BENIN

Region: Africa

Income group: Low income

Summary: Benin has reported 3 metadata sources, which collect information on international labour migration statistics. These are the 4th edition of the General Population and Housing Census, Modular Integrated Survey on the Living Conditions of Households, and 2nd General Establishments Census (RGE2), which are carried out by the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis (INSAE).

Geographically all of the sources cover whole country. The 4th edition of the General Population and Housing Census and Modular Integrated Survey on the Living Conditions of Households cover the following population groups of all ages:

- 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.

In addition the Modular Integrated Survey on the Living Conditions of Households cover three other population groups, such as:

- Refugees,
- Asylum seekers, and
- Child workers (non-citizens) in country.

Periodicity of data collection varies depending on the type of sources. The 4th edition of the General Population and Housing Census in Benin was last processed in 2013; the Modular Integrated Survey on the Living Conditions of Households is carried out every five years starting from 2006; and the 2nd General Establishments Census (RGE2) collects the data every five years starting from 2008.

The demographic characteristics covered by the sources are age, sex, and educational attainment. In the 4th edition of the General Population and Housing Census and the Modular Integrated Survey on the Living Conditions of Households, the data on marital status and household size can be found. International migration characteristics covered by the sources include country of birth, nationality, country of citizenship, country of origin, foreign workers in the country, and remittances related characteristics.

Labour related characteristics such as occupation, industry/economic sector, and status in employment, are available in all the sources. In addition, the 4th edition of the General Population and Housing Census collects statistics on disability and the Modular Integrated Survey on the Living Conditions of Households accumulates information on the individual earnings, household income, and wage rate.

Micro data files from the 4th edition of the General Population and Housing Census and the 2nd General Establishments Census (RGE2) are available for research and analysis outside the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis.
Findings:

The latest 4th edition of the General Population and Housing Census in Benin was carried out in 2013 by the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis covering the country’s entire population. There are population groups examined in the 4th edition of the General Population and Housing 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 4th edition of the General 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 country of birth and country of citizenship. In addition to demographic characteristics, the 4th edition of the General Population and Housing Census covers labour related characteristics of all current household members such as:

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

Micro-data files from the source are available for research or analysis outside the agency.

The Modular Integrated Survey on the Living Conditions of Households in Benin commenced in 2006, and is held every five years by the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis. It geographically measures the whole country and amasses information on the following eight population groups of all ages:

- 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,
• Refugees,
• Asylum seekers, and
• Child workers (non-citizens) in the country.

The Modular Integrated Survey on the Living Conditions of Households retrieves the data on demographic characteristics of each person in a household. Information on international migration related characteristics includes questions on country of birth, nationality, foreign workers in the country, country of origin, and remittances received/sent from/to someone living abroad. The data on labour related characteristics is available, particularly for:

• Employment status,
• Occupation,
• Industry/economic sector,
• Status in employment,
• Individual earnings per month,
• Wage or earnings rate per time period, and
• Hours usually worked.

For the persons no born in the country the household survey questionnaire includes the following question ‘Did you ever live in this country before?’

To classify occupation and industry, internationally adapted classifications are applied such as ISCO-08, where three digits are used to release the data and ISIC rev 3, where two digits are used to release the data. Classifications of status in employment and education are nationally adapted.

The 2nd General Establishments Census (RGE2) was last carried out in 2008 by the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis. The statistics are collected every five years, geographically covering the whole country. The survey appraises all economic establishments of any size and covers the following topics for the establishment: industry/economic sector and number of employees.

In the source, the data on demographic characteristics, such as age, sex, and educational attainment and on labour related characteristics, such as occupation, status in employment, and wage rate can be found. Question on nationality of persons is asked in the 2nd General Establishments Census (RGE2).

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

**Q1. Population Census**

**SOURCE**

**Title of source:** 4th Edition of the General Population and Housing Census

**Year of last census:** 2013

**Agency responsible:** National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis (INSAE)

**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, foreigners (non-citizens) working and living in the country
• 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, foreigners (non-citizens) working and 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.

• Coverage for international migration related characteristics: All persons

• Exceptions for international migration related characteristics: No

Information about household members left to live abroad: No

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

• Age coverage: N.A.

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: N.A.

**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: 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: Face-to-face interview by census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI), face-to-face computer assister interview (CAPI), administrative sources.

Compulsory participation of households: Yes

Official estimate of under-coverage rate: Yes, but not calculated.

Dissemination of results: Only the overall numbers are available currently. Printed publications, website posting, and files in electronic format are expected.

Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes
Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes

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

Q2. Household Survey

**SOURCE**

**Title of survey:** Modular Integrated Survey on the Living Conditions of Households

**Agency responsible:** National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis (INSAE)

**PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE**

**Periodicity of data collection:** Every 5 years

**Year the survey first started:** 2006

**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, foreigners (non-citizens) working and living in the country, refugees, asylum seekers, 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, foreigners (non-citizens) living in the country, foreigners (non-citizens) working and living in the country, refugees, asylum seekers, child workers (non-citizens) in the country

**Age coverage:** All ages

**TOPICS COVERED**

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

**International migration related characteristics:** Country of birth, foreign workers in the country, country of origin, nationality.

- **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:** No

**Labour related characteristics of all current household members:** Employment status, occupation, industry/economic sector, status in employment, individual earnings per month, wage or earning rate per time period, hours usually worked.

**Benefits received from the employer:** N.A.

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

**Information on immigrants and return migrants:** Information on the persons not born in this country if they ever lived in this country before.

- **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: N.A.
Definition of national (citizen) living abroad: N.A.
Definition of employment: 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: Face-to-face computer assisted interview (CAPI).
Compulsory participation of households: No
Dissemination of results: None to date.
Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: N.A.
Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency: N.A.

**SAMPLE DESIGN**

Sample frame used: N.A.
Completed sample size: N.A.
Evaluation of the overall response rate or refusal rate: N.A.

Q4. Establishment Census

**SOURCE**

Title of source: 2nd General Establishments Census (RGE2)
Year of last one: 2008
Agency responsible: National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis (INSAE)

**PERIODICITY AND COVERAGE**

Periodicity of data collection: Every 5 years
Year the census first started: 2008
Geographical coverage: Whole country
Establishment coverage (size and type): All economic establishments of any size (even with 0 employees).
Industry coverage: All industry/economic sectors

DATA COLLECTED ON WORKERS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT CENSUS

Demographic and migration related characteristics: Age, sex, educational attainment.
Labour related characteristics: Occupation, status in employment, wage rate.
Topics for the establishment: Industry/economic sector, number of employees.
Data collected and not published/disseminated: No

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of international migrant workers: N.A.
Definition of short-term 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: 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: Face-to-face personal interview at establishment by interviewer (using paper and pencil).
Compulsory participation of respondents: Yes
Official estimation of under-coverage: N.A.
Dissemination of results: Printed publications and web site.
Metadata has been prepared and disseminated: Yes
Micro-data is available outside NSO/responsible agency: Yes
- Limitations: N.A.
- Cost of obtaining micro-data: N.A.