

## BULGARIA

**Region:** Europe and Central Asia

**Income group:** Upper-middle income

**Summary:** Bulgaria has reported the *Population and Housing Census* as a metadata source, which collects information on international labour migration statistics. The *Population and Housing Census* is carried out by the National Statistical Institute.

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

- *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, and*
- *Refugees.*

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 characteristics covered by the census are 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, and immigrants and return migrants.

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

Definition of “*employment*” is applied in the census.

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

Micro data from the census are 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	Population and Housing Census	National Statistical Institute	-	-	2011

### Findings:

The latest *Population and Housing Census* in Bulgaria was processed in 2011 by the National Statistical Institute, covering the whole country. There are five population groups examined in the Census:

- *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, and*

- *Refugees.*

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

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?" The source also 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, and
- Disability.

"**Employment**" covers persons aged 15 years and over, during the reference period, who performed some work for at least one hour for payment in cash or in kind or other income; did not work but had a job or an enterprise, business from which they were temporarily absent due to leave, illness, full-paid maternity leave, bad weather, strike or other similar reasons. Persons on unpaid leave initiated by the employer are considered as employed if the duration of leave does not exceed three months.

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

- ISCO-08 (where three digits are used to release the data);
- NACE, NAICS (where two digits are used to release the data);
- National adaptation of ICSE; and
- ISCED-1997.

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

## Q1. Population Census

### *SOURCE*

**Title of source:** Population and housing census in the Republic of Bulgaria in 2011

**Year of last census:** 2011

**Agency responsible:** National Statistical Institute

### *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, refugees

- **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

### **TOPIC COVERED**

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

**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
- **Exceptions for international migration related characteristics:** N.A.

**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, disability

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

**Remittances related characteristics:** N.A.

**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:** N.A.

**Data collected and not published/disseminated:** Yes

- **Number and name of question not published:** C2. International migration related characteristics; C4. Does the census questionnaire include questions to enquire about money sent or received by the household from someone living abroad, whether a previous member of the household or not?; C5. Information on immigrants and return migrants
- **Reason not published:** N.A.

### **CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS**

**Definition of international migrant workers:** N.A.

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

**Definition of employment:** It covers persons aged 15 years and over, during the reference period, who performed some work for at least one hour for payment in cash or in kind or other income; did not work but had a job or an enterprise, business from which they were temporarily absent due to leave, illness, full-paid maternity leave, bad weather, strike or other similar reasons. Persons on unpaid leave initiated by the employer are considered as employed if the duration of leave does not exceed three months.

### **CLASSIFICATION**

**Classification used for occupation:** ISCO-08

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

**Classification used for industry:** NACE, NAICS

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

**Classification used for status in employment:** National adaptation of ICSE

**Classification used for status in education:** ISCED-1997

***DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION***

**Data collection method:** Face-to-face interview by census enumerator using paper questionnaire (PAPI), self-administered online (web) census questionnaire /Computer Assisted Web Interview (CAWI)

**Compulsory participation of households:** Yes

**Official estimate of under-coverage rate:** Yes

**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:** No