

BAHAMAS

Region: Americas

Income group: High income

Summary: Bahamas has reported the *Census of Population and Housing* as one metadata source, which collects information on international labour migration statistics. It is carried out by the Department Of Statistics.

Geographically the census covers whole country, and various population groups such as:

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

The *Population and Housing Census* was last processed in 2010. The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the census are age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size.

International migration characteristics covered by the census are country of birth, country of citizenship, country of previous residence for foreigners, and country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned. The census asks information about household members and their characteristics who left to live, work or study abroad for the all persons who have moved abroad (to live) during 2000-2010 and are still abroad. To collect information on immigrants and return migrants, the census contains questions such as "Have you ever lived outside the country?" and "When did you arrive in this country?" and the data for the situation of the person around the time prior to leaving the household last time are obtained.

Labour related characteristics that can be found in the census include employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, hours usually worked, disability, individual earnings per month, and household income. It also includes questions about remittance including remittance received and reference period for remittances.

Definition of “*employment*” used in the census is the standard of the ILO

To classify occupation, industry, and education both internationally and nationally adapted classifications are used in the census.

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

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	Census of Population and Housing	Department of Statistics	-	-	2010

Findings:

The latest *Census of Population and Housing* was processed in 2010 by the Department of Statistics, covering the whole country. There are five population groups examined in the census such as:

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

The census obtains detailed data on demographic characteristics of these population groups, such as age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size. The questions raised in the assessment on the topic of international migration related characteristics are:

- Country of birth,
- Country of citizenship,
- Country of previous residence for foreigners, and
- Country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.

In addition to the characteristics, the census asks information about household members who left to live, work or study abroad for the all persons who have moved abroad (to live) during 2000-2010 and are still abroad, such as:

- Month/Year of departure,
- Sex,
- Age at time of leaving household,
- Marital status at time of leaving,
- Education at time of leaving, and
- Occupation at time of leaving.

It covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 15 years and over such as:

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

The census also includes questions about remittance including remittance received and reference period for remittances. The census contains questions, which help to collect information on immigrants and return migrants such as "Have you ever lived outside the country?" and "When did you arrive in this country?" Also the following characteristics for the situation of the person around the time prior to leaving the household last time are obtained:

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

“*Employment*” is the standard definition of the ILO. To classify occupation, industry, and education, both internationally and nationally adapted classifications are applied:

- ISCO-08 (where four digits are used to release the data);
- ISIC rev 4 (where four digits are used to release the data); and,
- National adaptation of ISCED.

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Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: 2010 Census of Population and Housing

Year of last census: 2010

Agency responsible: Department of Statistics

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, nationals (citizens) living abroad, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (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, 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
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.

Information about household members left to live abroad: Yes (For all persons who have moved abroad (to live) during 2000-2010 and are still abroad)

- **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
- **Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:** Month/Year of departure, sex, age at time of leaving household, marital status at time of leaving, education at time of leaving, occupation at time of leaving

Labour related characteristics of all current household members: Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, hours usually worked, disability, individual earnings per month, household income

- **Age coverage:** 15 years old and over

Remittances related characteristics: Remittance received, reference period for remittances

Information on immigrants and return migrants: Yes (Questions like "Have you ever lived outside the country?" and "When did you arrive in this country?")

- **Information on the situation of the person prior to leaving the household last time is obtained:** Employment status, status in employment, occupation, industry/Economic sector

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

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

Definition of employment: ILO Definition was used.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: ISCO-08

- **Number of digits used to release occupation data:** 4

Classification used for industry: ISIC rev 4

- **Number of digits used to release industry data:** 3

Classification used for status in employment: N.A.

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:** 8.9%

Dissemination of results: Web site (www.statistics.bahamas.gov.bs)

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: No