**BANGLADESH**

**Region:** Asia and the Pacific  
**Income group:** Lower-middle income  

**Summary:** Bangladesh has reported the *Population and Housing Census* as one metadata source collecting information on international labour migration statistics. The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics carries out it.

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

- *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 2011. The five essential demographic characteristics covered by the census are age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and household size.

International migration characteristic covered by the census is country of birth. The Census asks information about household members who left to live, work or study abroad.

Labour migration related characteristics that can be found in the census include occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and hours usually worked.

To classify occupation, industry, and education national adaptations of international classifications are used in the census.

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

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**Findings:**

The latest *Population and Housing Census 2011* was processed in 2011 by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, covering the whole country. There are two population groups examined in the Census:

- *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. In addition to the characteristics, the Census asks information about household members who left to live, work or study abroad. The *Population and Housing Census 2011* covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 10 years old and over, such as:

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

To classify occupation, industry, and education, nationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- Developed own occupational classification based on ISCO-08 for two digit (where two digits are used to release the data);
- Developed own industrial classification based on ISIC rev4 for two digit (where two digits are used to release the data); and
- Developed own educational classification for two digit.

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**Q1. Population Census**

**SOURCE**

*Title of source:* Population and Housing Census 2011

*Year of last census:* 2011

*Agency responsible:* Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS)

**COVERAGE**

*Geographical coverage:* Whole country

*Population groups covered:* Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country

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

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

*Information about household members left to live abroad:* Yes (For the last 6 months)

- *Information refers to the last time the person left:* No
- *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:* N.A.
- *Characteristics of persons who left to live abroad:* N.A.
Labour related characteristics of all current household members: Occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, hours usually worked

- Age coverage: 10 years old and over

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: No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.

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

Definition of employment: N.A.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: Developed own occupational classification based on ISCO-08 for two digit

- Number of digits used to release occupation data: 2

Classification used for industry: Developed own industrial classification based on ISIC rev4 for two digit

- Number of digits used to release industry data: 2

Classification used for status in employment: N.A.

Classification used for status in education: Developed own educational classification for two digit

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: N.A.

Dissemination of results: Printed publications, electronic format (CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, diskettes, etc.), Web site

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

Micro-data availability outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

- Limitations: N.A.
- Cost of obtaining micro-data: N.A.