ARMENIA

**Region:** Europe and Central Asia

**Income group:** Lower-middle income

**Summary:** Armenia has reported 4 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are three survey based sources such as *Population and Housing Census*, *Integrated Survey on Living Conditions of Households*, and *Comprehensive Survey on Migration of the Population of the Republic Armenia (RA)*, which are carried out by the National Statistical Service of the Republic of Armenia. There is an administrative record, such as *The Information System of Border Control RA* held by the National Security Service under the Government of the Republic Armenia (RA.)

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*, *the Integrated Survey on Living Conditions of Households*, and *the Comprehensive Survey on Migration of the Population of the RA*),
- **Nationals (citizens) employed in the country** (covered by the *Population and Housing Census*, *the Integrated Survey on Living Conditions of Households*, and *the Comprehensive Survey on Migration of the Population of the RA*),
- **Nationals (citizens) living abroad** (covered by the *Population and Housing Census*, *the Integrated Survey on Living Conditions of Households*, and *the Comprehensive Survey on Migration of the Population of the RA*),
- **Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad** (covered by the *Integrated Survey on Living Conditions of Households* and *the Comprehensive Survey on Migration of the Population of the RA*),
- **Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country** (covered by the *Population and Housing Census* and *the Comprehensive Survey on Migration of the Population of the RA*),
- **Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country** (covered by the *Population and Housing Census* and *the Comprehensive Survey on Migration of the Population of the RA*),
- **Refugees** (covered by *Comprehensive Survey on Migration of the Population of the RA* and *the Information System of Border Control RA*),
- **Asylum seekers** (covered by the *Information System of Border Control RA*),
- **Child workers (non-citizens) in country** (covered by the *Integrated Survey on Living Conditions of Households* and *the Comprehensive Survey on Migration of the Population of the RA*), and
- **Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes** (covered by the *Information System of Border Control RA*).

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The *Population and Housing Census* in Armenia was last processed in 2011; the *Integrated Survey on Living Conditions of Households* is carried out continuously the last one was in January 2001; the *Comprehensive Survey on Migration of the Population of the RA* collects the data irregularly, the last one was in July 2013. The *Information System of Border Control RA* is carried out every month since 2011.

Except to the Border/Admission Statistics, where all ages are covered, surveys cover population groups aged 15-75 years old.

The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the surveys are age, gender, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. In the *Information System of Border Control RA*, the data on age and sex can be found. International migration characteristics collected in the surveys comprise of country of birth, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship, nationality, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, foreign workers, household members living abroad,
and remittances related characteristics. Information System of Border Control RA record generates the data on country of citizenship of persons examined.

Labour related characteristics such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, hours usually worked, individual earnings, and household income can be found in one of the surveys.

Definitions of “international migrant workers”, “nationals living abroad”, and “overseas visitors” are used in the sources. The definition of “employment” is fully consistent with the ILO recommendations.

To classify occupation and industry all the surveys apply nationally adapted classifications. To classify status in employment and education, the standard international classifications are used. Micro data files from the surveys are available for research and analysis free of charge.

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### Findings:

The latest Population and Housing Census in Armenia was carried out in 2011 by the National Statistical Service covering the country’s entire population. There are five population groups examined in the Population and Housing Census:

- **Nationals (citizens) in the country.**
- **Nationals (citizens) employed in the country.**
- **Nationals (citizens) living abroad.**
- **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, country of previous residence for foreigners, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. Information on the members aged 15-75 who used to live in the household was collected, but only the members who were absent for not more than 12 months at the time of the census (12 October 2011) were included in the population of the RA. The following characteristic of these persons are compiled in the source:

- Name,
- Month/year of departure,
- Sex,
- Main reason for leaving,
- Age at present,
- Marital status at present,
- Education at present,
- Employment status at present, and
- Occupation at present.

In addition to demographic characteristics, the Population and Housing Census covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 15-75 years:

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

Information on remittances received from household members living abroad or sent to household members living abroad, and the total amount of remittances, is collected in the census. 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?’ If the answer is yes, the census will cover the main reason for migration to this country.

“International migrant workers” are defines as foreigners aged 15-75 temporary residing in the RA and who were employed/self-employed/searching for a job from 4 to 11 October. “Nationals living abroad” are persons who permanently or for a long-term (12 months or more) resettled to another country. The definition of “employment” is fully consistent with the ILO recommendations. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in Armenia, nationally and internationally adapted classifications are used. For example:

- National adaptation of ISCO - 08 (where two digits are used to release the data);
- National adaptation of NACE rev 2 (where two digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE - 1993; and

Micro-data files are available for research and analysis outside the National Statistical Service for free.

There are two household surveys in Armenia, in which statistics on international labour migration can be found, such as:

- Integrated Survey on Living Conditions of Households and
- Comprehensive Survey on Migration of the Population of the RA.

The Integrated Survey on Living Conditions of Households in Armenia is held continuously, the last one was in January 2001, by the National Statistical Service of the RA. A completed sample size of the examination is 5,184 households, which is 19,381 individuals of which 1,197 are emigrants and 490 are return migrants. It
geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following five population groups aged 15-75 years:

- Nationals (citizens) in the country,
- Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,
- Nationals (citizens) living abroad,
- Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad, and
- Child workers (non-citizens) in the country.

The Integrated Survey on Living Conditions of Households retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household. The questions raised in the assessment on the topic of international migration related characteristics, comprise of country of birth, household members living abroad, and remittances received/sent from/to someone living abroad. Information on the household members who left to live abroad in the last three years prior to survey year is collected. The following characteristics of these persons are covered:

- Name,
- Month/year of departure,
- Sex,
- Main reason for leaving,
- Age at present,
- Marital status at present,
- Education at present,
- Employment status at present.

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,
- Individual earnings per month,
- Household income, and
- Hours usually worked.

The household survey questionnaire includes questions on unemployment benefits received from employer and retirement pension. The Integrated Survey on Living Conditions of Households 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?’ If the answer is yes, the census will cover the employment status, industry/economic sector, and reason for leaving previous country of residence for immigrants and return migrants.

Definitions of “international migrant workers”, “national living abroad”, and “employment” used in the survey are the same as in the census. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in Armenia, internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- National adaptation of ISCO - 08 (where one digit is used to release the data);
- National adaptation of NACE rev 2 (where two digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE - 1993; and

Micro data are available for research and analysis for free.

The Comprehensive Survey on Migration of the Population of the RA is held irregularly, the last one was in July 2013, by the National Statistical Service. A completed sample size of the examination is 7,890 households, which is 31,118 individuals, of which 28,899 are emigrants, 829 are return migrants, and 129 are immigrants. It
geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following eight population groups aged 15 years and older:

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

The *Integrated Survey on Living Conditions of Households* retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household. 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, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, nationality, foreign workers in the country, household members living abroad, and remittances related characteristics. Information on the household members who left to live abroad is obtained starting from those who left from 2007 until the survey start date. The following characteristics of these persons are compiled:

- Name,
- Month/year of departure,
- Sex,
- Main reason for leaving,
- Age at present,
- Marital status at present,
- Education at time of leaving,
- Education at present,
- Employment status at time of leaving,
- Employment status at present,
- Whether that person intends to return,
- Whether that person made own decision or other household members also took a decision.

For the population groups assessed in the survey, the data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for:

- Employment status,
- Industry/economic sector,
- Status in employment,
- Individual earnings per month, and
- Hours usually worked.

The household survey questionnaire 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?’* If the answer is yes, the survey will cover the employment status, status in employment, industry/ economic sector, reason for migration to this country, and reason for leaving previous country of residence for immigrants and return migrants.

Definitions of “*international migrant workers*”, “*national living abroad*”, and “*employment*” used in the survey are the same as in the census. To classify industry, status in employment, and education in Armenia, internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- Enlarged classification according to NACE (where one digit is used to release the data);
- ICSE - 1993; and
Micro data are available for research and analysis for free.

**Border/Admission Statistics** are covered by the **Information System of Border Electronic Control RA** data obtained from the National Security Service under the Government of the RA. The data collection is carried out every month starting from 2011 by the agency. It processes the following four population groups of all age groups:

- **Foreigners (non-citizens) entering country for temporary purposes**, 
- **Refugees**, and 
- **Asylum seekers**.

The statistics cover demographic characteristics such as age and sex. The migration related topic covered is country of citizenship. **“Overseas visitors”** are persons who are not citizens of the RA and who have citizenship (based on official documents) in another country.

**Q1. Population Census**

**SOURCE**

- **Title of source:** Population and Housing Census of the Republic of Armenia
- **Year of last census:** 2011
- **Agency responsible:** National Statistical Service

**COVERAGE**

- **Geographical coverage:** Whole country
- **Population groups covered:** Nationals *(citizens)* in the country, nationals *(citizens)* employed in the country, nationals *(citizens)* living abroad, 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:**
    - **All persons** - Country of birth, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned;
    - **Not for all** - country of previous residence for foreigners.
  - **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** Country of previous residence for foreigners – persons, who are not residing in the locality since birth.
- **Information about household members left to live abroad:** Information on the members who used to live in the household was collected, but only the members who were absent for not more than 12 months at the time of the census (12 October 2011) were included in the population of the RA.
  - **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Yes
  - **Limited to certain age and work status:** 15-75 years old
  - **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, month/year of departure, sex, main reason for leaving, age at present, marital status at present, education at present, employment status at present, occupation at present.

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

• Age coverage: 15-75

Remittances related characteristics: Remittances received, reference period for remittances.

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: Reason for choosing to migrate to this country.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: It refers to foreigners aged 15-75 temporary residing in the RA, who were employed/self-employed/searching for a job from the 4th to 11th October.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: It refers to permanent or long-term (12 months or more) resettlement to another country.

Definition of employment: The definition of employment is fully consistent with the ILO recommendations.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National adaptation of ISCO - 08

• Number of digits used to release occupation data: 2

Classification used for industry: National adaptation of NACE rev 2

• Number of digits used to release industry data: 2

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE - 1993

Classification used for status in education: ISCED - 1997

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

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

Compulsory participation of households: Yes

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: 0.1% of total population.


Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

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

• Limitations: http://armstat.am/en/?nid=228

• Cost of obtaining micro-data: For free

**SOURCE**

- **Title of survey:** Integrated Survey on Living Conditions of Households
- **Agency responsible:** National Statistical Service of Armenia (RA RUS)

**PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE**

- **Periodicity of data collection:** Continuously, the last one was in 01.2001
- **Year the survey first started:** N.A.
- **Geographical coverage:** Whole country
- **Population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, nationals (citizens) living abroad, nationals (citizens) living and working abroad, child workers (non-citizens) in the country.

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

- **Age coverage:** 15-75 years

**TOPICS COVERED**

- **Demographic characteristics:** Age, marital status, household size, sex, educational attainment.
- **International migration related characteristics:** Country of birth, household members living abroad, and remittances received/sent from/to someone living abroad.
  - **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** All persons – country of birth.
  - **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** No
- **Information about household members left to live abroad:** 3 years prior to the survey year.
  - **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Yes
  - **Limited to certain age and work status:** 15+
  - **Limited to those who left the household abroad within the last X years and have not returned:** 3 years
  - **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:** Name, month/year of departure, sex, main reason for leaving, age at present, marital status at present, education at present, employment status at present.
- **Labour related characteristics of all current household members:** Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual income, household income, and hours usually worked.
- **Benefits received from the employer:** Unemployment benefits, retirement pension.
- **Remittances related characteristics:** Remittances sent and received, and the total amount for the last 12 months.
- **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 country of residence is obtained: Status in employment, industry/economic sector, reason for leaving previous country of residence.

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: It refers to foreigners aged 15-75 temporary residing in the RA, who were employed/self-employed/searching for a job from the 4th to 11th October.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: It refers to permanent or long-term (12 months or more) resettlement to another country.

Definition of employment: The definition of employment is fully consistent with the ILO recommendations.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National adaptation of ISCO - 08

- Number of digits used to release occupation data: 1

Classification used for industry: National adaptation of NACE rev 2

- Number of digits used to release industry data: 2

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE - 1993

Classification used for status in education: ISCED - 1997

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: Face-to-face interview with interviewer using paper questionnaire (PAPI).

Compulsory participation of households: No


Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

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

- Limitations: No
- Cost of obtaining micro-data: For free.

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Population Census

Completed sample size:

- Total households – 5,184;
- Total individuals – 19,831;
- Emigrants – 1,197;
- Return migrants – 490.

Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: Yes

**SOURCE**

**Title of survey:** Comprehensive Survey on the Migration of the Population of the RA, 2007-2013

**Agency responsible:** National Statistical Service of Armenia (RA RUS)

**PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE**

**Periodicity of data collection:** Irregularly, the last one was in July 2013.

**Year the survey first started:** N.A.

**Geographical coverage:** Whole country

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

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Nationals (citizens) in the country, nationals (citizens) employed in the country, nationals (citizens) living abroad, nationals (citizens) living and working abroad, foreigners (non-citizens) living abroad, foreign workers (non-citizens) living abroad, refugees.

**Age coverage:** 15 years and over

**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, nationality, foreign workers in the country, household members living abroad, remittances received/sent.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:**
  - All persons - Country of birth, country of citizenship, second country of citizenship;
  - Not for all - country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.

- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** Country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned – for persons who migrated from 2007-2013.

**Information about household members left to live abroad:** From 2007 to survey start time.

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Yes
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** 15+
- **Limited to those who left the household abroad within the last X years and have not returned:** 6 years
- **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:** Name, month/year of departure, sex, main reason for leaving, age at present, marital status at present, education at time of leaving, education at present, employment status at time of leaving, employment status at present, whether the person intends to return, whether that person made own decision to migrate or someone else in household also made the decision.

**Labour related characteristics of all current household members:** Employment status, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual income, hours usually worked.
Benefits received from the employer: N.A.

Remittances related characteristics: Remittances received/sent from/to someone living abroad and total amount in the last 12 months.

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 country of residence is obtained: Employment status, status in employment, industry/economic sector, reason to migrate to this country, reason for leaving previous country of residence.

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

Information on persons who left to live or work abroad (recruitment, communication, assistance etc.): Recruitment, communication, assistance.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: Persons who were located outside of the country for 3 months or more with the purpose of employment or searching for a job and were citizens of this country.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: Permanent or long-term (12 months or more) resettlement to another country.

Definition of employment: The definition of employment is fully consistent with the ILO recommendations.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: N.A.

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

Classification used for industry: Enlarged classification according to NACE

- Number of digits used to release industry data: 1

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE - 1993

Classification used for status in education: ISCED - 1997

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Data collection method: Face-to-face interview with interviewer using paper questionnaire (PAPI).

Compulsory participation of households: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publications – Report on Household Survey on Migration in Armenia (IOM, UNECE, NSS, Russian-Armenian Slavonic University)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

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

- Limitations: No
- Cost of obtaining micro-data: For free
SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Population census

Completed sample size:
- Total households – 7,890;
- Total individuals – 31,118;
- Emigrants – 28,899;
- Return migrants – 829;
- Immigrants – 129.

Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: Yes

Q3. Border/Admission Statistics

SOURCE

Title of source: The information System of Border Electronic Control RA
Agency responsible: The National Security Service under the Government of the Republic of Armenia

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Every month
Year the statistics first started: 2011
Population coverage: Foreigners (non-citizens) entering the country for temporary purposes, refugees, asylum seekers, other foreigners.
- Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered: N.A.
Age coverage: All ages

CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS COVERED

Demographic characteristics: Age, sex.
Migration related characteristics: Country of citizenship
Labour related characteristics: N.A.
Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of overseas visitor: Persons who are not citizens of RA and having citizenship (based on official documents) of another country.
Definition of country of residence: N.A.
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: Passport scan


Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

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