

BELARUS

Region: Europe & Central Asia

Income group: Upper-middle income

Summary: The Republic of Belarus has reported 6 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. There are three survey based sources such as *Population Census*, *One off Sample Household Survey on Foreign Labour Migration*, and *Sample Household Survey with a purpose to study the problems of Unemployment*, which are carried out by the National Statistics Committee. There are two administrative records such as *Admission/Border Statistics* held by the State Border Committee of Belarus and *Register of Work Permits issued to Foreign Workers* held by the Ministry of Interior. There is an *estimation* of international labour migration statistics held by the Ministry of Interior.

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

- *Nationals (citizens) in the country (covered by the Population Census, the One off Sample Household Survey on Foreign Labour Migration, and the Sample Household Survey with a purpose to study the problems of Unemployment),*
- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country (covered by the Population Census, the One off Sample Household Survey on Foreign Labour Migration, the Sample Household Survey with a purpose to study the problems of Unemployment, and the estimation),*
- *Nationals (citizens) living abroad (covered by the One off Sample Household Survey on Foreign Labour Migration),*
- *Nationals (citizens) living and working abroad (covered by the One off Sample Household Survey on Foreign Labour Migration, the Sample Household Survey with a purpose to study the problems of Unemployment, and the Register of Work Permits issued to Foreign Workers),*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Population Census, the estimation, and the Register of Work Permits issued to Foreign Workers),*
- *Foreign workers (non-citizens) living in the country (covered by the Population Census, the Sample Household Survey with a purpose to study the problems of Unemployment, the estimation, and the Register of Work Permits issued to Foreign Workers),*
- *Refugees (covered by the Admission/Border Statistics, the estimation, and the Register of Work Permits issued to Foreign Workers),*
- *Workers trafficked into the country (covered by the estimation),*
- *Citizens trafficked to other country (covered by the estimation), and*
- *Transit migrants (covered by the Admission/Border Statistics).*

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The *Population Census* in the Republic of Belarus was last processed in 2009; the *One off Sample Household Survey on Foreign Labour Migration* is starting from 2015; and the *Sample Household Survey with a purpose to study the problems of Unemployment* collects the data quarterly. The *Admission/Border Statistics* are held continuously; the *Register of Work Permits issued to Foreign Workers* is carried out every three months starting from 2011. The *estimation* is held every three month starting from 2011.

Age coverage also varies depending on the type of sources. All the survey based sources cover persons aged between 15 to 74 years old. The administrative records and estimation cover all ages.

The four essential demographic characteristics covered by the surveys are age, gender, marital status, and educational attainment. In the *Population Census* the data on household size can be found. The *Admission/Border Statistics* include questions on sex and age, whereas in the *Register of Work Permits issued to Foreign Workers* information on age is obtained and in the *estimation* the data on sex is generated. International migration characteristic such as country of citizenship is covered by all the sources. In addition to this, survey based sources appraise country of birth, country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens

who lived abroad but returned, household members living abroad, and remittance related characteristics. In the *Register of Work Permits issued to Foreign Workers* and the *estimation* questions on foreign workers in the country are asked. Household surveys such as the *One off Sample Household Survey on Foreign Labour Migration* and the *Sample Household Survey with a purpose to study the problems of Unemployment* contain information on household members who left to work abroad for one year or more.

Labour related characteristics such as employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, and hours usually worked are available in the *household surveys*. The *Population Census* generates data on occupation, industry/economic sector, and status in employment. The *Register of Work Permits issued to Foreign Workers* and the *estimation* compile the data on industry/economic sector only.

Definitions of “*international migrant workers*”, “*nationals living abroad*”, and “*employment*” are used in the sources, except the *Admission/Border Statistics*, where these definitions are not applicable.

To classify occupation, industry, and education surveys use national classifications of the Republic of Belarus. To classify status in employment in the surveys the Standard Classification of Status in Employment – 1993 is applied.

Micro data files from administrative records are available for research and analysis outside the agencies.

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 Census of the Republic of Belarus	National Statistics Committee	-	-	2009
Q2. Household Survey	Q2.1. The One off Sample Household Survey on Foreign Labour Migration	National Statistics Committee	-	-	2015
	Q2.2. A Sample Household Survey with a purpose to study the problems of unemployment	National Statistics Committee	Quarterly	-	-
Q3. Border/Admission Statistics	Departmental Accounting	State Border Committee of Belarus	Continuously	-	-
Q6. Administrative Sources	Departmental Accounting	Ministry of Internal Affairs	Every 3 months	2011	-
Q7. Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country	Departmental Accounting	Ministry of Internal Affairs	Every 3 months	2011	-

Findings:

The latest *Population Census* in the Republic of Belarus was carried out in 2009 by the National Statistics Committee covering the country’s entire population. There are five population groups examined in the *Population 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 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. In addition to demographic characteristics, the **Population Census** covers labour related characteristics of all current household members aged 15 years and over such as:

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

“Employment” is defined as those who were employed (at least one hour), during the last week before the census (from 7 to 13 October 2009), for remuneration, not depending if it was permanent, temporary or other type of work, including self-employment on their own or with partners, with employees or without. Active population are also family contributing workers without payment (except housework) and respondents working in the household production of goods and services. Employed are also those respondents who were temporary absent at work (for the reason of sickness, holidays, maternity leave up to 3 years, professional training, shift for a specific type of work etc.), but had an agreement, contract with employer.

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

- National Classification of the Republic of Belarus 014-2007 NCRB “Occupations” (where four digits are used to release the data);
- National Classification of the Republic of Belarus 005-2006 NCRB “Industries” (where three digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE - 1993; and
- National Classification of the Republic of Belarus 011-2009 NCRB “Occupations and Qualifications”.

Micro-data is available on request depending on the purpose of use. The cost is defined according to request.

The **One off Sample Household Survey on Foreign Labour Migration** in the Republic of Belarus is still ongoing and the results are expected to be published in 2016 by the National Statistics Committee. A completed sample size of the examination is 21,000 households. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following four population groups aged between 15 to 74 years old:

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

The **One off Sample Household Survey on Foreign Labour Migration** retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household including age, sex, marital status, and educational attainment. Questions on the international migration characteristics are raised in the survey covering country of citizenship, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, household members living abroad, and remittances received. Information is collected on persons who moved abroad for at least one year or more and work there during the survey week. The following characteristics of these persons are defined:

- Name,
- Sex,
- Month/year of departure,
- Main reason for leaving,

- Age at present,
- Marital status at present,
- Education at present,
- Employment status at present,
- Employment status at time of leaving,
- Occupation at time of leaving, and
- Occupation 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, and
- Hours usually worked.

The *survey* contains question, which helps to collect information on immigrants and return migrants such as: *'Have you ever lived outside this country?'*

To measure the ***“international migration workers”***, ***“external labour migration”*** is used. It is defined as a temporary movement of the population to work to another country with periodic return to the permanent place of residence, regardless the type of employment (including not registered employment), time and periodicity of work. Employment abroad does not include business trips, internships, diplomatic missions and work in consular offices of the Republic of Belarus abroad. To collect the ***“national living abroad”***, ***“short-term labour migration”*** is defined as individuals aged 15 -74, who work abroad at the time of the survey week, but permanently reside in the Republic of Belarus. ***“Migrant workers”*** are citizens of the Republic of Belarus ages 15-74 living and working abroad for income for 12 months or more. ***“Employment”*** (economically active population) are persons who work for remuneration, self-employed for profit or revenues, even if they were active for one hour during the survey week, also persons who were absent from work during the survey week. The employment includes persons, who worked as assisting organizations (own business), founders (participating) who are members of households or relatives.

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

- National Classification of the Republic of Belarus 014-2007 NCRB “Occupations” harmonized with ISCO-88 (where one digit is used to release the data);
- National Classification of the Republic of Belarus 005-2006 NCRB “Industry” (where two digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE – 1993; and
- Code of the Republic of Belarus on Education.

The ***Sample Household Survey with a purpose to study the problems of Unemployment*** in the Republic of Belarus is held quarterly every third week of the second month of the quarter by the National Statistics Committee. A completed sample size of the examination is 28,000 households. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following four population groups aged between 15 to 74 years old:

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

The ***Sample Household Survey with a purpose to study the problems of Unemployment*** retrieves the data on demographic characteristics, of each person in a household including age, sex, marital status, and educational attainment. Question on the international migration characteristics are raised in the survey covering country of

citizenship. Information is collected on persons who left to work abroad for up to one year and who intend to return. The following characteristics of these persons are defined:

- Name,
- Sex,
- Age at present,
- Marital status at present,
- Education at present,
- Employment status at present, and
- Occupation 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, and
- Hours usually worked.

The same definitions of “*external labour migration*”, “*short-term labour migration*”, “*migrant workers*”, and “*employed population*” as in the *One off Sample Household Survey on Foreign Labour Migration* are applied. To classify occupation, industry, status in employment, and education in Belarus, nationally and internationally adapted classifications are applied. For example:

- National Classification of the Republic of Belarus 014-2007 NCRB “Occupations” harmonized with ISCO-88 (where one digit is used to release the data);
- National Classification of the Republic of Belarus 005-2006 NCRB “Industry” (where two digits are used to release the data);
- ICSE – 1993; and
- Code of the Republic of Belarus on Education.

Border/Admission Statistics are covered by the Departmental Accounting data obtained from the State Border Committee of Belarus. The data collection is continuously carried out by the agency. It processes *refugees* and *transit migrants* of all ages.

The statistics cover demographic characteristics such as: age and sex. The migration related topic covered is country of citizenship. Micro data files are available outside the agency for research and analysis.

The ***Departmental Accounting*** of the Ministry of Internal Affairs process the ***register of work permits issued to foreign workers***. This initiated in 2011 and is carried out every three months geographically calculating the whole country. The information in the register is collected on the following four population groups of all ages:

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

Demographic characteristic such as sex is accessible through the register. Data is available on the migration related characteristics such as country of citizenship, year of arrival, time period allowed to stay, reason for migration to country, year of departure, destination country, and foreign workers in the country.

The register additionally provides labour related information, specifying industry/economic sector for the population group covered.

To measure “*international migrant workers*”, two definitions of “*immigrant worker*” and “*emigrant worker*” are applied. “*Immigrant workers*” are foreigners who do not have a permanent residence permit in the Republic

of Belarus and enter the Republic of Belarus for employment and implementation of work under the employment agreement with an employer from the Republic of Belarus. “*Emigrant workers*” are citizens or foreigners who permanently live in the Republic of Belarus and left abroad for employment or implementation of work under employment agreement with a foreign employer.

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

The *estimation of international migrant workers in the country* is carried out every three months starting from 2011 by the Ministry of Internal Affairs. It covers the whole country and the following six population groups of all ages:

- *Nationals (citizens) employed in the country,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country,*
- *Foreigners (non-citizens) living and working in the country,*
- *Refugees,*
- *Workers trafficked into the country, and*
- *Citizens trafficked to other country.*

Demographic characteristic such as sex and labour related characteristic such as industry/economic sector are accessible in the source. International migration characteristics compiled, include:

- Country of citizenship,
- Reason for migration,
- Duration of stay abroad, and
- Foreign workers in the country.

To measure “*international migrant workers*”, two definitions of “*immigrant workers*” and “*emigrant workers*” are applied. “*Immigrant workers*” are foreigners who do not have a permanent residence permit in the Republic of Belarus and enter the Republic of Belarus for employment and implementation of work under the employment agreement with an employer from the Republic of Belarus. “*Emigrant workers*” are citizens or foreigners who permanently live in the Republic of Belarus and left abroad for employment or implementation of work under employment agreement with a foreign employer.

Q1. Population Census

SOURCE

Title of source: Population Census of the Republic of Belarus 2009

Year of last census: 2009

Agency responsible: National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Belarus

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, foreign citizens and stateless persons who arrived to Belarus were indicated as permanently living persons in the country at the time of the census (include workers, students arriving for 1 year or longer, persons who intend to stay in the country for more than a year).

- **Publication/dissemination of data on 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.

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 foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens lived abroad but returned.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:**
 - All persons - country of birth, country of citizenship;
 - Not for all - country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens lived abroad but returned.
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** Country of previous residence for foreigners, country of previous residence for citizens lived abroad but returned – for persons residing in the Republic of Belarus and lived continuously abroad for 1 year or more in the period between 2005 - 13 October 2009.

Information about household members left to live abroad: No

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

- **Age coverage:** 15+

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: It is defined as those who were employed (at least one hour), during the last week before the census (from 7 to 13 October 2009), for remuneration, not depending if it was permanent, temporary or other type of work, including self-employment on their own or with partners, with employees or without. Active population are also family contributing workers without payment (except housework) and respondents working in the household production of goods and services. Employed are also those respondents who were temporary absent at work (for the reason of sickness, holidays, maternity leave up to 3 years, professional training, shift for a specific type of work etc.), but had an agreement, contract with employer.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National Classification of the Republic of Belarus 014-2007 OKRB “Occupations”

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

Classification used for industry: National Classification of the Republic of Belarus 005-2006 OKRB “Industries”

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

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE - 1993

Classification used for status in education: National Classification of the Republic of Belarus 011-2009 OKRB “Occupations and Qualifications”

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

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

Compulsory participation of households: Yes

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: 1.6% of total population

Dissemination of results: Printed publications; Electronic format; Web site – www.belstat.gov.by

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes – <http://www.gov.by/perepis-naseleniya/perepis-naseleniya-2009-goda/>

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

- **Limitations:** Micro data is available on request depending on the purpose of its use.
- **Cost of obtaining micro-data:** The cost of micro data depends on the request.

Q2.1. Household Survey: The one off Sample Household Survey on Foreign Migration

SOURCE

Title of survey: The one off Sample Survey on Foreign Migration

Agency responsible: National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Belarus

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Ongoing in 2015

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.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** No

Age coverage: 15-74

TOPICS COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: Country of citizenship, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned, household members living abroad, remittances received/sent.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** All persons - country of citizenship, country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned.
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** Country of previous residence for citizens who lived abroad but returned – country of residence is based on the last working place.

Information about household members left to live abroad: For persons who moved abroad for 1 year or more, and work there during the survey week, the question identifying the period of their intend to stay in the country is asked.

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Yes
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** Surveyed persons are aged 15-74 years.
- **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 abroad, age at present, marital status at present, education at present, employment status at time of leaving, employment status at present, occupation at time of leaving, occupation 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: N.A.

Remittances related characteristics: Remittances received and total amount received in the last 12 months.

Information on immigrants and return migrants: Persons who ever lived abroad but returned.

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

Data collected and not published/disseminated: Considering that field work is conducted from May to November 2015, the results will be published in 2016.

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

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: It is defined as a temporary movement of the population to work in another country with periodic return to the permanent place of residence, regardless the type of employment (including not registered employment), time and periodicity of work. Employment abroad does not include business trips, internships, diplomatic missions and work in consular offices of the Republic Belarus abroad. Migrant workers are persons aged 15-74, who have returned to the Republic of Belarus at the time of the survey week after being employed abroad (return labour migration) or are working abroad.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: It is defined as short-term labour migration aged 15 -74, who work abroad at the time of the survey week, but permanently reside in the Republic of Belarus. Migrant workers are citizens of the Republic of Belarus ages 15-74 living and working abroad for income for 12 months or more.

Definition of employment: It is defined as persons who work for remuneration, self-employed for profit or revenues, even if they were active for one hour during the survey week, also persons who were absent from work during the survey week. The employment includes persons, who worked as assisting organizations (own business), founders (participating) who are members of households or relatives.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National Classification of the Republic of Belarus 014-2007 NCRB “Occupations” (NCRB), harmonized with ISCO-88

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

Classification used for industry: National Classification of the Republic of Belarus 005-2006 NCRB “Industry” (NCI), harmonized with ISIC rev 3

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

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE - 1993

Classification used for status in education: Code of the Republic of Belarus on Education

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: Expected in 2016.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

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

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Population census

Completed sample size: 21,000 households

Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: Yes

Q2.2. Household Survey: Sample Household Survey with purpose to study the problems of unemployment

SOURCE

Title of survey: Sample Household Survey with the purpose to study the problems of unemployment

Agency responsible: National Statistics Committee of the Republic of Belarus

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Quarterly

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 and working 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 and working in the country

Age coverage: 15-74

TOPICS COVERED

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

International migration related characteristics: Country of citizenship.

- **Coverage for international migration related characteristics:** All persons
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** No

Information about household members left to live abroad: The program of study includes a question about the citizens of the Republic of Belarus who left to work abroad for up to 1 year and who intend to return.

- **Information refers to the last time the person left:** Questions related to employment of the population refer to the survey week.
- **Limited to certain age and work status:** Surveyed people are aged 15-74.
- **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:** Name, sex, 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, hours usually worked.

Benefits received from the employer: N.A.

Remittances related characteristics: No

Information on immigrants and return migrants: No

- **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: It is defined as a temporary movement of the population to work in another country with periodic return to the permanent place of residence, regardless the type of employment (including not registered employment), time and periodicity of work. Employment abroad does not include business trips, internships, diplomatic missions and work in consular offices of the Republic Belarus abroad. Migrant workers are persons aged 15-74, who have returned to the Republic of Belarus at the time of the survey week after being employed abroad (return labour migration) or are working abroad.

Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: It is defined as short-term labour migration aged 15 -74, who work abroad at the time of the survey week, but permanently reside in the Republic of Belarus. Migrant workers are citizens of the Republic of Belarus ages 15-74 living and working abroad for income for 12 months or more.

Definition of employment: It is defined as persons who work for remuneration, self-employed for profit or revenues, even if they were active for one hour during the survey week, also persons who were absent from work during the survey week. The employment includes persons, who worked as assisting organizations (own business), founders (participating) who are members of households or relatives.

CLASSIFICATION

Classification used for occupation: National Classification of the Republic of Belarus 014-2007 NCRB "Occupations" (NCRB), harmonized with ISCO-88

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

Classification used for industry: National Classification of the Republic of Belarus 005-2006 NCRB "Industry" (NCI), harmonized with ISIC rev 3

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

Classification used for status in employment: ICSE - 1993

Classification used for status in education: Code of the Republic of Belarus on Education

DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

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

Compulsory participation of households: No

Dissemination of results: Printed publications – “Economically active population, employment and unemployment in the Republic of Belarus” (based on the data from sample survey).

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes

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

SAMPLE DESIGN

Sample frame used: Population census

Completed sample size: 28,000 households

Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: Yes

Q3. Border/Admission Statistics

SOURCE

Title of source: Departmental Accounting

Agency responsible: State Border Committee of Belarus

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data collection: Continuously

Year the statistics first started: N.A.

Population coverage: Refugees, transit migrants.

- **Publication/dissemination of data on population groups covered:** Refugees, transit migrants.

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: No

Definition of country of residence: No

Definition of international migrant workers: No

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: Automated system

Dissemination of results: Web site – gpk.gov.by

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: No

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

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

Q6. Administrative Sources

SOURCE

Title of source: Departmental Accounting

Agency responsible: Ministry of Internal Affairs

Kind of source: Register of work permits issued to foreign workers. Accounting of immigrant workers and emigrant workers is carried out on the basis of signed employment agreements (contracts) registered in the territorial subdivisions on citizenship and migration.

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Every 3 months

Year the source first started: 2011 (Ministry of Interior)

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: Nationals (*citizens*) living and working in the country, foreigners (*non-citizens*) living in the country, foreign workers (*non-citizens*) living in the country, refugees.

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

Age coverage: All ages

DATA COLLECTED ON PERSONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE

Demographic characteristics: Sex

Migration related characteristics: Country of citizenship, year of arrival, time period allowed to stay, reason for migration to other country, year of departure, destination country, foreign workers in the country.

Labour related characteristics: Industry/economic sector

Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: To measure “international migrant workers”, two definitions of “immigrant worker” and “emigrant worker” are applied.

Immigrant worker is a foreigner who does not have a permanent residence permit in the Republic of Belarus and entered the Republic of Belarus for employment and implementation of work under the employment agreement with an employer from the Republic of Belarus.

Emigrant worker is a citizen or a foreigner who permanently lives in the Republic of Belarus and left abroad for employment or implementation of work under employment agreement with a foreign employer.

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: 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: N.A.

Dissemination of results: Web site

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: N.A.

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

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

Q7. Estimation of International Migrant Workers in the Country

SOURCE

Title of source: Departmental Accounting

Reference year: N.A.

Agency responsible: Ministry of Internal Affairs

PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE

Periodicity of data release: Every 3 months

Year the source first started: 2011 (Ministry of Interior)

Geographical coverage: Whole country

Population coverage: Nationals (*citizens*) employed in the country, foreigners (*non-citizens*) living in the country, foreigners (*non-citizens*) living and working in the country, refugees, workers trafficked into the country, citizens trafficked to other country.

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

Age coverage: All ages

TOPICS COVERED

Demographic characteristics: Sex

International migration related characteristics: Country of citizenship, reason for migration, duration of stay abroad, foreign workers in the country.

Labour related characteristics: Industry/economic sector

Remittances related characteristics: N.A.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of migrant worker: To measure “international migrant workers”, two definitions of “immigrant worker” and “emigrant worker” are applied.

Immigrant worker is a foreigner who does not have a permanent residence permit in the Republic of Belarus and entered the Republic of Belarus for employment and implementation of work under the employment agreement with an employer from the Republic of Belarus.

Emigrant worker is a citizen or a foreigner who permanently lives in the Republic of Belarus and left abroad for employment or implementation of work under employment agreement with a foreign employer.

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

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

Definition of employment: N.A.

Definition of household income: 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

Dissemination of results: N.A.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: N.A.