning from residence abroad,*
- *Exit nationals going abroad to live,*
- *Exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.,*
- *Foreigners entering country to live, and*
- *Foreigners entering country for temporary purposes, such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.*

The Statistics cover data on demographic characteristics such as age, sex, and marital status. Data on the following international migration related characteristics are presented through the source:

- Country of citizenship,
- Country entering from,
- Reason for coming to country, and
- Country of destination.

The source accumulates on labour related characteristics such as employment status, occupation, and industry/economic sector.

"*Overseas visitor*" refers to the entry into the national territory of a person having a nationality other than Algerian and within the framework of tourism, visit of business, missionary, etc. "*Country of residence*" is state of a person residing in a country which is not his country of origin.

Micro data are unavailable for research and analysis outside the agency.

The *Economic Census* was last carried out in 2011 by the National Statistics Office.

The statistics are collected irregularly, the last was carried out in 2011 starting from 2011, geographically covering the whole country. The Census appraises all economic establishments of any size and covers the following topics for the establishment:

- Industry/economic sector, and
- Number of employees

The questions raised in the assessment on the topic of demographic and international migration related characteristics are age, sex, country of birth, and nationality. The **_Economic Census_** collects status in employment for labour related characteristics. To classify industry, ISIC Rev.4 is applied in the source.

Micro data is available for research and analysis outside the agency at approximately 1.7 billion Algerian Dinars.

The record of the **_Ministry of Labour and Employment Health_** is carried out by the Directorate-General for Employment and Integration -Directorate for Employment Regulation every month starting from 2011. The source appraises the whole country and collects data on a population group of _foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country_ of all ages.

In the register, data can be found on demographic characteristics such as age, sex, marital status, and educational attainment. International migration related characteristics accessible through the source are such as:

- Country of birth,
- Year of arrival,
- Reason for departure,
- Country of citizenship,
- Nationality,
- Foreign workers in the country,
- Country of previous residence,
- Time period allowed to stay,
- Year of departure, and
- Time period allowed to stay.

In the source, the data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for employment status, individual earnings, and occupation.

"**_International migrant workers_**" refer to foreign workers who has a nationality other than Algerian nationality or who has no nationality, and is bound by an employment contract in accordance with the labour legislation in force. "**_Short-term migrant workers_**" comprised temporary foreign workers who are working less than 3 months. "**_Employment_**" covers any worker employed in the national territory. "**_Individual earnings_**" refer to remuneration.

To classify occupation, nationally adapted classifications are applied, such as Algerian Nomenclature of Jobs and Trades (NAME).

Micro data is unavailable for research and analysis outside the agency.

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: General Census of Population and Housing

Year of last census: 2008

Agency responsible: National Statistics Office

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, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country

TOPIC COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: Country of birth, country of citizenship

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics**:
  - **Country of birth**: All persons
  - **Country of citizenship**: All persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.

Information about household members left to live abroad: Yes (For the last five years)

- **Information refers to the last time the person left**: Yes
- **Limited to certain age or work status**: No
- **Limited to those who left the household abroad within the last X years and have not returned**: Yes (Five years)
- **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad**: Name, Month/Year of departure, sex, age at time of leaving household, marital status at time of leaving, education at time of leaving, employment status at time of leaving

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

- **Age coverage**: 5+

Remittances related characteristics: N.A.

Information on immigrants and return migrants: No

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

Data collected and not published/disseminated: Yes

- **Number and name of question not published**: C2.The characteristics of international migration
- **Reason not published**: Under estimation

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

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

Definition of employment: An employed person is a person who works or has a remunerative activity in cash or in kind. Persons who have worked permanently at least 1 hour during the reference week are considered occupied including the following categories:

1) Persons on leave of absence for annual leave, recovery leave, etc.
2) Persons who pursue their studies while exercising a remunerative activity.
3) The beneficiaries of a retirement pension but who work.
4) Persons on sick leave of short duration less than 3 months
5) Persons seconded by their employers' organizations for short-term training (in Algeria or abroad) or long-term training (in Algeria) provided they reside in Algeria.
6) People who perform their national service.
7) Apprentices and caregivers
8) Seasonal employees of construction sites.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO-08

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

Classification used for industry: National adaptation of ISIC

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

Classification used for status in employment: National adaptation of ICSE

Classification used for status in education: National adaptation of ISCED

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: Yes

- **Under-coverage rate of total population**: 0.05%

Dissemination of results: Printed publications (- Statistical Collection N ° 142/2008 entitled: RGPH 2008 the main results of the survey on 1 / 10th; - Statistical Collection N ° 156 entitled: Birth, Fertility and Reproduction in Algeria - RGPH 08 - by wilaya; - Statistical Collection N ° 157 entitled: Education and Schooling in Algeria -R.G.P.H 2008-; - Statistical Collection N ° 159 entitled: Intergovernmental Internal Migration RGPH 2008; - Statistical Collection N ° 160 entitled: Natatlity, Fertility and reproduction in Algeria - RGPH 2008 - by commune; - Statistical Collection No. 162 entitled: Development of agglomerations RGPH 1987/1998/2008; - Statistical Collection No. 163 entitled Armature urbaine RGPH 2008;   - Statistical Collection N ° 169 code of agglomerations RGPH 2008); electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.); Web site (http://www.ons.dz)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- **Limitations**: According to specific needs.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data**: N.A.

Q3. Border/Admission Statistics

SOURCE

Title of source: Trans-boundary Movement Statistics "MTF"

Agency responsible: DGNS

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Continuously

Year the statistics first started: N.A.

Population coverage: Entry nationals returning from residence abroad, exit nationals going abroad to live, exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc., foreigners entering country to live; foreigners entering country for temporary purposes such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered**: Entry nationals returning from residence abroad, exit nationals going abroad to live; exit nationals leaving for temporary purposes such as for tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc., foreigners entering country to live, foreigners entering country for temporary purposes; such as tourism, shopping, visiting, business, etc.

Age coverage: All ages

CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS COVERED

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex, marital status

Migration related characteristics: Country of citizenship, country entering from, reason for coming to country, country of destination

Labour related characteristics: Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector

Data collected and not published/disseminated: Yes

- **Number and name of question not published**: C3
- **Reason not published**: Canvas of predefined statistics according to the needs of the hierarchy (central structure)

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of overseas visitor: It refers to the entry into the national territory of a person having a nationality other than Algerian and within the framework of tourism, visit of business, missionary, etc.

Definition of country of residence: It refers to state of a person residing in a country which is not his country of origin.

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: N.A.

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

Classification used for industry: N.A.

- **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

Data collection method: Collection and consolidation of data by the different structures

Dissemination of results: Printed publication (Statistical statements transmitted to the hierarchy over a given period.)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: No

SOURCE

Title of source: Economic Census

Year of last one: 2011

Agency responsible: National Statistics Office

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Irregularly, the last was carried out in 2011

Year the census first started: 2011

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Establishment coverage (size and type): All economic establishments of any size

Industry coverage: Agriculture, forestry and fishing; mining and quarrying; manufacturing; electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply; water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities; construction; wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; transportation and storage; accommodation and food service activities; information and communications; financial and insurance activities; real estate activities; professional, scientific and technical activities; administrative and support service activities; public administration and defence, compulsory social security; education; human health and social work activities; arts, entertainment and recreation; other service activities.

DATA COLLECTED ON WORKERS IN THE ESTABLISMENT CENSUS

Demographic and migration related characteristics: Age, sex, country of birth, nationality.

Labour related characteristics: Status in employment

Topics for the establishment: Industry/economic sector, number of employees

Data collected and not published/disseminated: Yes

- **Number and name of question not published:** N.A.
- **Reason not published:** The amount of information collected is very important. The most common statistics are published. The remainder of the data shall be provided on request.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

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

Definition of employment: N.A.

Definition of wages: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: N.A.

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

Classification used for industry: ISIC Rev.4

- **Number of digits used to release industry data**: 2

Classification used for status in employment: N.A.

Classification used for status in education: N.A.

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

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

Compulsory participation of respondents: Yes

Official estimation of under-coverage: N.A.

- **Adjustment for estimated under-coverage:** No

Dissemination of results: Printed publications (Statistical Collection N ° 172 - First Economic Census 2011, final results of the first phase, July 2012); electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.); web site (www.ons.dz)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- **Limitations:** The Statistics Act does not allow the dissemination of individual data on establishments. However, for search purposes, extractions of (anonymous) file parts are possible
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data**: Approximately 1.7 billion Algerian Dinars.

Q6. Administrative Sources

SOURCE

Title of source: Ministry of Labour and Employment Health

Agency responsible: Directorate-General for Employment and Integration - Directorate for Employment Regulation

Kind of source: Register of migrant workers

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Every one month

Year the source first started: 2011

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered**: Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country

Age coverage: All ages

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex, marital status, educational attainment

Migration related characteristics: Country of birth, year of arrival, reason for departure, country of citizenship, nationality, foreign workers in the country, country of previous residence, time period allowed to stay, year of departure, time period allowed to stay

Labour related characteristics: Employment status, individual earnings, occupation

Data collected and not published/disseminated: Yes

- **Number and name of question not published:** Situation of activity (In employment, unemployed, students, housework, etc.), Status in the profession (employees, employers, self-employed workers, family workers collaborating in the family business), individual earnings per (time period)
- **Reason not published:** Several administrations are involved in the management of Labour migration, making it difficult to implement a genuine immigration management policy. The services of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Security Publish only the information collected from its administrative sources concerning foreign salaried workers working in the country

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: It refers to foreign workers who has a nationality other than Algerian nationality or who has no nationality, and is bound by an employment contract in accordance with the labour legislation in force.

Definition of short-term migrant workers: It refers to any foreign worker with a working relationship with less than 3 months.

Definition of a national living abroad: N.A.

Definition of employment: It refers to any worker employed in the national territory.

Definition of individual earnings: It refers to remuneration.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: Algerian Nomenclature of Jobs and Trades (NAME)

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

Classification used for industry: N.A.

- **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: Yes

Official estimate of coverage rate: Estimate coverage rate of foreign migrant workers living in the country (Coverage rate: N.A.)

Dissemination of results: No

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

Micro-data availability outside responsible agency: No